

8-8-24 NY COALITION FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT;Michelle Allen, Janet Vito, Sue Kelley, Stuart Allen, Sonia Dusza, Robert Godlewski, Pat Irving, Axel Abermann, Maria Tisby, Darlene Bolsover, Ken Guarino, Sonia Dusza, Annmarie Reeb, Nicole from Allentown, Alberta Roman, Paul Wolf.

NY COALITION FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT BOARD MEETING 8-8-24 CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:33 PM on zoom; In communicated absence at present of President Paul Wolf, vice president Michelle Allen called meeting to order.

MEETING MINUTES FROM 7-11 -24; Minutes approved on motion from Annmarie and second by Alberta.

TREASURER'S REPORT; Total paid membership is 64 with balance of \$5,714.86 as of 7-31-24. This Treasurer's report by Janet Vito approved on motion by Michelle and second by Axel.

DRAFT CALENDAR 2024; This is for informational purposes only and September is an important month with Anniversary of FOIL, Universal Access to information Day, Democracy and Constitution Day.

EQUAL JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY UPDATE; Passed until Paul available.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/EDUCATION COMMITTEE; Axel as Chair presented rules of engagement for our training sessions. The purpose of these rules is to establish clear expectations of behavior during our training sessions. The rules were passed with majority yes and 1(Annmarie)opposed on motion made by Michelle and second by Alberta. "This new draft takes into consideration the discussion at the PR Committee meeting 8-1-24.

Rules of Engagement

- Please mute your phones or mute your zoommics when not speaking(adapt for live/online presentations)..
- Please be respectful to the presenters and other participants.
- Please keep your questions and comments focused on the topic being presented.
- We are strictly non-partisan. Please refrain from political rants and partisan discussions.

-Event organizers are expected to enforce these rules to maintain order and respect.

50th Anniversary FOIL Event reporting by Paul Wolff, who would like to hold at Amherst Town Hall with Gary Dixon (Republican from W.Seneca) and Austin Tylec(Democrat from NT) on 9-26 6 to 8 pm. Paul is open to doing it in other places.

Axel spoke on using Google for sharing and collaborating on documents with policy in place, such as Google work space.

Website updates given by Axel re dynamic content as a way to promote interest by using "tiles" on specialized topics. Traffic and content is picking up with effort by Axel.

Ken volunteered to hold Coalition Social at 8/29 at 6:30 pm with name meaning topic and movies you are drawn to watching with favorite beverage.

OPEN MEETINGS LAW COMMITTEE; Report given by Michelle. Revised training/ slides that have been created for future presentations with much attention and effort. Michelle discussed 2025 project ideas, prime of which is live streaming. This will be discussed at next OML Committee next week.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW COMMITTEE; Report given by Maria, Chair with assist from Annmarie. FOIL project regarding 62 City Council public comment policies is wrapping up with all data being reviewed before turning over to Paul. Annmarie has been diligent in executing this project.

Annmarie did a practice FOIL training session at the FOIL Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS; Paul related that on Aug 14 at 3 pm a Polish delegation will be at the International Institute in Buffalo to which we are invited.

Motion to end meeting made by Alberta and second by Sonia at 7:30 pm. Motion carried.

NEXT BOARD MEETING; Board Meeting will be held on zoom Sept.,12,2024 at 6:30pm.

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