

## **Minutes of NYSALJA Board Meeting of January 25, 2006**

January 25, 2006  
Hart Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Marriott Marquis Hotel  
New York City

### **Meeting called to order by President Anne Murphy**

**Minutes of October 7, 2005 Annual Membership Meeting approved**, except it should be noted that Joel's Ziev's name was misspelled and that Sinai Halberstam failed to claim his scholarship which was then awarded to next in line John Farrell.

### **Treasurer's report:**

Received and accepted.  
We have \$8503.87 in the various accounts as of January 23, 2006.

### **Membership update—Marc Zylberberg:**

We have 73 members; 72 paying and one honorary. It is noted that we have lost members; 22 members did not renew.

Tyrone Butler said in the past our membership greatly increased after we held a national conference.

Anne noted that there are groups out there who should be members, i.e., the IHO's and thought that we should maybe consider running a midyear conference as it is shorter and a bit easier than hosting an annual one.

### **Web-site Update:**

John Farrell took over managing the Website.  
Wants to wait and see how it goes for a few months.  
All should email John if they see changes that need to be made to the website.

Discussed whether to leave the contract to maintain our website with Albany Law--1 Year is \$34.99 per year; 3 years is \$24.99 per year and 6 years is \$19.99 per year.  
This shall be voted upon at next meeting.

A question came up: do we want many past meeting agendas on the website or just the last few?

One comment is that the website is slow;

We have some alternatives: Albany Law or Pace University Law; Albany Law provides the service as an accommodation to us. Will they be upset if we change?

John pointed out that he hosts three different domains; and could go thru CUNY Law School as well.

Proposal was made to give John authority to handle the website.

**President's Report:**

**RECEPTIONS:**

Receptions for the IHO folks were to be at Albany at the Desmond; \$500 was authorized for the reception;

Concern was voiced about the negative attitude toward publicizing our reception.

In NYC the hardship is finding back room in a bar to host the reception.

Horan will get Desmond and Calaway Grille.

Sue agreed to help with NYC reception; we allocated \$500 for each reception.

Discussion was had regarding the information to give out at the receptions: introduce IHOs who are members; give reasons to join our group; give an application form.

**NAALJ MEETINGS**

Discussed the annual meetings coming up; IOWA in spring and Annual in Seattle.

We tossed around the idea of hosting a conference; possibly in 2008; possibly in NYC; Westchester or Upstate; What about Saratoga Springs? What about Brooklyn?

NEXT MEETING: Albany, Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30  
Telephone conferencing will be available.

The meeting concluded at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Greinert, Secretary