



Meeting Minutes

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Roll Call

Present

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

Officer Reports

President –

- Jordan Cooper has been removed as webmaster. A new applicant for webmaster has been interviewed, and the President and Vice President are strongly considering hiring him.
- Kerri Jones, editor of “NYRA Freedom,” has resigned.
- Brad White was been hired as chairperson of the newly formed Publicity Committee.
- Dave Varney has been hired into the CFR Committee as the Northeast Recruiting Director.
- Open positions have been posted on www.servenet.org and www.idealists.org.

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 –

- Jesse London is still working on the database programming additional features to automate tasks.
- The secretary reported he would eventually like to hire an assistant after many of the tasks were automated.
- Jeremy Wagner (a non-member friend of Rich Jahn) is still working on a script for the website for the membership form.

Committee Reports

Chapter Formation and Recruiting Committee –

The NYRA-Madison chapter has been approved.

Promotional Committee –

The promotional committee had nothing to report.

Fundraising Committee –

The President reported he is researching foundations that can be solicited for donations. He also reported Brad White is researching money available from government grants.

Unfinished Business Items

Item 1: Purchasing an upgraded server –

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

Item 2: Discussing bylaws changes regarding membership –

Secretary Rich Jahn asked when the changes would have to be implemented in order to comply with the proposed budget. President Alex Koroknay-Palicz responded that the fiscal year is undefined at this point. Vice President Christopher Coes reported the NYRA has begun collecting charter fees for chapters. Secretary Rich Jahn offered to draft the new version of the bylaws after a list of requirements was agreed upon by the board.

Agenda Items

Item 1: Discussion on the new slogan –

It was noted a member had already left the NYRA just because of the slogan, and discussion over the slogan was raging in the forums. Secretary Rich Jahn and Vice President Christopher Coes each said they thought the slogan sounded arrogant. Rich Jahn said he thought the difference between the interpretations of the slogan was so vague the slogan was bound to be more offending than helpful. President Alex Koroknay-Palicz suggested having each member of the board vote and using an instant runoff vote in addition to the membership votes. Member Scott Beale originally suggested using instant runoff voting. Alex Koroknay-Palicz said he was concerned about the possibilities of a tie or three different slogans chosen, by the board, the membership, and the instant runoff voting. Alex Koroknay-Palicz said a revote could potentially do more damage than good. The board reached no consensus, and Alex Koroknay-Palicz motioned to suspend the discussion to the email list.

Item 2: Discussion of “Youth Truth” –

President Alex Koroknay-Palicz said he believed the project with ASFAR would not work, because they are unwilling to accept “non-radical articles.” Alex Koroknay-Palicz said he was doubtful any cooperation with ASFAR would ever be possible.

Item 3: Approval of Budget –

Alex Koroknay-Palicz suggested leaving the approval of the budget until next meeting in order for the board to have time to review it.

Item 4: Accept the resignation of Alex Cotoia from the Board –

Voted on and passed as a resolution.

New Business

Item 1: Removal of Matt Herman From Board –

Matt Herman missed four consecutive meetings, which violated minimum attendance. Voted on and passed as a resolution.

Item 2: Accepting Resignation of Mark Stanford –

Voted on and passed as a resolution.

Resolutions

Resolution 1: Accept the resignation of Alex Cotoia from the Board –

Votes For

Alex Koroknay-Palicz
Christopher Coes
Rich Jahn

(President)
(Vice president)
(Secretary)

Votes Against

None.

Resolution 2: Removal of Matt Herman From Board –

Votes For

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

Votes Against

None.

Resolution 3: Accepting Resignation of Mark Stanford –

Votes For

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

Votes Against

None.