

Minutes of NYSALJA Annual Board Meeting of Thursday, September 20, 2001.

Prepared by Christine C. Traskos (Secretary)

Location: Washington Tavern, Albany, NY

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Notice of meeting and copy of previously distributed minutes of June 12 ,2001.
Agenda for tonight's meeting and Attendee List is attached.

Minutes of general membership meeting (June 12, 2001) discussed. Motion made by Tyrone Butler to accept minutes and seconded by Larry Storch. Unanimously passed (see attached copy of minutes).

The **Treasurer's Report** by Larry Storch was received. This includes both quarterly report and annual report.(See attached) The closing balance as of September 20, 2001 is **\$8,690.90**. Five new memberships noted. Motion to receive the Treasurer's report made by Marc Zylberberg and seconded by Chris Traskos and passed.

President's Report given by Peter Loomis:

Executive Order 131. Letter dated May 17, 2001 from Peter Loomis to James McGuire, Counsel to the Governor, to inquire which agency has assumed oversight jurisdiction has received no reply to date. Discussion followed. It was recommended that the ALJ subcommittee of NYSBA send a follow-up letter to the Governor's Counsel.

Web Page. At a recent meeting with the Government Law Center of Albany Law School (ALS) we received a quote of \$1500 for a web page. Larry Storch as Chair of the Communications Committee to discuss further with ALS. Also possible that ALS would sponsor a lunch time event with a speaker for ALJS. They would also provide the content for the program.

NYC Reception. Discussion held on status of NYC reception scheduled for October 24th after events of September 11th. Motion made by Tyrone Butler and seconded by Jim Horan to cancel the social event but hold a business meeting on same date but change location to 5 Penn Plaza. Social event to be re-scheduled for Spring'02. Motion passed. New letter to be sent out to membership regarding this change and emphasizing discussion of important business: 1) proposed dues increase by the National and 2) Invitation to attend NYSBA Judicial section program on January 22, 2002.

NAALJ Annual meeting for 2002. Will be held in Lexington, Kentucky on October 19-23, 2002. We will be sending them our e-mail membership list.

DEC work space/environmental issues. Raised by ALJ Kevin Cassuto. No one from DEC in attendance to provide additional information.

Old Business:

CAPS Report- Jim Horan. Reminder of NYSBA meeting on January 22, 2002. Morning session will be on decision making and stress management and offers 3hrs. CLE. The afternoon features US Supreme Court case review. The CAPS reception is in the evening.

Al Barsamian is now Chief ALJ at PERB.

Canadian International ALJS suggests co-hosting conference in U.S.

Judicial section of NYSBA exploring possibility of working more with ALJS.

New Business:

NAALJ PROPOSED DUES INCREASE

Recommended that NYSALJA members attend meeting in Austin, Texas to oppose the proposed dues increase as it will be harmful to affiliate states like NY.

Marc Zylberberg proposed alternative proposal (attached). NY proposal calls for raise of affiliate dues from \$21 to \$26 per year, individuals from \$35 to \$40. NY also identifies reimbursement to Board members and Officers expenses are reasons for budget shortages. It calls for National Board to reduce their expenses before enacting a major dues increase.

Motion made by Tyrone Butler and seconded by Larry Storch to send NY alternative proposal to President of NAALJ, Officers, Board and the Presidents of all other State affiliates. Motion unanimously passed.

Nominating Committee: Tyrone Butler nominated to replace Jean Corigliano on Board.

Motion by Peter Loomis, seconded by Abigail Bernhardt to accept slate of Officers and Board recommended by Nominating Committee. (See attached) Motion unanimously passed.

Plaque of Appreciation presented to Peter Loomis for acknowledgment of his service as President of NYSALJA this past year and for his services at our very successful ALBANY 2000 NAALJ conference.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Tyrone Butler, seconded by Marc Zylberberg and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8: 40 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for mid-January in New York City.