Nyabs Minutes for April 8th:

Board Members: Kate, Walei, and Nihal

General members: Carla, and valeria

1. March Minutes:

a. Carla makes Motion to approve minutes for March

b. Valeria Seconds

c. All in favor: Motion passes

2. Executive reports:

a. President: Created dropbox folder for sharing documents. So far

there’s a folder for Student seminar related material and a NYABS

membership list. If you don’t have access to this folder, email Kate

at Kathryn.e@gmail.com

b. Vice President: Nothing new.

c. Treasurer; Has paypal account with our funds. We have around $141

in our account. Collecting dues for this year. Send to Walei at

paypal. Email is Walei.sabry@gmail.com

d. Board members: Chancey now has access to the NYABS page on the new

york NFB website.

3. Nihal’s presentation about Albany Seminar:

a. Newsline: Nfb is advocating to extend funding for Newsline.

b. Glucometer: Accessible glucose monitor for the blind. There are a

lot of blind people who are also diabetics. Trying to get Commision

and Medicaid to support it. It needs to be introduced to new york

assembly.

c. Braille literacy: New york passed a law that all blind children

have to get Braille instruction in 2000. NFB wants to raise awareness

of this law so that all parents adcocate for their children to have

Braille instruction. 90% of employed people with visual impairments

are Braille literate.

d. Patients bill of rights: NFB wants medical documents or forms that

need to be filled out when admitted into a hospital to be accessible.

Robobraille.org Is a website that converts inaccessible documents into

an accessible format and sends them by email. It’s important for

privacy and safety as well as for taking medications.

4. Old business:

a. Hunter Text books: Hunter is not properly providing accessible

texts books to blind students. Kate is drafting a letter to ask them

for their policies. Next step is to find out who to contact about

this. Nihal suggested that we bring up this issue to CCSD. Next

meeting is Friday the 20th. We can try to organize a group to go and

represent NFB.

i. Contact at hunter: Sudi Shayesteh Director of Office of

Accessibility: Phone: 212-650-3581. Email:

sudi.shayesteh@hunter.cuny.edu

ii. Eija Ayravainen Vice President of Student Affairs: Phone:

212-772-4878. Email: eija.ayravainen@hunter.cuny.edu

b. Student Seminar in August: organizing a session for incoming

college students to prepare by learning about access technology

Bookshare etc. The New York NFB chapter is covering the costs. We are

trying to secure space at Visions Cellus manner. Chancey will take

care of presenting the tech stuff.

5. New Business:

a. Hear the Ball: An event organized by the Mayer’s office. May 19th a

beep ball event. There will be venders there. We are considering

getting a table for the student division.

b. Raising money at National convention: Nihal suggests a raffle.

6. Next conference call will be on May 13th at 6 PM.