

Minutes of NYSALJA Board Meeting

June 12, 2006

NYS Department of Health

90 Church Street

New York, New York

Via meeting bridge connecting other locations around the state, including Buffalo and Troy.

In attendance: Joel Ziev, John Farago, Jim Horan, John Farrell, Anne Murphy, Mark Zylberberg, Abigail Bernhardt, Jean Greinert, Cathy Bennett, Michael Danziger.

Meeting called to order by President Anne Murphy

Minutes of March 28, 2006 approved.

Treasurer's report:

Received and accepted.

We have \$7517.17 in the various accounts as of June 12, 2006.

Membership update—Marc Zylberberg:

No new members. Marc sent out renewal notices in July by email; waited 30 days, sent out hard copy and then another hard copy if no response.

Web-site Update:

John Farrell is looking for someone to keep website updated.

Discussed and decided to pare down the topics on website from 12 to 5: Officers, conferences, links, by-laws and current events.

We are looking for current photos.

President's Report:

DesMoines was wonderful; and NY was largest affiliate there.

Cathy recapped Board Meeting of NAALJ:

John Hardwick resigned and they were getting to point where an executive director was not economically supportable, so decided not to replace him.

NAALJ Board wants to do journal via electronic means.

NAALJ is trying to increase membership and trying to enhance service to affiliates.

New Business:

National Conferences scheduled are as follows:

Seattle—annual, September, 06

Michigan, mid-year, 07

Washington, DC annual, 07.

Cathy suggested we might want to do annual, 08 in New York.

John Farago advised Buffalo Law School seemed to have no interest in co-sponsoring a conference with us, but thought CUNY would be interested in co-sponsoring something in New York City.

Do we have a conference manager at CUNY with hotel relationships?

John Farago said he and Natalie would put together a one page proposal.

Requested copies of contracts with NAALJ and Seattle.

Jim Horan said he would help with getting hotel bids.

Discussed hosting a one day event CLE with Pace Law School and that ethics should be covered, especially conflicts of interest issues.

Mike Danzinger pointed out that officers need to be elected and we need a potential slate—by 30 days before next meeting which is on September 20 or by August 18.

Cathy Bennett states we need three on nominating committee: Jean Greinert, Mike Danzinger, and Jim Horan were selected.

Issues: Should we have 2 year terms: Need to amend by-laws to accommodate this.

Insurance for IHO(s) was an issue Mr. Hardwick was handling and Cathy Bennett agreed to look into this further.

Job Bank: Send out information she has received to our members and link is on the website.

John Farago and Joel discussed they had current synopsis of Seattle Conference MOU and will send to all board members.

Cathy proposed having a Special Education affiliate, but others believe this will weaken the whole organization.

NEXT MEETING: Troy on September 20 at 5:30
Telephone conferencing will be available.

The meeting concluded at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Greinert, Secretary