

Minutes of NYSALJA Board Meeting of Monday, July 29, 2002.

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Location: 5 Penn Plaza , NYC

Meeting called to order at 5:37 p.m. All persons in the room identified themselves.

Notice of meeting and copy of previously distributed minutes of April 25, 2002 . Agenda for tonight's meeting and Attendee List is attached.

Minutes of general membership meeting (April 25, 2002) discussed and amendment made re: noting Peter Loomis also on nominating committee. Motion made by Tyrone Butler to accept minutes and seconded by Peter Loomis. Unanimously passed (see attached copy of minutes).

The **Treasurer's Report** by Cathy Bennett was received. (See attached). The closing balance as of July 29, 2002 is **\$9,251.13**. Approximately \$400 was sent to The National (NAALJ) for affiliate dues. There is also a pending payment for the website that will be discussed by Marc Zylberberg. Membership discussed and 3 new members noted. At present membership consists of 74 ALJS and 31 Impartial Hearing Officers (IHOs) It was also noted that dues for current new members are covered until 6/30/03.

Website Update: Marc Zylberberg advised that it will cost \$1500 for set up and maintenance for website by Albany Law School. It can be accessed at **www.NYSALJA.org**. It is scheduled to go on line around August 1st. We are looking for ideas for information to include on the website, i.e. Appellate Division decisions, links to other agencies, sample decisions, discussion groups etc. Send your suggestions to the Board.

NAALJ Update:

Tyrone Butler discussed his attendance at the mid year NAALJ Board meeting in June in Minnesota. Fellowship '02 discussed as well as decision made to shift journal expenses from NAALJ back to the Foundation that had originally funded it.

International Conference to be held in Toronto on June 20-24, 2004. (Royal York Hotel \$137/day) NYSALJA will spearhead the NAALJ role in this conference. Next year's NAALJ Annual conference will be held in Orlando Florida on Oct. 25-29, 2003.

Proposed NAALJ By-Laws changes must now be submitted with a report. Members need to get on the List Serve for **NAALJ.org** to discuss these important matters. Reminder to pay your dues through NYSALJA and not directly to NAALJ, otherwise the affiliate will lose its share.

National Nominating Committee Officers:

Chris Graham- President Elect; Suzy Bargo- Secretary; Tyrone Butler- Treasurer;
Janet Thompson- President

Financial Statement from NAALJ shows it to be in good shape with a balance of \$32,400. They have become more frugal in their expenditures. NAALJ also considering recruiting non-lawyer ALJS. Mentoring program has also been initiated to develop affiliates in neighboring states. Please advise Tyrone Butler if you have any contacts in the following states: VT., N.H., MA. CT. or R.I.

Noted that Norman Romanick has retired and moved to Florida.

Nominating Committee: Peter Loomis reported on proposed slate for October officers to include: Cathy Bennett- President Elect; Chris Traskos- V.P. ; Tom Sacca- Treasurer; Anne Murphy-Secretary. Also Larry Storch recommended to replace Norman Romanick and Tyrone Butler to continue on Board. IHOs also encouraged to participate. Contact Peter Loomis if you are interested to be nominated.

President's Report: Noted that ABA will hold Section meeting in Albany in October '03. There is a potential to have a 4 hour program for ALJs. for CLE (IHO discussion ensued) President's report continued with explanation of dues increase. Members can vote on this by mail or at next Albany or NYC meeting. Also change calendar year to end start July 1 and end June 30 to conform to NAALJ calendar. These issues will be further explained in the mailed out ballots. Annual meeting to be held on September 25 in Albany at 5:30 for dinner (optional) and 6:30 meeting.

NYC Reception will be held tentatively on October 8, 2002 at O'Hara's or NY Law School.

New Business:

IHOs - significant differences noted between those base in NYC and those based outside of the City. John Farago lead discussion about issues regarding special education hearings in NYC and transfer of VESID hearing process from NYC Board of Education to OATH. A work group was formed to look into these issues.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 25, 2002 in Albany.