



Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2002

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Roll Call

Present

Alex Koroknay-Palicz	(President)
Christopher Coes	(Vice president)
Chris Manley	(Treasurer)
Rich Jahn	(Secretary)

Absent

Matt Herman	(Director)
Mark Stanford	(Director)
Alex Cotoia	(Director)

Officer Reports

President –

- The president informed he would be delivering Christopher Coes' report due to the restructuring of the staff.
- The president was interviewed by a reporter in Lowell Sun, Massachusetts, about the drinking age. She will be writing an article about lowering the drinking age.
- The NYRA has gotten some coverage in a magazine distributed to thousands of youth serving professionals regarding opposition to Campaign Finance Reform.
- NRYA-AU hosted a talk by Dr. David J. Hanson on March 21 about lowering the drinking age. The event received coverage in the campus newspaper and on the campus television station.
- The president reported the NYLF conference was very successful, like last year, in recruiting members.
- The NYRA-AU will be hosting another talk by Sarah Lawrence, founder of Taking Children Seriously, on March 16.
- Alex Cotoia has submitted his structural plan for the promotional committee, but he also informed the president he would resign soon.
- The membership has been submitting many ideas for slogans, and they will be voted on soon.
- A new project has been started to get contact information for high school newspapers around the country. Two interns have been hired to complete the project. The president plans to use the list for NYRA press releases in the future.

Vice President –

The Vice President had nothing to report.

Treasurer –

The Treasurer had nothing to report. He is still waiting for a response from the IRS.

Secretary –

The Secretary reported a database server was unable to be implemented at our website host, because they will not allow us to access such a server remotely, and so one would not be very useful. The Secretary reported the total membership is now 1602.

Committee Reports

Chapter Formation and Recruiting Committee –

- NYRA-Mississippi has been approved. It is the NYRA's first state chapter.
- NYRA-Wisconsin has also been approved. It has been holding regular meetings and electing officers.
- Sandy Sathapornwongkul has resigned as resigned as CFR Chair, and Christopher Coes has taken the position.
- Chapter intent requests have been submitted from Texas, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and Mississippi.

Promotional Committee –

The promotional committee had nothing to report.

Fundraising Committee –

The President, Alex Koroknay-Palicz, reported that no further fund raising activity has taken place since the last meeting. At the last meeting, the President had reported he raised \$520, the Vice President had raised \$200, and the Secretary had raised \$200.

Unfinished Business Items

Item 1: Purchasing an upgraded server –

Tabled for next meeting due to Matt Herman's absence.

Agenda Items

Item 1: Discussing bylaws changes regarding membership (Line N/A) –

The agenda item was not opened for discussion, and so it will be unfinished business for the next meeting.

Item 2: Removal of Mark Stanford and Matt Herman from Board (Line 219) –

The Secretary Rich Jahn first made clear neither Matt Herman nor Mark Stanford had violated the minimum attendance requirement yet. They each had missed 3 meetings and would be off the board if they missed the next meeting. Rich Jahn quoted a resolution from a meeting log where the bylaws were changed:

In section 10f of the NYRA bylaws, which currently reads: "if a director misses all meetings of the board of directors, either in person or by other accepted communication facilities, for a period of four consecutive months or four consecutive meetings, whichever time period is longer," the phrase "four consecutive months" will be changed to "two consecutive months." Resolution passed 4-0.

The final determination of the board was that the removal Matt Herman and Mark Stanford from the board would be considered if they missed the next meeting, which would be their 4th consecutive absence.

Item 3: Appointment of Rich Jahn to the Board (Line 7) –

The President, Alex Koroknay-Palicz, argued the board should be expanded to include 7 members in order to appoint the Secretary Rich Jahn as a director. Frequently meetings had been not making quorum and needed only one more member to attend. Alex Koroknay-Palicz motioned to close discussion and vote. Rich Jahn was appointed by a vote of 3-0.

Votes For

Alex Koroknay-Palicz	(President)
Christopher Coes	(Vice president)
Chris Manley	(Treasurer)

Votes Against

None.