



Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2002

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Roll Call

Present

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

Absent

Chris Manley	(Treasurer)
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Officer Reports

President –

- The age discrimination campaign titled “anti-segregation summer” has begun, and several notices from members of discriminating stores have been reported.¹
- Over half a dozen businesses have been reported in several states, and another appeal to the membership will soon be made asking for more reports of discriminating businesses.²
- The National Youth Leadership Conference has contacted the NYRA asking the President to do a Drinking Age debate at the end of June and at the beginning of July. Each debate will have about 350 students attending. Publicity Committee Chair Brad White is setting up the debates.³ There may be more dates for the debate as well, but only two have been confirmed so far.⁴
- Wednesday June 5, the President will attend a Green Day and Blink 182 Conference in Washington, DC to recruit members. 125 new members signed up to join the NYRA at the Green Day concert last year.⁵

Vice President –

- The Vice President is working on filling staff positions to free personnel.⁶
- The President has set forth an executive staff interdependence plan, and the Vice President is pulling together all chair persons and other executive staff to accomplish it.⁷

¹ Meeting Log: Line 11

² Meeting Log: Lines 13-14

³ Meeting Log: Lines 18-22

⁴ Meeting Log: Line 25

⁵ Meeting Log: Lines 23-24, 26

⁶ Meeting Log: Lines 126, 129-130

⁷ Meeting Log: Lines 131-132

Treasurer –

The Treasurer submitted no report.

Secretary –

- The Secretary introduced himself and explained the jobs he does for the NYRA, but otherwise had nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Chapter Formation and Recruiting Committee –

The Vice President covered all that the Chapter Formation and Recruiting Committee had to report.

Publicity Committee –

The Publicity committee had nothing to report.

Fundraising Committee –

The Fundraising committee had nothing to report.

Unfinished Business Items

Item 1: Approval of the Budget –

Approval of the budget was tabled for the next meeting due to Chris Manley's absence. The budget is available in the NYRA-BOD file archive.

Agenda Items

Item 1: Expanding the Size of the Board to 9 Directors –

President Alex Koroknay-Palicz suggested the current board of directors take advantage of the recent greatly increased interest from members of becoming board directors. He noted the bylaws allow for as many as 10 board directors, and he suggested expanding the size of the board to 9.⁸ Discussion was closed, and the agenda item was voted on as a resolution.

⁸ Available: NYRA-BOD Message Archive. Message #216.

New Business

Item 1: Interviewing New Board Applicants –

The new board applicants were Christen Walker-James and Danya Steele. President Alex Koroknay-Palicz asked each applicant to review the NYRA Position Papers. The board asked each applicant what they could contribute to the organization. Christen Walker-James replied that she would bring her experiences and organization skills learned from working on past 283 projects to the NYRA, to assist with the coordinating of events. She informed the board that she had experience on a number of other boards, such as the Youth Outreach Jubilee Committee. Danya Steele informed the board that she has access to a number of resources regarding many youth media campaigns. She noted to the board she is editor-in-chief of HarlemLive, a non-profit online magazine for teens in New York City and abroad. Discussion was closed and appointing Danya Steele and Christen Walker-James to the Board of Directors was voted on as a resolution.

Item 2: Calling the General Meeting –

It was noted by President Alex Koroknay-Palicz that because a majority of board directors were being appointed by a minority of the original board of directors, it would be more appropriate to call for another election.⁹ A general must be called by the board of directors 60 days in advance according to the bylaws.¹⁰ Because elections are held annually, calling the general meeting in the summer would switch elections to being held in August rather than November.¹¹ Discussion was closed, and the discussion item was voted on as a resolution.

Resolutions

Resolution 1: Expanding the Board of Directors to Include 9 Directors¹² –

Votes For

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

Votes Against

None.

⁹ Meeting Log: Lines 626-628

¹⁰ Meeting Log: Line 655

¹¹ Meeting Log: Lines 661-662

¹² Meeting Log: Line 218

Resolution 2: Appointing Christen Walker-James and Danya Steele to the Board of Directors¹³ –

Votes For

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

Votes Against

None.

Resolution 3: Calling a General Meeting for August 3rd to September 7th¹⁴ –

- **The in-person meeting will be later decided.**
- **The Slogan for the organization will also be voted upon at the general meeting.**

Votes For

Alex Koroknay-Palicz	(President)
Christopher Coes	(Vice president)
Rich Jahn	(Secretary)
Dan Hill	(Director)
Christen Walker-James	(Director)
Danya Steele	(Director)

Votes Against

None.

¹³ Meeting Log: Line 568

¹⁴ Meeting Log: Lines 811-815