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The resolutions passed consisted of new and revised declarations, an abbreviated list of which can be found on page 14. The 2001 Resolution book is also available. For your copy call Audubon New York at (518) 869-9731 or download a copy from the website at <http://ny.audubon.org>.

Simultaneous workshops were presented in the areas of communications, membership and development. The communications workshop, led by Audubon New York's director of communications, Kimberley Ray consisted of public relations, technology and the marketing of Audubon through various communications modes. Membership coordinator Jana Goldman discussed membership cultivation, while development officer Sandra Doring disclosed fundraising techniques in conjunction with bird-a-thons and other special events.

Chapter representatives interacted throughout the weekend in meetings, where they shared ideas and programs and on field trips to Tanglewood Nature Centre & Museum, Mark Twain State Park, The Center of Horseheads, Gleason Meadows and Harris Hill Park.

Council Meeting



KIMBERLEY L. RAY

Assemblyman Hoyt accepts a presentation from Audubon New York's council board chair Kimberley L. Ray.



LINDA COLEMAN

"The Old and New" The current regionally elected National Board member Bill Ross with the soon to be regionally elected national board member Geoffrey Cobb-Ryan.



KIMBERLEY L. RAY

Tony and Marcia Wagner (left) speak with Alice DelBosco (far right) of Huntington Audubon.

The Fall Audubon New York Council meeting will occur October 12-14 in Pawling, New York. Details will appear in the next *Audubon Advocate*.

SCHUMER



SHERIE HARTY/ONY

Interview

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Tug Hill Plateau which is the second windiest place in America east of the Mississippi. Technology has allowed windmills to be efficient.

Plug Power is a company in New York State that makes fuel cells. If we were to give significant tax credits for the development of fuel cell technology it would dramatically help us meet our electricity needs in an environmentally efficient manner.

MR. MILLER: Drilling for oil in Alaska's ANWR, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, how defining a debate is that going to be in the first six months?

SENATOR SCHUMER: I'm a member of the Energy Committee. I just got on the committee this year. I think this is such an important issue, and I think there are very few people from the Northeast who sit on this committee. I intend to tell George Bush that the way vouchers will ruin his education proposal, ANWR will ruin his environmental proposal. I think we'll win in the Congress on that.

Once you learn how little oil will actually come from ANWR, it's a far better and far more environmentally sound proposal to use the existing natural gas which we don't use from places already being drilled.

MR. MILLER: Long Island Sound has long been a big issue for Audubon. Will you support the federal appropriation of 40 million dollars authorized in the Long Island Sound Restoration Act?

SENATOR SCHUMER: I will not

only support it, but I will be an enthusiastic advocate for it. If you take the number of people who live within 15 miles of Long Island Sound, you probably have more people than around any other body of water that size. Some progress has been made to really make it pristine and beautiful, but a major federal investment is needed.

What people forget is this is not just an environmental issue, so to speak, it's a jobs issue. New high tech business will locate in New York and Connecticut, or near Long Island Sound, because the people who like to work in these businesses want to work in an environmentally clean area. So I'm enthusiastic about it.

We should be getting much more money than we have been getting, and I think that it's an extremely high priority.

MR. MILLER: That's fantastic.

Another source of funding which could not only help Long Island Sound, but all of New York State is the Land And Water Conversation Fund and the CARA (Conservation and Reinvestment Act) legislation, which fell a little short last year. What's your view on trying to increase this funding?

SENATOR SCHUMER: I think we should try to pass CARA again. It's a continuing source of money for setting aside lands, for helping urban environments, which are all too often neglected. Frankly, I was disappointed that they kept cutting the allocation to New York and other large urban states. We should try to change the funding formula so it's a little more friendly to states that need help like ours, but above all we should pass CARA. Don't go for half-a-loaf, for CARA has the ability to pass.

MR. MILLER: You've been a leader on the Acid Rain issue and we thank you for that. Where do we see it on the radar screen in the new Congress?

SENATOR SCHUMER: We're making great progress on acid rain for this reason. It is no longer just the Adirondacks and the Green Mountains and the White Mountains, it's the eastern front of the Rockies, it's the Great Smokies that are all going to end up with 25, 30, 40 percent of their lakes being too acidic for life within a few years—so we're building coalitions.

There is one area we have not settled, which we have to, and I'd make a plea to the environmental movement that we've got to come together to address it. We must decide whether we'll go for a two (NOX and SO₂) or a four (NOX, SO₂, Mercury and CO₂) pollutant bill to address this issue. We must work for what is best for the environment.

I've worked with Senator Jeffords, Senator Clinton and others on a bipartisan basis to introduce the four pollutant bill (NOX, SO₂, Mercury and CO₂) in March and I have also introduced the two pollutant bill.

And I'll say this, no one would object if we can get to four pollutants. Let's work hard to try and get the four, but not give up on the two, in case we can't get the four.

MR. MILLER: General Electric is expected to lobby you as they continue to lobby Congress to have more riders to block the dredging of the PCBs in the Hudson.

SENATOR SCHUMER: As you probably know, I was one of the leaders in stopping the rider last year which would have delayed the EPA announcing its proposed clean-up plan.

I believe we have to dredge. However, I think it would be a mistake if we just use the issue to hit GE over the head. Our job is to get the Hudson River clean. That doesn't mean backing off what you clean. I would not be adverse to some kind of compromise on who pays for it, so they don't have to pay for all of it. But, I would not be in favor of a compromise that deals with or that undoes the cleanliness of the Hudson. It has to be dredged. I will work hard to prevent the riders like I did last year.

MR. MILLER: Lastly, environment education is critical if we're going to make strides into our next generation, and you've been very helpful with us in creating the Prospect Park Audubon Center.

SENATOR SCHUMER: I was going to say, my kids will benefit. I live right on Prospect Park, and the site of the new Audubon Center has been visited by both of my children and they will utilize it when it opens next year.

MR. MILLER: And we are so excited about that. Please discuss the importance of your continued support to places like the Prospect Park Audubon Center, and the need to fund environmental education in urban areas.

SENATOR SCHUMER: Well, let me just say, when you're in a large urban area like Brooklyn, in New York City, we have a lot of poor kids. We need to provide them with a connection to the environment. I mean, I love the environment because I'm able to experience it. My family, Iris, Jessica, Allyson and myself, have hiked in maybe 25 national parks. Yet, a child from the inner-city who lives right on Prospect Park, doesn't have the opportunity to experience the beauty, although the earth is theirs as much as anybody else's. That's why education is crucial.

Environmental issues are going to become more and more important over the next 30 to 40 years. We're going to need all the friends and help we can get because it's going to be a world movement. Early education is so important, not simply to teach the children what's good for them, but to make them conscientious early on, so we can expand our base and expand coalitions.

MR. MILLER: Well, thank you again for your on-going support of the Prospect Park Audubon Center because that's going to be a model effort.

SENATOR SCHUMER: Thank you for doing it. And I want to thank Audubon for all that you do for the environment.