

**National Youth Rights Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 2/22/04**

The meeting was called to order around 7:20.

**Roll Call.**

**Present:**

Alex Koroknay-Palicz	President
Johnathan McClure	Vice President
Scott Davidson	Secretary
Christopher Coes	Director
Rich Jahn	Director
Jason Kende	Director
Kathleen Miller	Director
Brad White	Director
Aaron Biterman	Member
Jessica Jordan	Member
Ryan Kroetch	Member
Ari Ne'eman	Member
Hannah Wydeven	Member

**Absent**

Laura Finstad	Director
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**Agenda.**

**Discussion of Officer Reports**

There were no serious concerns regarding the President, Vice President, or Secretary's reports.

**Open Board Meetings**

I was brought to the attention to the board that member participation might be greatly increased if members were allowed to attend board meetings. While the board agreed that this was generally a good idea, some directors were concerned that if a new member attended an unproductive meeting they might get a bad impression of NYRA. Other

directors expressed concern that if a member was disruptive, or if sensitive information was being discussed, the board would have no recourse. Clauses were put in the final resolution for such instances. The resolution was approved by a vote of 6-0. Christopher Coes and Brad White were not present when this was voted on.

### **Gulag Schools Position, Trimming of Less Needed Position Referred to Positions Committee.**

The Board noted to horrendous conditions and treatment Young People are subject to at gulag schools, and felt it appropriate to have a position paper on the matter. Some board members noted that while this position is an important one, that we do not want to have too many positions and over extend ourselves. Eventually the board resolved to have the positions committee look in to drafting a position on gulag schools, and perhaps dropping other positions from our platform. This resolution passed 7-0, Christopher Coes was not present for the vote.

### **Approval of 2004 Budgets.**

The budgets proposed by the budget committee, which are to be sent to foundations, were approved by the board of directors. The budgets, which include significant funding for the emancipation and research projects, were approved by the board, and approved after it was amended to included travel expenses for full time staff and a stipend for the NYRA Freedom editor. The budget was approved 7-0 with one abstention.

### **Regular Youth Rights Chats**

Regular online Youth Rights chats are a great way to come up with new ideas and get people involved with NYRA. The board voted 8-0 that NYRA hold scheduled youth rights chats.

### **New Business.**

#### **Chapter Head Meetings.**

Johnathan McClure and Ryan Kroetch proposed that the leaders of NYRA's various chapters meet regularly to discuss ways in which to promote and advance Youth Rights. The board voted 7-0 that these meetings should take place.

**Resolutions.**

**Resolution 03-04 20-** NYRA Board meetings are now open to the general membership. The Board however reserves the right to moderate, limit, and control non-board member participation in any way they deem appropriate.

**Votes For.**

Alex Koroknay-Palicz	President
Johnathan McClure	Vice President
Scott Davidson	Secretary
Rich Jahn	Director
Jason Kende	Director
Kathleen Miller	Director

**Votes Against.**

None.

**Abstaining.**

None.

Note: Christopher Coes and Brad White were absent for this vote.

**Resolution 03-04 21-** The NYRA Board directs the Positions Committee to draft a Gulag School position and present it to the Board of Directors for consideration, and further, to look at trimming less used or needed positions to retain a focused approach to Youth Rights.

**Votes For.**

Alex Koroknay-Palicz	President
Johnathan McClure	Vice President
Scott Davidson	Secretary
Rich Jahn	Director
Jason Kende	Director
Kathleen Miller	Director
Brad White	Director

**Votes Against.**

None.

**Abstaining**

None.

Note: Christopher Coes was absent for this vote.

**Resolution 03-04 22-** The NYRA Board of Directors approves the 2004 budgets proposed by the budget committee, with amendments accounting for commuter benefits and a “NYRA Freedom” editor stipend.

**Votes For.**

Alex Koroknay-Palicz	President
Johnathan McClure	Vice President
Scott Davidson	Secretary
Christopher Coes	Director
Jason Kende	Director
Kathleen Miller	Director
Brad White	Director

**Votes Against.**

None.

**Abstaining.**

Rich Jahn	Director
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**Resolution 03-04 23** The board directs the Executive Director to organize regular strategy meetings with NYRA National leadership and the leaders of NYRA Chapters and Chapters-in-information.

**Votes For.**

Alex Koroknay-Palicz	President
Johnathan McClure	Vice President
Scott Davidson	Secretary
Rich Jahn	Director
Jason Kende	Director
Kathleen Miller	Director
Brad White	Director

**Votes Against.**

None.

**Abstaining.**

None.

Note: Christopher Coes was absent for this vote.