

**MOTION: To approve the minutes as presented.**

*Motion made by Karen Sperrazza, seconded by Sara Kelly Johns. Motion carried.*



**SLMS/NYLA Membership Meeting Minutes  
May 1, 2010  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albany, NY**

**In attendance:** Rosina Alaimo, Marie Barron, Marion Bartell, Debra Becker, April L.R. Bliss, Valerie Bove, Rebecca Buerkett, Mary Sue Brost, Jessica Burgoyne, Pat Burgstahler, Carolyn Burton, Marilyn Carlson, Leona Cheresnoski, Jim Clark, Molly Clark, Susan Couture, Deborah Dalton, Sally Daniels, Beth Davis, Sheila DiMaggio, Andrew Dutcher, Heidi Escobar, Nava Fader, Mary Beth Farr, Suzanne Feldberg, Amber Fink, Joan Fischer, Rita Foran, Krisha Greene, Kim Hay, Deanna Henry, Annette Herbert, Pauline Herr, Michelle Hitchcock, Mindy Holland, Julia Iannello, Sara Kelly Johns, Maria Johnson, Sara Kardasz, Mary Ann Karre, Maryalice Kilbourne, Susan Karty-LeMor, Emily Kordasiewicz, Sue Kowalski, Kelly Kroese, Carole Kupelian, Jill Leinung, Kristen Link, Teena Louth, Deborah Lyman, Cathie Marriott, Patty Martire, Maggie McCabe, Linda Merolle, Mary Miskue, Judith Mletzko, Theresa Moran, Ann I. Morosini, Tina Nabinger, Olga Nesi, Leslie Occhiuto, Karen O'Donnell, Jill Parks, Anne Paulson, Lisa Perkowski, Lonna Pierce, Stephanie Post, Mary Beth Poupart, Dawn Pressimone, Gayle Pulley, Laura Reed, Stephanie Rosalia, Kathleen Rose-Gray, Sandy Russell, Liz Ryan, Livia Sabourin, Bridget Schack, Pat Shanley, Michaela Schred, Penny Slate, Louis Spataro, Bethanne Stancl, Kathy Starks, Elizabeth Stegmayer, Christina Stockslader, Judy Suete, Jan Suda, Carol Tierney, Adam Wall, Nancy Watson, Joanne Weiss, Ann Marie Wik, Kelly Wilson, Laura Winchester, Cathy Woodruff, Gloria Woods

**Administration- Fran Roscello**

- The meeting was called to order at 7:45 AM.
- Approval of Agenda

**MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.**

*Motion made by Sara Kelly Johns, second by Sue Kowalski. Motion carried.*

- Approval of Minutes-- Pauline Herr, Secretary

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of the October 17, 2009 Membership Meeting at NYLA.**

*Motion made by Livia Sabourin, second by Rosina Alaimo. Motion carried.*

- 2010 Budget & Treasurer's Report--Patty Martire, Treasurer
  - As you can see, we are working hard due to economic restraints.
  - The budget for 2009: We had hoped for \$18,000 in dues but came short of that amount.
  - Each year a percentage of the conference goes to SLMS. Since conference money is down, we are cutting where we are able while still trying to support SLMS as always.

- The increase from Ways and Means is a big help. Also, our successful Leadership Conference will bring in some money. Money is raised at the Leadership Conference for the Carole A. Kearney scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to those who are interested in professional development. The Knickerbocker is an award given to a NYS author.
- There is \$15,000 in miscellaneous because we cashed a CD to provide a cash flow. We have some extra money right now to go into a CD—that amount is to be decided by committee. Meeting expenses are down as we try to cut back wherever possible. The SLMSGram is very important as a form of communication.

**MOTION: To approve the Treasurer’s Report.**

Marcia E/Motion made by Marcia Eggleston, second by Carole Kupelian. *Motion carried.*

**Introduction of the Board and Committee Chairs**

The position of President-elect is vacant this time.

President Fran Roscello introduced the board, region coordinators, Mary Beth Farr (NYSED/Division of Library Development) and John Brock (NYSED Liaison).

**Organization Updates**

- President—Fran Roscello
- Legislation—Jill Leinung, Leg Chair
  - Fran introduced and thanked Jill for being her helpmate during this conference and doing some wonderful catering for the hospitality suite.
  - We need to be our own advocates. The NYS Budget is not passed and not near to being passed. Even if we get more money it must go to relieve taxpayers. Elementary librarians not mandated.
  - The Senate wants to restore all Library aid. The assembly wants to restore 40%.
  - Go to ALA’s Online Advocacy page and support the Jobs Fund Bill proposed by Senator Harkin-- this will restore jobs.
  - Check out and join Libraries are Essential. You will find information on the NYLA webpage and you can join via Facebook.
  - Contact your legislators and tell them to support libraries with funding.
  - Please support PAC—this helps us with legislation.
- Summer Retreat – Marcia Eggleston, Educational Leadership Chair
  - The Leadership Retreat will be held August 2-3, 2010. Flyers are available. SLMS tries to have National figures to present the one and one-half day workshop. We have those figures here—Fran Roscello, Cathy Marriot, and Sara Kelly Johns. Credit hours are available.
  - Cassandra Barnett (AASL President) is here, presenting a double session.
  - Pat? Also spoke for the importance and great time had at leadership. Check

with affiliates and SLS for monetary help.

- Membership Chair
- The position of YSS liaison is open. Members were asked to consider volunteering for this post.
- ALA/AASL—Sally Daniels, AASL Delegate
  - ALA election results: Molly Raphael was elected ALA president. Congratulations to Sara Kelly Johns for running a great race and continuing her work supporting libraries.
  - AASL election results: Karl Harvey was elected AASL president. He is an elementary librarian, thirty-one and male!
  - Cathy Marriot was elected out new Region 2 Director.
  - Please fill in the AASL longitude study.
  - ALA Conference is in Washington DC this June; Legislation Day is June 29.
  - The Harkin Jobs Bill will give money to the states to save library jobs. Be firm and be loud!
  - Reauthorization of ESEA (NCLB under Bush): There are three bills regarding this reauthorization.
  - Keep an eye on Cap wiz for updates on legislation and how you can help by contacting your legislators. <http://capwiz.com/ala/home/>
- Conferences—Fran Roscello for Karen Sperrazza, VP Conferences
  - SED/EMSC—John Brock 2011 Buffalo
  - 2012 Binghamton: Katherine Starks, MaryAnn Karr
- SED/DLD—Mary Beth Farr
  - Mary Beth has a bright spark of news. Several legislators had summer reading programs where they would give certificates to students who read during the summer. Due to economic pressures, they folded their program in with the library summer reading program and are working in cooperation with our program. Promotional materials are available at: <http://www.summerreadingnys.org/index.php/Librarians/>
  - BernieMargolis.com: Bernie is at St. Peters. He loves to get email. Please check in with him. He was re-elected to the council with the largest number of votes. He will be having a bone marrow transplant this week.

### **Issues from membership**

Fran spoke about the cuts going on around the state. Fran has been writing letters to many districts in support of librarians. Schools are under a great deal of pressure and many districts are cutting librarians, but these cuts should be equitable across the curriculums.

Fran reported on the bequest from Laura Wedge. Laura was an active SLMS president who was responsible for the first SLMS Conference. She left us a bequest of \$2500. With

this funding we can offer a \$500 scholarship for the next five years for “veterans” to attend the SLMS conference.

**The 2011 SLMS Conference will be held at the Adam’s Mark Hotel in Buffalo.**

Marsha Mardis will be the keynote speaker. She was involved with the implementation of the 21<sup>st</sup> learning standards. The strands will be think, share, grow, create. Susan Campbell Bartoletti, author of *Hitler Youth* is the closing speaker. The call for presenters is not yet up- check the *SLMSGram* for updates.

They are still looking for some workshops, but are about 2/3 full. Check the SLMS website, the SLAWNY website (<http://slawny.bfn.org>) and table tents for information. Contact Jim Clark or Bethanne Stancl with ideas for programming.

**SED report**

Anne Schiano has recently retired, but she left behind a letter that can be sent to any districts that may be considering potential library cuts. Please notify John Brock if you feel a copy of the letter should be sent to your district. She mentions the rubric, which is very important. A Ballston Spa librarian used it and it was very effective.

We are looking for more material aid and more elementary librarians—a librarian in every library. John and Joanne speak every month between SED and School librarians. Don’t look to SED for leadership, but they follow what we want to accomplish. They share this information with the senior managers. We (SLMS) are the leaders. Rosina commented that there are 3500 practicing School Librarians, yet we have only 1000 members. More members equal more power.

**Closing Remarks**

**Knickerbocker. Karen O’Donnell**

Thank you for voting. Remember that we (SLMS members) choose the Knickerbocker recipient. The vote for the 2012 award is coming up. The slate of nominees is set. Linda Sue Park (*A Single Shard*) is the 2011 award winner and will present at SLMS 2011.

**Fran adjourned the meeting at 8:39 AM.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Pauline Herr, Secretary**