

**buildiDraft Minutes
NYLA Council Meeting
October 14, 2009
Niagara Falls, NY**

Present: Josh Cohen, Kathy Miller, Rosina Alaimo, Ed Falcone, Penelope Klein, Anne Hofmann, Jennifer Morris, Gail Barraco, Marcia Eggleston, Deborah Emerson, Tim Baird, Erin Rushton, Rebecca Lubin, Karen LaRocca-Fels, Carole Kupelian, Patti McCall, Annette Birdsall, Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, Ellen Rubin, Tom Bindeman, Mary Donohue, Matthew Bollerman, Regan Brumagen, Marcy Strong and Sarah Sachs.

Absent: Ken Fujiuchi, Paula Goings, Hong Yao.

President Josh Cohen called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: All approved

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Council Meeting – September 24, 2009

Motion: Rebecca Lubin moved to accept the minutes.
Marcia Eggleston seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

4. Finance Report

A. Monthly Financial Report

E. Falcone, NYLA Treasurer, presented the Monthly Financial Report – E. Falcone noted that revenue was down due to the economy and expenses up due to the new building.

Motion: Annette Birdsall moved to approve the financial reports.
Rosina Alaimo seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

B. 2010 NYLA Budget

E. Falcone and M. Borges explained the 2010 Budget. Discussion ensued regarding funding ALA conference expenses for ALA Councilor .

Motion: Provide IRS Per Diem based on location of ALA Conference not to exceed \$1,500 per conference.
Carole Kupelian moved to approve.

Patti McCall seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

Motion: Provide \$500 donation to Sara Kelly Johns campaign to become ALA President.
Marcia Eggleston moved to approve.
Anne Hofmann seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried

5. President's Report

6. President-Elect's and Past-President's Report

Kathy Miller gave overview of committee appointments and Rosina Alaimo thanked everyone for serving with her on the Council. The election of Marcia Eggleston as President-Elect required her to step down as Councilor at Large creating a vacancy. Kathy Miller also briefly discussed plans for celebrating NYLA's 120th Anniversary and theme for 2010 Conference "It's Your Library- Your Story Starts Here"

Motion: Appoint Ellen Rubin to fill remaining term of M. Eggleston as Councilor At Large.
Kathy Miller moved to approve.
Carole Kupelian seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried

7. Executive Director's Report

- A. Legislative Update** – Governor plans to call Special Session to deal with \$3.2 billion mid-year budget gap including a further 10% reduction in Library Aid.
- B. Continuing Education Update** – "Training on the Go!" which is online education through WebJunction, will be made available before the end of the year. The Library Assistant Training Program is expanding to Nassau Community College on Long Island scheduled for April 2010. NYLA put on 15 CE Regional Institutes throughout the state in 2009 as compared to 5 in 2008.
- C. Membership Update** – Membership is down due to economy and baby boomers retiring, dropping from high of 4,311 last year to 4,120 this year. Dues restructuring will be put before membership for approval in Spring 2010.
- D. Book Festival** - The Book Festival will take place on April 10 and Gregory Maguire will be the Keynote Speaker. Thirty-five programs are scheduled with 60 writers/illustrators/storytellers participating so far. There will be a Writers Hall of Fame induction ceremony and fundraising gala on the Friday, April 9th before the festival begins.

E. Office Operations – A new Conference Phone Speaker was purchased to facilitate conference call participation at the office and NYLA will be offering OPAL in 2010 for online meetings/presentations/workshops.

8. ALA Councilor Report –Request by ALA Washington Office to pass resolution in support of changes to Patriot Act.

Motion: Anne Hofmann moved to accept resolution.
Annette Birdsall seconded motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business
No unfinished business

10. New Business
No new business

11. Next Council Meeting – February 25th @ NYLA Office

Motion: Josh Cohen moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m.
T. Baird seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.