

**D.I.D. MEETING MINUTES**  
**3/23/10**

PLACE: Independence Plaza Community Room, 310 Greenwich Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

TIME: 6:30 PM

CHAIR: Sean Sweeney, President

CLUB BUSINESS:

There was an Executive Committee meeting on 1/20/10 where they discussed putting together a survey for candidates for Federal and State offices about their positions.

Then, three candidates who were challenging incumbents spoke to the club about their background and positions, and answered questions from club members:

1. Reshma Saujani, running for the US House of Representatives in the 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District against incumbent Carolyn Maloney.
2. Jonathan Tasini, running for US Senate against appointed Senator Kirsten Gillibrand.
3. Kevin Coenen, running for State Senate in the 25<sup>th</sup> Senate District against incumbent Daniel Squadron.

There was a motion for the club to write a letter to Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, urging them to speed up the process for getting Judge Denny Chin appointed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Federal Appellate Court. This motion passed unanimously.

There was a second motion for the club to write a similar letter in support of Judge Doris Ling-Cohan. This motion passed, with two abstentions.

Nominations were made for club officers. The election is scheduled to take place on 4/22/10. There will be a contested election for president.

President:

Jeanne Wilcke  
Marc Ameruso

Vice Presidents (2):

Jim Stratton  
Adam Silvera

Treasurer:

Sean Sweeney

Secretary:

Alex Li

Executive Committee:

Elliot Silber  
Arthur Gregory  
Lisa Smith  
Harold Donahue  
Richard Lehrer  
Zac Townsend  
Marc Ameruso  
Andy Neale  
Jeanne Wilcke  
Dennis Gault  
Anne Compocchia  
Julie Nadel  
Tom Goodkind  
Carole deSaram  
Arthur Kriemmelman  
Gayle Fried  
Pete Gleason

There was a discussion about the length of the list of names nominated for the Executive Committee (17 people). Two of the people were also nominated for other officer positions, which would make it 16 people. According to the club by-laws, if at a meeting there is unanimous agreement by the club members, the Executive Committee could be expanded.

There was also a question about term limits, which were discussed in 2008. Club members were urged to write up whatever recommendations to the by-laws they had, and these would be put through a committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was an announcement about a Town Hall discussion on net neutrality, titled: The Internet – and How to Protect Freedom Online on Saturday, April 3, 2010 at 2 PM at PS 20, the Anna Silver School at 166 Essex Street, Lower East Side. Flyers were passed around.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Stein, March 29, 2010.