

Minutes of NYSALJA Board Meeting of Thursday, April 25, 2002.

Prepared by Christine C. Traskos (Secretary)

Location: 433 River Street, Troy , N.Y.

Meeting called to order at 5:45 p.m.

Notice of meeting and copy of previously distributed minutes of January 23, 2002 . Agenda for tonight's meeting and Attendee List is attached.

Minutes of general membership meeting (January 23,, 2002) discussed. Motion made by Peter Loomis to accept minutes and seconded by Tyrone Butler. Unanimously passed (see attached copy of minutes).

The **Treasurer's Report** by Cathy Bennett was received. (See attached). The closing balance as of June 12, 2001 is **\$9,664.61**. Discussion ensued about NAALJs (Laura Bierman's) request for affiliate dues to conform to the new (NAALJ)fiscal year which now ends in July. Because of the recent dues increase by NAALJ, State Affiliates must send in \$35 per member, not \$21. It was further recommended that the NYSALJA Treasury cover the difference to the National until NYSALJA dues are raised in Fall 2003. NYSALJA will have to ultimately conform its fiscal year to July. Discrepancies between fiscal years to be raised by Tyrone Butler at mid-year meeting in Minnesota. Cathy Bennett to send letter to Laura Bierman regarding same. Jim Horan to send letter to membership to explain discrepancies. Motion to receive the Treasurer's report made by Chris Traskos, and seconded by Marc Zylberberg and passed.

Website Update: Marc Zylberberg advised that it will cost \$1500 to maintain design and computer server for website. NYSALJA will be responsible for the content. Need to find out how many pages on website and preference for links. Also need to determine if access will be straight to Albany Law School site or to **www.NYSALJA.org**. Suggestion also made to review comments on membership renewals to better address needs/ideas from membership. Motion made by Tyrone Butler to approve expenditure of \$1500 to Albany Law School for Website. Seconded by Jim Hinds and passed.

Education and Seminars. No new information.

Discussion of letter drafted to solicit additional members.

Nominating Committee. John Wiley and Abigail Bernhardt to prepare report for next meeting.

NYC Reception. The one scheduled for last fall was cancelled due to Sept. 11th. Michael Danziger is to look into getting a place so that this reception can be re-scheduled for the 1st week of October '02.

Per Diems. Michael Danziger raised question regarding conflict of interest if per diems were permitted membership in NYSALJA. It was noted that this could affect a 23 current plus new members. Consensus is that anyone who performs adjudicatory functions in New York State is eligible for membership in this organization. We should be an all inclusive organization and not distinguish between attorneys, non- attorneys, per diems, management etc.

Jim Hinds to try to get SRO list.

ABA Section to meet in Albany in 2003. The ALJ Sub Committee has been invited to participate. It is suggested by Jim Horan that NYSALJA participate in a 4 hour program.

New Business:

Professor Zimmerman's Article on Stress mentioned.

Continue discussion with Barbara Mabel about CLE for ALJs at Albany Law School.

Concern raised by Marc Zylberberg about new rule by NAALJ Board. All proposals for Annual Meeting must be submitted one month before mid-year to Resolutions Committee.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Chris Traskos, seconded by Tyrone Butler and passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for late June in NYC.