

Meeting Minutes – 2010-06-16

Minutes for GNYMLA business meeting 6/16/10 – Columbia University, New York, NY

The Spring/Summer meeting of the Greater New York Chapter took place on Wednesday, 6/16/10, at Columbia University. This event went from 9:30 am until 4pm in the afternoon and hosted 20-25 GNYMLA members and/or guests.

The morning session consisted of two presentations and a business meeting:

- Elizabeth Davis (Head, Music & Arts Library, Columbia University) – “The Alice M. Ditson Fund: A force for American music”
- Nick Patterson (Access/Circ Supervisor, Music & Arts Library, Columbia University) – “Archives of the Columbia-Princeton Electronic Music Center”

Following these presentations Andy Toulas (Chair) opened the business meeting, and solicited feedback on the Facebook page as a forum for discussion of GNYMLA topics. Information was also shared regarding the discussion of copyright and digital audio that had taken place at MLA 2010 meeting in San Diego.

Additionally, it was mentioned that Renee McBride from the MLA Publicity & Outreach committee is collecting information regarding MLA members speaking about music librarianship to the community. An example of this would be addressing prospective library school students about music librarianship. If anyone has done this, or has plans to do this type of activity, please notify the local chair and this information will be collected and reported to Renee.

Nick Patterson (Secy-Treasurer) provided a brief financial report, and raised the idea of the GNY chapter considering the funding of a travel award or some similar award to encourage librarianship. The issue of the importance of the sustainability of such an award or similar grant was raised. More discussion on this was encouraged (on Facebook and/or the listserv). Details of the current membership year (July 2010 – June 2011) were announced, and a request was made to members to **renew their memberships!**

The business meeting included a discussion of the proposed coordination/merger of MLA and IAML-US, presented by Elizabeth Davis. Voting on this issue will take place at a later date, through the national MLA.

Details on membership renewal for 2010-2011 are available at: [Membership Information](#)

The group discussed and seemed interested in the addition of an online payment option; PayPal was mentioned specifically. It has a low-cost system available that might offer convenience to our members. Nick will investigate further details.



After the business meeting we broke for lunch.

The afternoon session offered a presentation of materials from the Columbia University Rare Book and Manuscript Library by Performing Arts Curator Jennifer Lee. Selected photographs from this exhibit as well as the local meeting are available through the photo section of the GNYMLA Facebook page.

We'd like to note that there were several first-time attendees, and hope that we'll see them join the ranks of the Greater New York chapter. Looking forward to seeing many of you soon, on the Facebook page, listserv, or in person!