

**New Hampshire Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
January 17, 2006--DRAFT
2:00 p.m.
Local Government Center, Concord**

Present: Heather Shumway, Doris Mitton, Sarah Leonardi, Mary Ahlgren, Sue McCann, Catherine Redden, Andrea Thorpe, Marilyn Borgendale, Diane Tebbetts, Carl Heidenblad, Lucy Albertson, Lesley Kimball, Annie Donahue, Ann Hoey, Dianne Hathaway, Rob Sargent (Guest)

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by President Doris Mitton. Introductions were made of all attendees since we have a full house today!

Minutes: Minutes of the December 20, 2006 retreat were approved with one correction: under "New Business" the motion should read "2005 membership money."

President's Report—Doris Mitton:

- Received a few email in the past two weeks, one related to the *NHLA Newsletter*. Becky Clerkin is the editor and not in attendance today. Also one email from Ann Fabrizio who would like to be considered for the position of ALA Councilor. Diane's term expires this year and the new councilor will need to be elected.

Vice President's Report—Annie Donahue:

- February 25th is the deadline for the *NHLA Newsletter*. Please be sure to get news to Becky Clerkin about the Ladybug Award, any library news, and PLA conference information. Annie is starting to look forward to the November conference and looked over the last evaluations for ideas. Please let Annie know if you have ideas for the November 2nd fall conference.
- Heather Shumway mentioned to Annie that as the 2007 conference co-chair she would love to hear some academic ideas for that conference.
- Lesley Kimball mentioned that the program Annie and Carolyn White did at the spring conference about developing a film library would be great to run again!
- Marilyn Borgendale asked for more information about why a December newsletter was never published. Board members wrote articles, the retreat was to have been covered and the board needs to take responsibility for it. PLA bus information was to have been included and it would have helped answer the many questions NHLA members have had.
- Catherine Redden has about 25 years worth of newsletters found during the painting of her office. There have been lots of turnover of editors over time and she noted she didn't miss that the newsletter was never published in 2005.
- Catherine is doing some more work on the updates to the pay equity salaries. Also, please provide corrections to the NHLA board contact list. The NHLA constitution and bylaws may need some work to reflect members of the board. There are 5 NHLA people appointed to the state advisory board and Catherine made contact with Darlene Reinhold for updates. These people should be appointed by the NHLA president.

Treasurer's Report—Carl Heidenblad:

- All accounts balance. The audit work is nearly complete and Carl will pick up materials this afternoon. The audit was good and clean and he'll have it for the board next month.
- In the process of receiving membership money from the Local Government Center and the record-keeping looks good. Carl will speak with them this spring about taking over some of the treasurer's duties.
- Money from the Barnes and Noble fundraiser has not been received by the association. The money is not reflected in the current budget. **Motion made by Catherine Redden that the \$500 not spent on the NHLA Newsletter in the first 6 months of our fiscal year should be used to create a line item for young adult special projects. Seconded by Andrea Thorpe. Motion passes unanimously by those present.** Discussion and consensus that this money to be used for the Flume Award.
- Will Local Government Center work on newsletters? Apparently they can help with design and mailing.
- Mary Ahlgren would like to know if the Local Government Center could be a van stop on the state system. Ann Hoey will check with Donna Gilbreth about it.

Old Business:

- PLA Bus Update—Andrea Thorpe—Mary Ann List is working on a contract with Premier Bus for about \$20 round trip. One bus will leave from Portsmouth, one from Keene stopping in Nashua, a Warner bus will leave around 5:30 a.m., stop in Concord, Manchester, and the Windham park and ride. People from Lebanon area will need to drive to Warner. Local Government Center will take all reservations for us and priority will be given to NHLA members. The Continuing Education committee will cover part of it for people riding both days. Andrea is hoping to have information out by the end of next week. Mary Ahlgren commends the committee for planning this transportation on March 23rd and 24th. Sarah Leonardi made a suggestion that a blog be created on WebJunction for people to plan ride sharing. Andrea will call Tom Ladd about it.
- Catherine is still looking for some names to fill vacant posts on the NHLA Board. Lesley suggests John Fuchs, director at the Rochester Public Library may be interested. Michelle Sampson from Milford may be a possibility. Scholarship, Ways and Means, Public Relations need to be filled.

New Business:

- There will be no NHLA board meeting in March since it falls the same week as PLA.

NELA Representative Report—Lesley Kimball

- Attendance was down at NELA in Worcester last fall but response to the programming was excellent. The 2006 conference will be in Burlington, Vermont October 22-24.

- The NELA member who recruits the most new members between the fall of 2005 and fall 2006 will win a free 2007 NELA membership. There is a space on the membership form to write the “recruiter’s” name.
- NELA is looking for volunteers to work at the exhibit table during the PLA conference in March. Please let Lesley know if you can help out.
- The biannual Counterparts Conference will take place in July 2006, dates to be announced. Anyone is welcome to attend this conference that brings librarians together from all six states to discuss issues that affect all of us. More information will be forthcoming.
- Heather attended Counterparts the last time and the NH attendance was poor. It’s a great way to network and meet others in New England. It is usually one overnight.
- Lesley believes her term is up this year as well.

ALA Councilor Report—Diane Tebbetts:

- Diane heads to San Antonio, Texas at the end of the week for ALA Midwinter. Things are heating up on the list with the Patriot Act still being discussed.
- Gerald Hodges from ALA recently passed away. He was in charge of chapter relations for many years and there will be a service at midwinter.

Section and Committee Reports:

- CHILIS—Lucy Albertson—Conference has been moved to March 9th because of PLA and the lack of a joint conference. There will not be a summer reading kick-off this year or Great Stone Face Tea. At the next board meeting there will be a discussion about book awards in the state for standardization and consistency and to be sure there is no overlap.
- READS—Sarah Leonardi—Pam Gjetton is the new program chair for READS. The next round table will be about book discussion groups in March. Monday, March 27th at the Hooksett Public Library: *Before you Know Kindness* by Chris Bohjalian. Wednesday, March 29th at the Howe Library in Hanover: *The Dogs of March* by Ernest Hebert. Friday, March 31st at the Rye Public Library: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- URBANS—Sue McCann—No meeting has been held.
- Legislative—Randy Brough via Mary Ahlgren—Randy attended the legislative hearing about HB1120 that would require filtering on all computers being used by people under the age of 18. He doesn’t believe it will get far and the sponsor was not well-informed at the hearing last week. Jarvis Adams is the sponsor from Greenfield and Sarah Leonardi spoke with staff at that public library about it. The chair of the subcommittee told Randy they were all on the same side. It falls under the Science, Technology and Energy Committee. Heather Shumway believes we dropped the ball on this issue since some librarians were called by their representatives and they hadn’t heard anything about it to respond. Suggestion that news be publicized on NHAIS-L and WebJunction so we are all kept in the loop for information purposes. Andrea Thorpe receives an email from our lobbyist with the bills he’s following—Randy will be asked to make that information available to members even if no action needs to be taken. Annie

Donahue asked about NHAIS-L and its communication use by NHLA. Catherine will send Annie an email about getting signed up for NHAIS-L.

- Intellectual Freedom—Mary Ahlgren—Mary introduced Rob Sargent, Director of the Franklin Public Library. It may be too soon for support from NHLA but Rob is interested in sharing an issue for the future. In the past signed permission slips were kept on file that gave minors parental permission to use unfiltered internet access. The city council objected and unanimously showed support for filtering for anyone of any age on all library PCs. A letter written by the city manager threatened to cut off library funding if filtering was not instituted. The Library Board of Trustees and the council agreed that filtering would be used for minors and any adult could ask for it to be disengaged. At the last city council meeting Rob was asked about the status of filters even though he was not on the agenda and even though all previous documentation had been shared. The council told Rob the agreement was not what had actually been agreed on between the trustees and the city council. The Board of Trustees and Rob will be summoned to the council's meeting on February 6th regarding this issue. Rob and Michael York will be strategizing next week and Rob has also called the local chapter of the ACLU. The Board of Trustees does not want to budge from the original agreement. Rob would like the support of NHLA if necessary. The ALA Intellectual Freedom Office may be able to assist Rob with this as well. Melissa Martin is the attorney that works with the Trustees Association and the Franklin trustees may want to call her for advice. Mary believes this mentality is likely to spread in the state and for all of us to pay attention to what is said at local meetings. It may be worthwhile to provide an intellectual freedom program at the next NHLTA conference. The next trustees' meeting is January 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Franklin Public Library.
- Conference Committee—Heather Shumway—The next meeting of the committee is on January 24th at 4:00 p.m. at the Hooksett Public Library. All are welcome to attend.
- Membership Committee—Marilyn Borgendale—Having the LGC handle the membership database has been wonderful but we're still working out the kinks. We have 202 members so far for 2006 and of those 28 are new members. LGC will send out a reminder at some point to those who have not renewed. Marilyn applauds those who worked on the PLA agreement so more NH librarians can attend this national conference at a reduced rate.
- Advocacy Committee—Lesley Kimball—meeting this Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the Windham Library

Adjournment: 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Hathaway, NHLA Secretary