

**New Hampshire Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
February 21, 2006
2:00 p.m.
Local Government Center, Concord**

Present: Heather Shumway, Sarah Leonardi, Steve Butzel, Mary Ahlgren, Sue McCann, Catherine Redden, Andrea Thorpe, Marilyn Borgendale, Diane Tebbetts, Carl Heidenblad, Lucy Albertson, Randy Brough, Annie Donahue, Ann Hoey, Becky Clerkin, Brian Hackert, Dianne Hathaway

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Vice President Annie Donahue in place of President Doris Mitten.

Minutes: Minutes of the January 17, 2006 meeting were approved as written.

President's Report—Doris Mitton via Catherine Redden:

- Received a thank you note from ALA Katrina Relief donation.

Vice President's Report—Annie Donahue:

- Newsletter: Annie spoke with Becky Clerkin and Lesley Kimball. They will work together to get a March newsletter out on time. There were only three submissions for the December issue. One suggestion from Becky to change the deadline of the newsletter to the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication. **Motion by Catherine Redden that the newsletter deadline be changed to the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication so that the board can address any lack of submissions. Second by Andrea Thorpe. Motion passes unanimously.** All board members are encouraged to submit to the newsletter by emailing Becky Clerkin at rclerkin@nhctc.edu. Notes from the retreat detail the newsletter discussion and schedule of what is to be covered in each issue though none of the items were assigned. Annie also emailed the board earlier today regarding the newsletter. Andrea will coordinate submissions about PLA for the next newsletter; please email information to her. Diane suggests profiling the sections and board members. Mary suggests placing an appeal in the next newsletter for a volunteer to write the profiles. READS is considering a column to profile colleagues in different areas. When submitting anything to Becky for the newsletter please write "NHLA Newsletter" in the subject line. Division of duties: Becky will edit, Annie will track people down and Lesley will take care of printing and mailing. It will also be available through the NHLA web site.
- Fall conference: This spring NHCUC will partner with NHEMA about information literacy at their conference. The grant received for this will allow some library promotion as well and it would be a good partnership with NHLA. Annie asked for clarification about planning the fall conference and how much detail the board

requires. Annie is able to book the location independently. The fall conference is a one-day meeting and that allows some flexibility.

Treasurer's Report—Carl Heidenblad:

- Carl has five copies of the auditors report for anyone interested. The Barnes and Noble check has not been received yet and Catherine will follow-up on it. The annual donation has not been sent to the ALA office. **Motion made by Diane Tebbetts that we send out our annual donation to the ALA Washington Office; one dollar per NHLA member. Second by Catherine Redden. Motion passes unanimously.** We have 602 paid 2005 NHLA members.

Old Business:

- PLA Update: Andrea Thorpe reports that 33 people are riding the bus on Thursday, March 23rd, 17 on Friday, 19 additional people riding both days. People not associated with NHLA will be able to sign up after February 28th so some trustees may be interested. Andrea will assign someone to be the bus monitor and check off riders from a list. Andrea will make sure a confirmation process is followed.
- Ann Hoey looked into the possibility of Government Center becoming a stop on the van system. It is fine with Donna Gilbreth at the NHSL but the Local Government Center will need to agree as well. Jeni Eldridge is the contact person at LGC; Annie will follow through with this.

New Business:

- ALA Certified Public Library Administrator Program: Catherine believes someone in NH should follow-through with this program. Catherine believes these will be online courses but details are not known. Can NHLA make some scholarship money available for this? Continuing education money can be used; an MLS is required to enroll in this program and the courses need to be completed within three years. Please think about someone that might be encouraged to enroll.
- Diana Degen asked Ann Hoey to report that a committee is needed to select the new NHU-PAC database; the contract with EBSCO is expiring this year. Diana would like someone from NHLA to sit on the committee; Steve Butzel will contact Diana about this.
- Brian Hackert is offering a PR opportunity to NHLA. He is editing a newsletter for the Center for the Book and would like submissions about other NH library activities, initiatives and things that promote libraries. The deadline is March 1st for the newsletter to be available around April 1st. There is an email link through the READS page or at the Peterborough Town Library. Sue McCann is trying to update information about Ann Geisel for that award page; Brian will give her some contact information for people that could help her.
- Sue McCann is working on updating the NHLA web site. Does anyone have contact information for Shirley Adamovich? Diane will pass on that information. Please take a look at the contact information on the site and let Sue know about corrections. Also pass on your ideas! Would it be possible to move the NHLA

web site to WebJunction? Is there an archive for items now newsworthy anymore?

- Catherine updates the pay equity scale and it will be available on the NHLA web site.

NELA Representative Report—Lesley Kimball (absent)

- From Lesley's email: NELA New Member Challenge --Get the most new members to mention you on their registration form and you'll win a free membership for yourself!

ALA Councilor Report—Diane Tebbetts:

- Diane emailed the report from midwinter and not much else is happening.

Section and Committee Reports:

- CHILIS—Lucy Albertson—Nancy Lang will submit an article to the *NHLA Newsletter* for CHILIS. CHILIS will meet next on March 9th in Laconia for the Kids, Books and the Arts showcase. They have begun an initiative to reorganize children's book awards for the state. Right now there is some overlap and ultimately there will be more cohesive coverage. No libraries will be asked to change what they're doing in any way.
- READS—Sarah Leonardi—Information has been distributed about the upcoming READS book discussions in three locations. Ernest Hebert will actually be at the discussion of his book—exciting! READS is working on interviews of its members for upcoming issues of the *NHLA Newsletter*. The board has changed and it is refreshing to see some new faces. They are working on purchasing a banner.
- URBANS—Sue McCann—Have not met since last October but meeting Friday in Laconia. They will set an agenda for the rest of the year at that time.
- Legislative—Randy Brough—House Bill 1120 has successfully been killed and was cited as inexpedient to legislate. Keep an eye on HB 1236 and HB 1237 that would require public notification in a newspaper of a municipality that pays a lobbyist. It is nuisance legislation and will probably be killed. It would also require paying to represent the opposing viewpoint as well. Randy is concerned that there was a feeling at the last meeting that information was not forthcoming about HB1120. Some directors were called by their legislators about the bill that they had not heard anything about. It was suggested we publicize what our legislative chair does for some better PR to the membership. Is there a better way to link our members with bills about libraries?
- Intellectual Freedom—Mary Ahlgren— Franklin Library Update: Mary Ahlgren reports that the trustees prevailed. Michael York helped Rob Sargent and the board tremendously. Trustees attended the meeting with the town council alone and they handled it all very well; they can turn off their filters without repercussions.
- Conference Committee—Heather Shumway—We've started to work on the 2007 conference to gather information about what programs people would like to see. Heather will email us tomorrow. Question about what happened with money

from the last conference? NHLA has not received any money yet from NHEMA and Heather will follow-up on it. The next conference committee meeting is March 6th.

- Membership Committee—Marilyn Borgendale—Having Local Government Center take over the database has been fantastic. They have cleaned up the database and READS and CHILIS were able to receive updated membership lists. There are 482 (2006) members to date; the committee will send out reminders by mail for those who have not renewed. Marilyn has just started sending out membership cards. Sue will be starting on a membership page for the NHLA web site and Marilyn will be helping.
- Advocacy Committee—Lesley Kimball—No report.
- Academic—No report.
- Trustees—Ann Fabrizio (absent)—The annual conference will be held on April 26th at the Grappone Canter; the theme is, "It's not your Grandmother's Library Anymore." Information will be mailed soon but check out the web site at www.nhlta.com. Awards will be presented later in the year at the library of the recipients. It has worked out very well the past two years.

Adjournment: 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Hathaway, NHLA Secretary