

NATIONAL YOUTH RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting – May 29, 2011, 8pm EDT

Present:

Alex Koroknay-Palicz (Executive Director)

Hal Levy (Treasurer)

Katrina Moncure (Secretary)

Keith Mandell

Usiel Phoenix

Absent:

Jeffrey Nadel (President)

Jackie Ferro (Vice President)

Nigel Jones

Jenny Harkin

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report: Jeffrey Nadel was not present and did not submit a report.

Vice President's Report: Jackie Ferro was not present and did not submit a report.

Executive Director's Report: Alex Koroknay-Palicz reported finding and moving the site over to a new server, other delays with the redesign, looking for an Annual Meeting venue, working on the election, and planning to attend an ALA event in DC.

Treasurer's Report: Hal Levy reported working on the 2011-12 budget, and that priorities over the next year are hiring a third staff member and increasing Alex and Dave's salaries.

Secretary's Report: Katrina Moncure reported having a NYRA chat for NYRD, having a small Twitter hashtag campaign for NYRD with #isupportyouthrights, meeting with Kathleen O'Neal, having a nominations committee meeting, going to NYC with Kathleen and meeting Gella Solomon, getting new members through NYRA chats, and promoting the Annual Meeting on SnipeMe and School Survival.

COMMITTEES

Alex Koroknay-Palicz said the Annual Meeting Committee decided on the agenda for the Annual Meeting and is still trying to find a venue. Voting on Nominations Committee's picks for the NYRA Awards is postponed.

BYLAWS

Three new bylaws are proposed: changing the mandatory announcement time for elections from 60 days to 21 days, extending board terms to two years and staggering elections, and preventing paid national staff from holding a seat on the board during employment. Because only five directors are present at the meeting, it was decided to postpone voting on this.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hal Levy said it is time to consider making Dave Moss the Executive Director and making Alex Koroknay-Palicz the Campaign Director. Usiel supported the transition. Keith and Katrina were against it, feeling Alex is a better ED than Dave. Hal added the better title would help Dave with networking. No decisions are made and it is decided to continue the discussion at a later date and on the e-mail list.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31pm EDT.