

**New Hampshire Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
April 18, 2006  
2:00 p.m.  
Local Government Center, Concord**

Present: Doris Mitton, Gail Drucker, Heather Shumway, Mary Ahlgren, Sue McCann, Catherine Redden, Andrea Thorpe, Marilyn Borgendale, Carl Heidenblad, Lucy Albertson, Randy Brough, Annie Donahue, Ann Hoey, Steven Butzel, Sarah Leonardi, Michael York, Dianne Hathaway

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by President Doris Mitton.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the February 21, 2006 meeting were approved with corrections.

**President's Report—Doris Mitton:**

- Doris has received many emails, one from the NJ Library Association about how we fundraise—we don't. Kelly Dennis wants to inform us of any promotional printing we may need is available through their company AVALONpromo. NH Archivists Group contact information was requested. Sue McCann is a member and will reply. Info received from on-demand conference calling company. Beth Strauss contacted librarians about nhlibrarians.org.
- After our January meeting Doris received information about insurance that will be filed in the archives.

**Vice President's Report—Annie Donahue:**

- At last NHCUC meeting Annie proposed a liaison between them and the NHLA to encourage involvement. They were completely in agreement.
- Annie has begun working on the fall conference. NHCUC is partnering with NHEMA for a spring conference. They are also considering partnering with the fall conference and Annie is looking for a location in Concord and will look at the planetarium if it is not too small. A "best-practices" expo is being considered for the afternoon

**Treasurer's Report—Carl Heidenblad:**

- Carl came closer to the right amount of reports for the group this month! He met with Janet from Better Bookkeeping and reviewed everything and resolved some problems. A journal entry Janet had made previously was reversed, resolving a \$2,208.85 amount for READS to their benefit.
- Everything is reconciled. There is \$899.62 in checking, \$65,853.52 savings for NHLA, \$4,435.87 in savings for READS. \$2,208.85 will be transferred into the READS savings account. Urbans has \$2,603.60 and CHILIS has \$31,365.06 in savings. Activity is broken down by section and the parent organization.

**Old Business:**

- Clarification needed for Annie about the LGC being considered as a van stop. She spoke with Jenny at LGC and it is okay, Annie spoke with Donna Gilbreth who had many questions. Annie felt she didn't have enough information to proceed. What is the value of the stop? Membership forms would be returned

annually, the newsletter could be sent out to libraries once the LGC is a stop. NHLA mail is received at the LGC and it is only picked up monthly---a van delivery will speed up that process. Materials are being mailed from the LGC to libraries and billed to the organization. The board believes a weekly stop would be appropriate. The NHSL is very open to a van stop at the LGC so this information will be helpful.

- Andrea strongly advocates an NHLA newsletter after seeing Vermont's 7-page newsletter recently. There are no answers as to why the newsletter has not been completed and distributed to the membership. Lesley and Becky are not in attendance today to add information. Annie will make some phone calls. LGC will actually put together our newsletter and distribute it as well. Should we ask Doris to amend our agreement with LGC to include the newsletter? Annie will find out more from Jenny Eldridge. Can size be determined on a monthly basis and the amount of items submitted?
- Marilyn asked a question clarifying voting powers of committee members. She interprets the bylaws to mean that they do have the ability to vote. Wording of the NHLA constitution and bylaws was consulted. Job descriptions of the board on the NHLA web site may help answer this question. Catherine Redden, as past president, will read over the bylaws and bring suggestions. **All board members should go to the web site and read the bylaws in preparation for a discussion at the May meeting.**

#### **New Business:**

- Congratulations and thanks to Andrea Thorpe for the work she did with the PLA buses. Many notes of thanks were received by conference attendees and bus drivers!
- There was discussion about a repayment issue and arrangements have been made. **Motion made by Andrea Thorpe to follow Gail Drucker's recommendation that we accept payments when they are received and divide 75/25 between CHILIS and NHLA. Second by Marilyn Borgendale. Motion passes unanimously.**
- State Library Report: The contract to renew the EBSCO databases has been signed. The Overdrive contract was also signed at PLA and any library can join. Towns with a population over 10,000 pay \$1,000; towns with a population under 10,000 pay \$500. That money will be used to purchase content for the virtual collection. Expect to be up and running by the beginning of June. Send Michael an email if you are interested and he will send out an invoice. A steering committee will be charged with selecting the collection.
- **GATS Library Agreement:** General Agreement on Trade and Service: 2 states are looking at GATS, one is Maine. The ALA doesn't expect much impact on libraries. Michael will contact the governor's office for more information.

**NELA Representative Report—Lesley Kimball--**Lesley was not in attendance today.

**ALA Councilor Report:** No report.

#### **Section and Committee Reports:**

- CHILIS—Lucy Albertson—No board meeting in March due to PLA. Working on initiative to consolidate book award groups. Some concerns have been

expressed so there will be more discussion at the next meeting. SRP in full swing! Catherine notes it takes a long time for checks to get cashed when paid to CHILIS. Lucy notes the process is lengthy to ultimately deposit with Carl. May 24<sup>th</sup> the Great Stone Face announcement will be made then posted on the web site.

- READS—Sarah Leonardi—The round tables on book discussion groups were very successful. Suggestion that a book bag type program be started for more contemporary titles that are difficult to borrow because of popularity. READS will fund the containers and a subcommittee will be formed. Storage would not be in one location but would be disbursed throughout public libraries. It was a good discussion. The fall program will be the first Friday in October at the LGC about marketing databases to the public. Denise Grimsey from the Weeks Public Library is putting together a panel discussion. The new READS banner was modeled and looks great.
- URBANS—Sue McCann—Finally met in February after being snowed out. Janet Angus from Merrimack is this year's chair, Michelle Sampson from Milford is the vice chair and Mary Ann Senatroy from Bedford is the treasurer. Meeting next on April 28<sup>th</sup> in Merrimack. Topic is blogs, RSS and wikis. Randy gave a great tour to the group of the new Laconia Public Library in February.
- Academics—no report
- Continuing Education—Andrea Thorpe—No more money, it was all spend on PLA buses!
- Legislative—Randy Brough—Randy emailed everyone that the HB was beaten pretty strongly. Catherine's letter was very helpful. Thanks to everyone for writing letters to their legislators.
- Intellectual Freedom—Mary Ahlgren—Attended "Law for Librarians" in March in Chicago. Mostly involved policy matters and Mary actually brought her policy manual with her. Someone from every state attended and the workshop was sponsored by the Ford Foundation. Requirement that attendees provide two information sessions in their state. Mary and the Maine representative are thinking about a preconference at NELA as a way to get the information out. Possibility of doing a program at the NHLTA conference next year.
- Conference Committee—Heather Shumway—No report.
- Membership Committee—Marilyn Borgendale—So nice having membership handled through the LGC!
- Advocacy Committee—Lesley Kimball—No report. There was an email sent by Beth Strauss but little feedback was received. Is there some duplication of effort with the web site? Maybe a blog would be better?

**Adjournment:** 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Hathaway, NHLA Secretary