

**Minutes of the New Jersey Chapter
Special Libraries Association
Held via teleconference
February 10, 2005**

President Jeannine Creazzo called the board meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Those in attendance were: Barbara Burton, Jeannine Creazzo, Kris Fitzpatrick, Diana Komanesky, Gregg Rempkowski, Carol Feltes, Elizabeth Arnold, Kadri Kallikorm Rhodes, Ruth Wolfish, Kathy Bradshaw, Marie Mueller

President's Report

Dine-Arounds: Five people attended the dine-around in Old Bridge. Eleven people are scheduled to attend the dine-around in Bergen County on February 15th. There are 9 people schedule to attend the February 25th dine-around in Westfield, which doesn't include Kris Fitzpatrick (the hostess) and her husband. Miranda will host one in Colts Neck in March, date TBD.

Request for supervisor contact information

As stated in the January minutes, board members are asked to provide Jeannine with supervisor information (name and address) or their personal mailing address by the end of February so letters acknowledging members' work in the chapter can be sent. For the unemployed, a letter will also be sent.

RUSLA Meeting: On Tuesday, January 25th, Jeannine attended the RUSLA meeting. There are 10 students in attendance. Jeannine says, "Once again, the students asked interesting questions about the profession and about the New Jersey chapter. I brought a flyer that I believe Ruth and/or Carol created, advertising the many ways to become involved in the chapter and get a free dinner in the process. I informed Jim and Kadri to provide me with future meeting dates in the hopes to have other chapter members attend their meetings." Kadri said the next RUSLA March 10th meeting with have a speaker from Thomson and also, they will hold elections. There will be a virtual seminar on April 12th, which Barbara and Jim are organizing.

Secretary's Report

Approval of minutes

Diana Komanesky submitted board meeting minutes for approval. January 11,2005 meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Jeannine Creazzo and seconded by Liz Arnold.

Treasurer's Report,

Gregg Rempkowski reported the following.

Balance in checking account:	\$14,185.11
SLA Pooled Fund	\$23,905.74
TOTAL	\$38,090.85

President-Elect Report

Leadership Summit: -Ruth Wolfish attended and later wrote an article on the event. She said the networking was outstanding, outreach was strong. The 2006 Summit will be in Houston, TX. Change to note: Officer terms changing for president from 1 year to 18 months (June 2006-December 2007). Pam Rollo is president-elect and is considering coming to our Alice Rankin meeting.

September 2005 Meeting: Ruth proposes a joint meeting with the Princeton-Trenton chapter in September, with the 'Hollywood Librarian' program. Possibility of holding it in a public library.

Chairperson's Reports

Director of Administration—Mary K. Joyce had nothing to report

Director of Communications—Carol Feltes reports that the Chapter Bulletin is in the works; new guidelines for putting it together have been drafted, along with new forms for members to submit material for the bulletin. Carol and Kristen Fitzpatrick are continuing to work on this.

Past President—Liz Arnold reports that we have a full slate of officers for the 2005/2006 year: She will present nominees for positions at the Business Meeting.

President-elect: Carol Feltes

Treasurer: Mary K Joyce

Director of Administration: Sherry Markowitz

Director of Communications: Arda Agulian

A new meeting (Feb. 12th) regarding governing documents suggests replacing our bylaws with the new document; no major changes are expected.

Liz has nominated a member of the year. Any additional nominations should be made soon. Jeannine will order a plaque for president and member of year.

Archivist-Elisabeth Eliason had nothing to report.

Bulletin Co-Editors-Kris Fitzpatrick

Business Manager—Henry Gozdz

Nothing to report.

Career Guidance—Susan Kantor

Jeannine spoke with Susan who sent a list of 18 people interested in providing mentorship to RUSLA students. Jeannine will send the information to Jana Varlejs and will ask what is to be done next.

Consultant—Janet Weiss

Nothing to report.

Employment—Miranda Scott reports: "I sent 5 different job opening announcements to the list during the month of January. All openings are posted to the chapter website weekly by Kate. The openings ran the gamut from public to nonprofit to special."

Finance—Kathy Bradshaw had nothing to report.

Government Relations—Kadri Kallikorm Rhodes had nothing to report.

Membership—Sheila Fitzgibbon: The latest membership report states that we have 348 members. We have 3 more regular members than last counted in December.

Professional Development—Barbara Burton

Barbara has listed April 12th as the most likely date for the Virtual seminar, with the survey showing the following title as most of interest: “ Becoming a Web Searcher”. Survey also showed weekdays after 5:30 pm is preferred for students and members alike. Kadri asked about the number of people interested so the room size for seminar can be determined. After purchasing the seminar, the chapter has rights to it for 30 days, so we can offer it twice to accommodate more people (ie. North and Central Jersey)

Public Relations—Marie Mueller is looking to put an ad in or the Star Ledger for our SLA consulting services. May also interview Pam Rollo in NY as she is a consultant as well.

Strategic Planning—Liz Arnold reports that HQ is working on a strategic plan and we should wait for this to come out before putting out anything more locally.

Webmaster--.Kate Creegan had nothing special to report. She thanks everyone who sends comments for changes to the website. She also provided a link the January web statistics for the website.
<http://www.sla.org/stats/cnj/00-05/> The links for all divisions:
<http://www.sla.org/content/resources/Webmaster/webstats.cfm>

New Business

Jeannine contacted other chapters to get more information on student awards. Ruth suggests the winner write an essay about their experience in library school. Committee needs to be set up to make decision on scholarship and the amount. Suggestions included \$500 and a free year’s membership to SLA. Liz suggested talking to Jana to identify candidates (active, good students,etc.)

Old Business:

Rita Reisman couldn’t make it today. She is working on getting Widharto over for a conference in the United States. The Fundraising continues. A proposal was made to use the Chapter funds to get 1-3K to offer to Widharto . Will need to go to board for approval. Barbara propped the motion, Liz seconded it.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Liz Arnold..
Seconded by Barbara Burton and approved unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 4:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Komanesky, NJSLA Chapter Secretary