

National Youth Rights Association
Board Meeting, October 24th 2004

Roll Call:

Present

Alex Koroknay-Palicz	President
Robert Reynolds	Vice President
Scott Davidson	Secretary
Jackie Fuller	Director
Rich Jahn	Director
Keith Mandell	Director
Arpan Patel	Director

Absent

Kevin Keenan	Director
Scarlett Swerdlow	Director

Officer Reports:

There were no serious concerns regarding the President, Vice President, and Secretary's reports. All the officers were commended for another good month, especially the Vice President, Robert Reynolds, who recruited about a dozen new members.

Agenda:

04-05 Resolution 9 – Gulag Schools Position.

The board voted, by a vote of 7-0, to adopt the following position as a part of NYRA's platform, to be approved by the membership later in the term.

Dozens of behavior modification schools have sprung up, in this country and abroad, pledging to cure teenagers of all behavior problems. These "Gulag schools" use manipulative marketing to deceive parents into sending their sons and daughters there at great financial cost. Gulag schools use extreme methods of physical and emotional abuse that in some cases have resulted in death.

Teens, often having committed no crime, are abducted in the middle of the night and imprisoned for months in these abusive institutions. The National Youth Rights Association believes these schools are an affront to human rights and dignity and strongly seeks the total elimination of all such institutions.

04-05 Resolution 10 – Education Position.

The board voted, by a vote of 5-0-1, to adopt the following position as a part of NYRA’s platform, to be approved by the membership later in the term.

The National Youth Rights Association believes the constitution does not stop at the school house gate. This means that students should have the same rights and constitutional protections granted elsewhere in society. School uniforms, unreasonable searches, and the lack of due process (such as zero tolerance) are among many school policies that clearly violate this principle.

We also believe that students should be the primary decision makers regarding their education, and support policies allowing greater academic freedom for students at all levels. Schools should be the exemplar of a free society, not the antithesis.

Resolutions:

04-05 Resolution 9.

Votes for

Alex Koroknay-Palicz	President
Robert Reynolds	Vice President
Scott Davidson	Secretary
Jackie Fuller	Director
Rich Jahn	Director
Keith Mandell	Director
Arpan Patel	Director

Votes Against

None.

Abstaining

None.

04-05 Resolution 10.

Votes for

Alex Koroknay-Palicz	President
Robert Reynolds	Vice President

Scott Davidson
Rich Jahn
Keith Mandell

Secretary
Director
Director

Votes against

None.

Abstaining

Jackie Fuller

Director

Note that Arpan Patel was not present at the time of this vote.