

**National Youth Rights Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 10/20/03**

The meeting was called to order at approximately eight twenty PM, eastern standard time.

**Roll Call**

**Present**

<b>Alex Koroknay-Palicz</b>	<b>President and Treasurer</b>
<b>Johnathan McClure</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
<b>Laura Finstad</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>Rich Jahn</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>DeWarren Langley</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>Brad White</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>Scott Davidson</b>	<b>Secretary</b>

**Absent**

<b>Christopher Coes</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>Jason Kende</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>Kathleen Miller</b>	<b>Director</b>

**Discussion of Officer Reports**

There was no important discussion with regard to either the President's or the Secretary's report.

**Agenda**

**Discussion of "what is our vision?"**

It was stated that it might be good to have a vision statement, a statement of where we want to go in the future, to coexist with out mission statement. Some board members felt that this would be redundant, because we already had a mission statement. After much discussion, it was agreed that the statement below would be a good starting point, and that the matter would be discussed further on the list.

"NYRA believes that most ageism is unnecessary and harmful and advocates moderate, measurable steps to address and confront ageism."

**Discussion of adding "nonpartisan" to the mission statement**

It was brought to everyone's attention that if a later item passed, any changes to the mission statement would have to be approved by a two thirds vote of the membership. Later, the item was moved to the end of the agenda, and eventually tabled to the next meeting.

**Discussion of "are our policies and positions in alignment with our mission to defend the civil and human rights of young people?"**

It was decided that this item would be referred to the positions committee.

**Discussion of proposed addition of DeWarren Langley to the positions committee**

This motion was placed on the table to for consideration later.

**Vote on proposed resolution 03-04 7**

This resolution passed by a vote of three to zero, after little discussion. This resolution gets rid of the chairperson position, and requires the president to chair meetings.

**Vote on proposed Resolution 03-04 8**

This resolution was passed by a vote of three to zero. This resolution requires all changes in positions to be approved buy a two thirds vote of the membership. It was also decided that the mission would be interpreted as a position.

**Vote on Proposed Resolution 03-04 9**

It was decided that "affirmative vote of the members at the next annual meeting or special general election or by at least 2/3rds" was confusing and ineffectual text. This resolution altered that part of the bylaws. The resolution passed by a vote of three to zero.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately eleven PM, eastern standard time.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution 03-04 7**

Abolishes chairperson position, requires the president to chair meetings

**Votes For**

Alex Koroknay-Palicz  
Johnathan McClure  
Rich Jahn

President  
Vice President  
Director

**Votes Against**

None.

**Absent at the time of the vote**

Laura Finstad  
Dewarren Langley  
Brad White

Director  
Director  
Director

**Resolution 03-04 8-**

Requires changes in positions to be sanctioned by a two thirds vote of the membership.

**Votes For**

Alex Koroknay-Palicz  
Laura Finstad  
Rich Jahn

President  
Director  
Director

**Votes Against**

None.

**Absent at the time of the vote**

Johnathan McClure  
DeWarren Langley  
Brad White

Vice President  
Director  
Director

**Resolution 03-04 9**

Deletes ineffectual text from bylaw 43.

**Votes For**

Alex Koroknay-Palicz  
Laura Finstad  
Rich Jahn

President  
Director  
Director

**Votes Against**

None.

**Absent at the time of the vote**

Johnathan McClure  
DeWarren Langley  
Brad White

Vice President  
Director  
Director