Meeting called to order: 10:45am.

- **Attendees**: Lauren Comito, Ed Falcone, Rebecca Lubin, Frank Rees, Jen Cannell, Julie Kelsall-Dempsey, Amanada Perrine, AnnaLee Geraldo, Gillian Thorpe, Barbara Madonna. with several new members around the table we did introductions.

- **Approval of Minutes**: 
  Frank moved to accept the minutes from the April 10, 2015 meeting. AnnaLee seconded. Minutes approved.

- **Treasurer's Report**: 

- **Confirmation of Electronic Votes**  
  There were two electronic votes.; one to increase the speaker's fee for 21 Tips from $300 to $600; one to approve the resolution of accomplishment for Richard Naylor. These were confirmed.

- **NYLA Liaison Reports**  
  NYLA Council (Lauren with Rebecca) There were two conference calls. The mid-July meeting covered the Civil Service Task Force (Claudia is chair). They are working on a Master Library Guide to Civil Service. A survey will be sent out to share with employees. The Sustainability summit received 29 applications; 20 folks where chosen. There was discussion about the Retirees Roundtable. Cara in the NYLA office has been replaced with Dana Willbanks. Ashley Whitfield is now at Guilderland. NYLA 125 Capital Campaign was discussed. The resolution for Richard was discussed. Syracuse University's student NYLA chapter is up and has a faculty advisor.

  The August 6th call reviewed the end of the year treasurer's report (July-June fiscal year). 2014 conference revenue was up, at 111%. Expenses were 94% of expected. It is anticipated that NYLA will be facing a tough position with the digital literacy grant ending and funding ceasing. The draft of the 2015-16 budget was reviewed. Expecting lower revenue in part because conference is in Lake Placid. Jeremy's evaluation was discussed. There is a push and support that the next Librarian of Congress be an actual librarian. #Rs is encouraging open access to federally funded research.
Legislative Committee (Lauren) - The committee is recommending we continue our successful pitch that state library funding increases coincide with school funding. This is a better message than full funding because if we ever receive full funding we will have met our goal in the eyes of the legislature and we’ll have to pitch a new message. 2016’s priorities are not yet set. Gov. Cuomo’s veto of the Starr and Seymour libraries' legislation is a concern.

The MTA tax should be settled soon. There was a big increase in state bullet aid - Albany public received the one and only Assembly allocation. There is a school media bill that Sen. Farley is presenting. The number of librarians is based on the number of students, but there is a gap in the legislation. Schools with less than 500 students are required to have .5 of a librarian. Schools with 500-1,000 have 1 librarian. Schools is 2,000 or more students get 1 librarian plus 1 more for every 1,000 students. Schools with 1,000-2,000 are not specified. Technically they are not required to have one. Hoping to fix this.

The NYC bill is probably dead. Publicly funded research is in a holding pattern. Will the Governor sign ANY library legislation???? Hoping to push for a study on the economic benefit of libraries.

Membership Committee (Julie) – LAMS numbers are up over all. NYLA is at 4,244 of its 5,000 goal. The committee is developing a rack card and a "rap" for each section to promote membership. There is a proposal to increase the Retiree Roundtable membership to $35 with $5 going to the roundtable automatically. There is a suggestion that the membership form be modified to highlight the section that corresponds with the membership choice radio button selected at the beginning of the registration process. There was discussion about completing membership forms and billing later. It was suggested that NYLA reach out to the HR departments at Queens as they are anticipating hiring 200-300 new librarians. For organizational membership, the organization needs to ask each employee what their section affiliation should be instead of automatically assigning one.

CE (Barb) – no report. no meeting. no communication. It was suggest Barb reach out to the other CE members instead of just emailing Jeremy about the committee's status and responsibilities.

- Committee Reports
  JLAMS While it was agreed that Carol Anderson/Andersen??, from SUNY Albany, would be appointed Editor, it was also agreed that Carol Anne Germain would service as Co Editor. Unfortunately, we did not settle the issue of the board seat nor did we remember to invite them to the August meeting. It was decided to have 2 Editors with 1 board seat. They could decide how to handle the seat. Without changing the By-laws, 1 could have the seat and the other could be the back up. It was agreed to look at changing the By-laws.
**Web and Social Media** (Frank/Gillian) - Gillian reported that JLAMS is up on the website with post conference highlights. We need to remove the ads for candidates for the 3 open board seats since we have filled them. Facebook had a new like.

**Scholarship** There were 7 candidates. Kristin Charles-Scaringi was selected as the 2015 winner. PLS is now also offering a conference scholarship with more money ($200 for travel in addition to registration).

**Conference** Early bird registration is excellent. LAMS luncheon sold out FAST. We are set for programs. Contracts are signed and submitted. Room monitors signed up in April. LAMS booth is reserved. Raffle ideas included a GoPro and a Livescribe recording stylus. The GoPro was selected. Giveaway ideas included a lamb/sheep stress ball (fits with the stress program), sunglasses, coozies, bottle openers, lip balm, USB sticks, cord corallers. We talked about a t-shirt cannon at the luncheon to shed more socks. We talked about taking a break from the buttons and giving out tattoos at programs instead.

**Election** The slate is set. Barbara Madonna for President-elect, Ed for Treasurer, Rob for Secretary.

- **Old Business**
  Rebecca will organize dinner and we'll for a room at the conference center for the meeting after.

  Personal donations for a retirement gift for Richard was discussed. Lauren will accept money and shop.

- **New Business**
  Rebecca also announced her resignation/retirement from LAMS effective after conference. So, there will be a new board seat open.

- **Meeting Adjournment**
  Julia moved to adjourn the meeting, Jen seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 21 after dinner Lake Placid.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Madonna