

**June 30, 2011 GAHWNY Board Meeting** (East Aroura, NY Rob's house.)

Sue Conklin, Rob Goller, Doris Bannister, Cindy Amrhein, Michelle Henry, Preston Pierce, Amie Alden, Pam

1:36 pm

Meeting concerned the review of liaison answers to questionnaire.

**Fundraising?** Rondus said having silent auction again after the other may wear out the idea.

Amie: Silent auction brought in \$310 and \$42 in donations. We have almost \$5000 in the treasury. Michelle: Do we really need a fund raiser? Dorie suggested buying GAHWNY items and raffle them off instead of a fundraiser.

**Why historians are not sending Julia nominations back?** Monroe thought they weren't included in that. Sue says we need to clarify. Preston feels maybe the misconception is, like Ontario, maybe they feel they didn't fit WNY profile.

Rob feels some may think you need to be a big wig to be awarded not understanding it is by your service to your community. Liaisons may not be informed what others are doing.

Rob: Maybe award should be more specific like for a project completed. Maybe have supervisors nominate their historians for the award?

Dorie: Probably not all historians are members of GAHWNY liaisons could send it to the supervisor that is a member historian. Michelle says to make a big deal afterwards about the award. Send bio and picture to newspapers. Needs more promotion. Good choice to award it during lunch. Dorie says not getting very many nominations. Letter should go to every supervisor. Research out a historian to receive the award. Pick person to bring list of 5 and still send ballot to historians. Committee pick winner.

**Do we need liaisons?** Sue: Some are effective some not. It's hard to contact all the historians without liaisons. Rob: Hoping liaisons will move up when board rotates out. Liaisons are good when there is no county historian getting together with town historians. Amie thought local contact would be easier. Rob reiterates duties. Amie: How long do they serve? Sue bylaws did not say for how long or how chosen. Amie thinks it would default back to the board if not chosen by historians of that county. Table idea of amending bylaws.

Preston not a lot willing to show up for local meeting maybe 5 out of 25 historians. They like GAHWNY meetings because of the workshops. Some town historians/historical societies in

**Topics for programs?** Preston have a publisher do a presentation..Maybe like a historians experience panel on publishing. Preston asks to include what makes a good book. Amie thought it would be a good spring topic. Rob is in the process of publishing. Amie: Do it the same time sa historians book selling day. Liaisons recommend basic computer skills. Sue do a special day for computer learning or doing a web site. Enhancing old photos was another idea. Ray Lefever does a photo program. Also liaisons suggested programs on historic markers, cemetery tours, ethics for historians, 10 year anniversary task force because of 9/11, Clarence plane crash. Sue said for most part our conferences were a good workshop for the money.

Dorie also suggested no lunch speaker. Rob: No speaker so in case we need to make up time.  
Cindy: No speaker gives them time to chat.

Sue asked how 30 year service went (as she wasn't at the conference). Recipients were thrilled. They got boutonnières and corsages.

Cindy presented board minutes for Sep 2010 and May 2011. Sue says ok. Kinel or kinal? Check spelling. Except for spelling, minutes approved. Motion to accept by Dorie, 2nd by Amie.

