

UHLS
LIBRARY ADVOCACY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Wednesday, February 11, 2004, 8:30 a.m.
MINUTES

PRESENT: Robert Ganz, Ginny LaJuene, Barbara Nichols Randall, Gail Sacco, Mary Fellows, Philip Ritter.

1. **Welcome** – Ganz called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. and welcomed everyone.
2. **NYLA Lobby Day** – M. Fellows reviewed the plans for Lobby Day and the issues formulated by the NYLA Legislative Committee. Since they are planning a “Rave” at 11:00 a.m., the focus is to get all the legislators to attend this meeting. Therefore, it was suggested that we make appointments with our representatives after 12:30 p.m. and that we double-book the appointments. We will ask the UHLS attendees to try to be at Meeting Room 6 by 10:30 a.m. R. Ganz agreed to draft a letter to trustees, much like was sent out last year, and UHLS will mail them. It was also suggested that we try to schedule visits with our legislators in the Fall of 2004. It was agreed that we would try to form two teams of attendees, one for appointments in the Capitol building and one for appointments in the Legislative Office building. All appointments would be scheduled between 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. R. Ganz agreed to be one of the spokespersons, and M. Fellows will try to recruit the other. The funding requests were reviewed, and it was agreed that we would support all of them. M. Fellows volunteered to create a “talking points” sheet for all of the items.
3. **Other Issues**
 - a. **Meetings with Legislators in Fall 2004** – It was suggested that we might want to sponsor a breakfast at the Albany Public Library and invite all of the State and County legislators. M. Fellows will contact J. Cannell and secure a date for such an event in October 2004 at APLM.
 - b. **Albany County Departments and Agencies** – G. Sacco expressed concern about agencies such as the Albany County Department of Youth and Family Services that is promoting “Ask Jeeves” on their web site rather than suggesting that their customers “Ask a Librarian.” She suggested that we should provide guidance and training to these departments and agencies to show them how public libraries can help them meet their goals and serve their customers in such areas as literacy and tutoring.
4. **Next Meeting** – to be scheduled later
5. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

