

National Youth Rights Association
Board Meeting Minutes, 3/19/2006

Roll Call:

Present:

Robert Reynolds	President
Alex Koroknay-Palicz	Executive Director
Katrina Moncure	Treasurer
Scott Davidson	Secretary
Jess Caralize	Director
Chris Howell	Director
Jay Leff	Director
Keith Mandell	Director

Absent:

Pamela Tatz	Vice President
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Officer Reports:

The Executive Director submitted a detailed report to the list via email. The report contained sensitive information, and was discussed in closed session. The President delivered his report to the board at the meeting. The President reported that he had been learning a lot about fundraising, and that he hopes to use this knowledge in his work for NYRA. The Treasurer delivered her report to the board at the meeting, and the board was informed that NYRA had over \$2,200 at the time of the meeting. The Secretary delivered his report to the board at the meeting. He reported that he had been working on local choice, in addition to the regular work associated with his office.

Agenda:

Status of Forums Policies

The board agreed on the need for a disclaimer on the forums, but there was some discussion as to where it should go. The Executive Director reported that there was already a disclaimer in the FAQ. Mandell and Davidson felt that there should be a link to this disclaimer at the top of the forums. Koroknay-Palicz also reported that there has been discussion on the forums as to whether or not NYRA should hide the off topic forum from visitors.

Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Jeff Odgis had proposed some amendments to NYRA's chapter policy. Adam King had proposed other amendments to NYRA's bylaws. The board voted to refer these matters to the bylaws committee.

ASFAR/NYRA Relations

At a recent ASFAR Board Meeting, Davidson and Koroknay-Palicz requested copies of ASFAR's list archives for their own private use. Koroknay-Palicz and Davidson have been trying to obtain copies of these archives for a long time, and they felt that the difficulty in obtaining them underscored a larger issue between the two organizations. Some of this was discussed at the ASFAR meeting, and NYRA invited ASFAR Board Member and Former President David Schneider-Joseph to NYRA's March Board meeting. Schneider-Joseph took offense to an article on NYRA's website that contained some passages that he felt were damaging to ASFAR. The board voted to alter or remove most of the text that ASFAR found objectionable. Davidson proposed a more general resolution regarding ASFAR, which stated the following: ' The Americans for a Society Free from Age Restrictions is a group that has many goals in common with The National Youth Rights Association. Given our shared objectives and close historical ties, NYRA feels it is in the best interest of the youth rights movement to have a cordial working relationship with ASFAR. This does not constitute an endorsement of all of ASFAR' s principles.' The board voted to approve the resolution.

Mike Males Driving Study

Mike Males, a UC-Santa Cruz Professor and friend of the youth rights movement, recently conducted a study refuting some misconceptions about teen drivers. The board discussed how NYRA might help get some media attention for the study. Those present agreed that this was an important matter.

Monthly Goals

Keith Mandell thought that officers should try to set monthly goals at board meetings and try to follow up on them before the next meeting. Those present agreed with Mandell, and some people sent goals to the list after the meeting.

NYRAthon 2006

NYRA's annual fundraiser has not been going over so well this year. Koroknay-Palicz stated that the board should be promoting this more, and everyone agreed. Robert Reynolds was put in charge of the fundraiser.

Voting Age Thread

Katrina Moncure reported that she had been improving her debating skills/talking points on the voting age, in the forums and elsewhere, and encouraged other members to do the same.

Resolutions:

05-06 Resolution 22- Matters referred to Committee on Bylaws.

The board hereby resolves that the proposed amendments to the bylaws proposed by Mr. King and Mr. Odgis are not without merit, and refers said proposed amendments to the bylaws committee.

Votes For

Robert Reynolds	President
Alex Koroknay-Palicz	Executive Director
Katrina Moncure	Treasurer
Scott Davidson	Secretary
Chris Howell	Director
Keith Mandell	Director

Votes Against

None.

Abstaining

None.

(Note: Caralize and Leff were not present at the time of this vote.)

05-06 Resolution 23- Amending essay “History of NYRA.”

The board hereby resolves to amend the essay “History of NYRA” in a matter such that said essay will not offend The Americans for a Society Free from Age Restrictions.

Votes for

Alex Koroknay-Palicz	Executive Director
Scott Davidson	Secretary
Jess Caralize	Director
Chris Howell	Director
Jay Leff	Director
Keith Mandell	Director

Votes Against

None.

Abstaining

None.

(Note: Reynolds and Moncure were not present at the time of this vote.)

05-06 Resolution 24- NYRA/ASFAR relations.

The Americans for a Society Free from Age Restrictions is a group that has many goals in common with The National Youth Rights Association. Given our shared objectives and close historical ties, NYRA feels it is in the best interest of the youth rights movement to have a cordial working relationship with ASFAR. This does not constitute an endorsement of all of ASFAR' s principles.

Votes for

Robert Reynolds	President
Katrina Moncure	Treasurer
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Jess Caralize	Director
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Votes Against

None.

Abstaining

Alex Koroknay-Palicz	Executive Director
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