

**New Hampshire Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
December 20, 2005
2:00 p.m.
Local Government Center, Concord**

Present: Heather Shumway, Doris Mitton, Sarah Leonardi, Randy Brough, Mary Ahlgren, Sue McCann, Catherine Redden, Andrea Thorpe, Marilyn Borgendale, Diane Tebbetts, Dianne Hathaway

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Doris Mitton.

Minutes: Minutes of the October 25, 2005 retreat were approved as written.

President's Report—Doris Mitton:

- Doris only has dial-up internet access and her library is open 10 hours per week—please be patient when waiting for an email response from her.
- The conference went well and Doris has the result of the evaluations. She will email them to the Board.
- Vice President Annie Donahue was unable to attend today's meeting.
- Catherine is pleased with leadership from a small library that can remind us about dial-up. Also pleased to have an academic library represented on the board.

Treasurer's Report—Carl Heidenblad:

- Carl was unable to attend and will email the new treasurer's report. Heather distributed the October report to those present.

Old Business:

- Barnes and Noble—Over \$1,000 was raised but some disappointment in the low amount—good start for our first time. Randy suggested having librarians at the doors to hand out the coupons to shoppers entering the store. We could get \$5,000-10,000 by being more assertive. Coupons were on the counter at the Manchester store but nothing was available at the Salem store. The board was originally told the coupons could not be handed out at the door. Barnes and Noble leases the bookstores at UNH and Plymouth State University. Some clarification needed and maybe some ideas and suggestions from the store for next year.
- Conference request for additional deposit monies—NHEMA requested additional money but there are questions from the NHLA board about why the money is needed. Heather, as co-chair of the 2007 conference, will find out more. September 20, 2005 board minutes show a motion for \$4,000 in seed money. January 25, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. is the next conference committee meeting at the Hooksett Public Library. All meetings will be in Hooksett because the group can easily be accommodated and morning and afternoon meetings will be alternated.

- PLA bus information: Lots of phone calls to Andrea about the PLA buses. Portsmouth and Keene will get their own bus since there is enough interest, also Concord, Manchester, and Salem. Some people will need to drive part way to catch the bus. Round trip will be around \$20 and is a bargain. Andrea will negotiate after the holidays since the fuel prices are so volatile right now. Feedback is still needed. The Continuing Education Committee is helping out with the coordination.

New Business:

- Membership discounts: Marilyn has sent out at least 35 more PLA coupons because people have lost their originals. The agreement with PLA is that paid 2005 members would get the coupon and more than 600 librarians joined or renewed. Some people who contacted Marilyn found out they were not NHLA members though some joined to get the PLA discount. A few people have been a challenge for Marilyn to work with and some have received membership benefits without paying their annual dues. **Motion made by Mary Ahlgren that 2005 membership money must be in Marilyn Borgendale's hand before December 31, 2005 or librarians are not eligible to receive a PLA discount coupon. Second by Heather Shumway. Motion passes unanimously by those present.** Marilyn did send NHLA members a membership card in 2005. Apparently there has been no check of membership for past conferences. READS and CHILIS should request a membership list whenever a conference is being planned.
- Vacant Posts: Ways and Means is vacant, Federal Relations is questionable, Randy is still Legislative Chair. The board is unsure of the status of the *NHLA Newsletter*, Ann Hoey is the NHSL Liaison. Luci Albertson from the Bedford Public Library is the new CHILIS President, a new Scholarship Chair is needed since Mary Ann List has resigned. Sue McCann is interested in working on the NHLA web site and she has already spoken with Jennifer. Do we know anyone who can chair the Scholarship Committee? Sean Fleming in Lebanon, Michael Huxtable in Portsmouth, Michelle Sampson in Milford, are a few suggestions. Katherine Dormody in Gilford is a suggestion though she is not an NHLA member.

ALA Councilor Report:

- Midwinter is January 21-25 in San Antonio. The annual conference will be in New Orleans and will be the first major conference to go back though there are mixed messages about hotels, restaurants, etc.
- The Patriot Act did not get passed in the Senate and there is still debate. Story about a UMASS student wanted to borrow a book about Chairman Mao and was approached by Homeland Security officials. Indication is that there is a watch list of books.
- Diane's term will be ending in June and there needs to be some thought of a nominee to replace her. The election is scheduled for the fall. Diane misses the listserv and the board encourages her to use WebJunction.

Section and Committee Reports:

- **READS**—Held elections this fall and received 48 ballots, about a third of the membership. Eleven different write-in votes for Vice President and Claudia Mayer, with the most votes, has accepted. The programming committee is in need of a chair to fill Claudia's position as she moves up. Amy Thurber is the new secretary and Steve Viggiano is the new membership chair. The Public Relations Committee is new and will work on buying a READS banner and publicizing what reference librarians do in your library. The Executive Board met on December 7th and they will meet six times a year beginning in February. They are working on an annual schedule to make it easier for librarians to schedule and budget. Topic of book discussion groups for the next Round Table discussion in late March. Revision of bylaws will be posted on the web site but there was some confusion with the results and there may need to be additional changes made.
- **URBANS**—The annual meeting was postponed due to snow and will be held in January. Shirley Barron from Bedford has retired and Mary Ann Senatro is the new director. A salary survey was done in September and Cathy Beaudoin in Dover has the information. She is the current chair of URBANS. They also voted to give \$10 per library member to hurricane and flood relief.
- **Legislative**—Randy Brough—The Patriot Act will run out the last day of the month without the renewal of provisions. Senator Sununu has been very strong about opposing the renewal. There is a new contract for our lobbyist that needs Doris' signature. Randy, Mike York and the lobbyist are concerned about a new bill regarding internet access in public libraries. The sponsor is Jarvis Adams from Greenfield and the bill number is HB1120. Randy will keep us all informed.
- **Intellectual Freedom**—Mary Ahlgren—Willing to be involved in conversations about HB1120 when needed. Franklin is having some difficulty with internet access and there has been no contact with Mary about it. It's been a quiet issue with the city council controlling the money. Feel free to let Mary know issues as they come up. ALA has a program in April and is providing funding for all intellectual freedom committee chairs to attend. Mary would need to present information here in NH in exchange. It would be important for the trustee's association to have this information. Ann Fabrizio (not present today) is the representative to NHLA from the trustee's association.

Adjournment: 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Hathaway, NHLA Secretary