

## **Minutes of NYSALJA Annual Membership Meeting and Elections**

September 20, 2006

433 River Street / Troy, New York

Also via meeting bridge connecting other locations around the state, including Buffalo, and New York City

**In attendance:** Anne Murphy, marc Zylberberg, Peter Loomis, Cathy Bennett, John Farrell, Ron Ranus, Jim Horan, Chris Traskos, Joel Ziev, John Farago and Jean Greinert

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

Minutes of June 12, 2006 meeting changed to note the discussion concerned *NAALJ*'s inclusion of an affiliate for Special Education, and as amended, approved.

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

Received and accepted.

Bottom line: we have \$8236.01 in the various accounts and noting that we spent more than we took in. This was because the two receptions cost money but are expected to result in new members over time.

### **Membership report:**

57 paid members

1 honorary member

34 unpaid members whom we decided to contact by telephone and we split up the list of unpaids for each of us to contact.

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

John Farrell advised that there are problems. He gave minutes two months ago and has not heard back. Appears we need someone more reliable. John will explore google and yahoo to see if they can manage our website.

### **President's Report:**

Seattle Annual NAALJ Conference was wonderful and busy.

Our own Cathy Bennett was elected president

Our own John Farrell presented his paper and kudos were extended to him on the excellent presentation.

Amendments to NAALJ's constitution were approved:

The name was changed to National Association Administrative Law Judiciary (changed from Judges) and the moniker remains NAALJ.

By-Laws were changed to have sections including Legal Legislation and Special Education.

Some people expressed interest in creating regional affiliates: like, New England, for instance instead of individual states.

Suggestion was made to look at chapters instead of affiliates although there was some indication that chapter formation is easier to administer than affiliate formation.

Hosting 2008 NAALJ Conference in New York City

Seed money from national was discussed. Suggestion was it could be anywhere from a few hundred dollars to \$1000. Albany in 2000 received \$1000.00 seed money.

Law School and OATH have difficult time putting up any cash upfront. Mayor's office may be willing to kick in some money or information

John Farago will ask a graduate fellow or work study student to work on this for three semesters.

**Planning Committee chosen to include:**

- Jim Horan, Anne Murphy, John Farrell, John Farago, Joel Ziev
- John Farago to contact OATH and CUNY to see if they are interested in partnering with us.

It was noted that Seattle had 134 attendees.

**Election of Executive Committee Members and Officers**

Term: October 2006 through September 07

President: Hon. John G. Farrell  
President Elect: Hon. John Farago  
Vice-President: vacant  
Treasurer: Hon. Joel D. Ziev  
Secretary: Hon. Jean Greinert

**Executive Committee Members:**

- Hon. Stephen Aronson (Oct. 2005—Sept. 2007)
- Hon. Abigail Bernhardt (Oct. 2005—Sept. 2007)
- Hon. Christine Traskos (Oct. 2005—Sept. 2007)
- Hon. Joel Ziev (Oct. 2006—Sept. 2008)
- Hon. Sue Novick Wasko (Oct. 2006—Sept. 2008).

Slate nominated was voted on and installed.

Cathy Bennett presented plaque of Appreciation to Anne Murphy from NYSALJA.

**Next Executive Committee Meeting:**

January 24, 2007 at Marriott Marquis, New York City (in conjunction with CAPS)

Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Greinert  
Secretary