

NATIONAL YOUTH RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting – September 16, 2007, 7:00pm EDT

Present:

Adam King (President)
Alex Koroknay-Palicz (Executive Director)
Katrina Moncure (Secretary)
Keith Mandell
Alex Hull-Richter
Jessica Roeder

Absent:

Stefan Muller (Vice President)
Chip Sinton (Treasurer, non-director)
Yonaton Yares
Adam Zarnowski

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report: Adam updated information on Wikipedia and the NYRA website, made it so all board members receive chapter intents, and sent a thank you e-mail to Scott Davidson and Pamela Tatz.

Meeting Time: Some directors had met at 4:00pm EDT thinking that was the meeting time. Adam cited times he had reminded everyone of the meeting time and could not understand the confusion.

Vice President's Report: Stefan was absent from the meeting and did not send a report.

Executive Director's Report: Alex sent a report via e-mail. He expressed hope that we would get a huge grant from Drug Policy Alliance. He told us about our two new interns, with whom he was doing some recruiting, and reported a mysterious spike in donations.

Treasurer's Report: Chip was absent from the meeting but reporting briefly via e-mail about contacting the creator of Facebook Causes.

Secretary's Report: Katrina sent a report via e-mail. She reported regretfully that she had not completed the minutes from last spring nor gathered the updated bylaw information. Adam King and Alex Koroknay-Palicz expressed dislike for the format and language of the previous meeting's minutes and requested they be redone.

COMMITTEES

Press Team: Yonaton Yares was not present so discussion of the press team was tabled.

Positions: Alex Hull-Richter said the positions committee would meet before the next meeting, as he wanted to discuss possible new positions. He stated he wanted us to take a position on immigrant children being torn away from their parents because of immigration laws. Adam King pointed out such a position would be in violation of Resolution 00-L. Katrina said we have a lot on our plate as it is, and this might turn off supporters. Keith said it is an important issue, but that there are other groups already working on it.

BYLAWS

"Chapters are separate legal entities, and do not fall under the incorporation of the National office. Chapters may seek separate incorporation, or choose not to incorporate."

Adam said we forgot to add this important bylaw amendment to the ballot last election, and that we need to repass it.

Adam King: aye

Jessica Roeder: aye

Katrina Moncure: aye

Alex Hull-Richter: aye

Keith Mandell: aye

5-0-4: motion fails, tabled until next meeting.

CHAPTER INTENTS

Item was dismissed because our interns are handling them.

BROCHURE DEVELOPMENT

Adam King said we need to actually draft a plan for it on the e-mail list. Katrina commented that we have a serious lack of teamwork among us.

CHAPTER FEE

Should the \$30 chapter fee be waived?: Katrina suggested that requirement could be replaced with some kind of accomplishment or at least the first meeting, or perhaps it should be part of a set of options to choose from to make the chapter official. Last year, we made \$90 from chapter fees, which is three chapters. Adam King suggested reducing the fee. Jessica said the price should be lowered or waived in favor of doing something useful. We decided to discuss it further on the BOD list.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:43pm EDT.