

# NYRA Business Meeting

8/14/2010

The meeting was called to order by Karen Egger immediately following the 8:30 AM NSCLS meeting.

There were no additions to the agenda.

A discussion about adding a non-fiction category to the Nevada Young Reader Award was discussed at length. Several states include non-fiction in their award programs. Finally a motion was made by Robbie Nickel to add the category to the NYRA By-laws, and revisit it at a later date if the group feels the need to divided the category into lower and upper level books. The vote was unanamos.

The NYRA award ceremony will be held in the north next year. Beth Heggeness and Karen Deadmond agreed at our March meeting to be co-chairs.

The problem with getting winning authors to our ceremony was discussed. A suggestion was made that we honor the current winners at the luncheon the following year, giving them plenty of time to add us to their schedules. Many publishers are no longer paying for author travel, so that may also contribute to the problem of getting authors at the ceremony.

We only have one book on the current reading list for NYRA. We need to really get the word out to our students and get some recommendations before November. Robbie suggested that the November deadline be a soft one so we could continue to accept titles until the end of the calendar year. Karen Egger suggested a public/school cooperative effort to inform parents of the books their children are reading for the list.

The meeting was adjourned @ 9:15 AM.