

**New Hampshire Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
February 20, 2007  
2:00 p.m.  
Local Government Center, Concord**

Present: Catherine Redden, Judy Haskell, Amy Thurber, Claudia Mayer, Pam Stauffacher, Heather Shumway, Marilyn Borgendale, Andrea Thorpe, Randy Brough, Sean Fleming, Mary Ahlgren, Steve Butzel, Ann Hoey, Annie Donahue, Mary Ann Senatro, Sue McCann, Carl Heidenblad, Dianne Hathaway

I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by President Annie Donahue.

II. **Minutes:** Minutes of the January 16, 2007 meeting were approved by those present.

III. **NHLA Webpage Training—Steve Butzel**

IV. **Officer Reports:**

**A. President's Report—Annie Donahue:** Annie has begun visiting co-ops around the state. She is still waiting to here from a few others. It's great fun promoting NHLA! She has been providing information about the scholarships, conference and participation. Is there a deadline for the application of scholarships? There used to be two deadlines but now apparently there are no deadlines. Annie passed on some continuing education and conference ideas.

**B. Vice President's Report—Amy Thurber:** Amy has started working on the schedule for the November business meeting and the location, possibly The Common Man in Plymouth. She has ideas about programming and an auction.

**C. Treasurer's Report—Carl Heidenblad:** Carl distributed the balance sheet. The balance sheet and the statement reconciled. Met with the CHILIS representatives that went well and Carl has been in touch with the auditor who recommended another board member take a look at the monthly bank statements. Annie would like to begin looking at the next budget starting at the April meeting and to have the treasurers from the sections in attendance.

**D. Past-President—Doris Mitton—not in attendance.**

**E. NELA Representative Report—Judy Haskell:** The NELA board has not met recently but will meet in March. The conference in November will celebrate lifelong learning.

**F. ALA Representative Report—Rob Sargent:** not in attendance but he sent his written report along with Annie.

V. **Old Business:**

**A. NELA Counterparts/ NELLs:** Annie would like the details about NELLs this summer since NELA is asking for contributions. Since NHLA did not budget for the expense we would need to find the money.

## **VI. New Business:**

**A. Gates Foundation:** Annie has heard from the foundation about their new DVD, "Communicating Your Library's Value." It may be useful for members.

**B. Young Adult Section:** Annie received an email from the Lebanon Public Library staff inquiring about a YA section. There is already an informal statewide group that meets quarterly that has had no interest in becoming a formal section. They have good attendance, 15 to 20 librarians each meeting. Annie will get more information and proceed.

**C. ALA Preconference:** Annie received an invitation regarding a telecommunication policy debate at the summer ALA meeting. There is a training opportunity for one person from each state, paid by ALA. Steve Butzel would be interested in attending for NHLA; Annie will get more information for Steve.

## **VII. Section Reports:**

- A. Academics—**Annie has a March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting scheduled for this section to try to get someone identified as a leader. She is also doing her "dog and pony show" at NHCUC in March.
- B. CHILIS—**Pam Stauffacher—Spring conference is April 5<sup>th</sup> in Plaistow. The registration information will be on the web site soon. Summer reading program stuff will be sent soon. April 13<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for ordering totes and t-shirts. Great Stone Face Tea will be held at the spring NHLC.
- C. READS—**Claudia Mayer—Roundtable discussions will be taking place at the end of March and the registration forms have been sent on the vans. Reads-to-Go is ready to go! The bags will be ordered very soon. READS is celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.
- D. Urbans—**Mary Ann Senatro—Met in January and planned programming for the year. Mary Ann will put the schedule and topics on the blog. Urbans will host a director's roundtable at the NHLC.

## **VIII. Committee Reports:**

- A. Advocacy—**Annie has been in email contact with Beth and Annie would like direction from the board due to her frustration with the situation. The consensus of the board is to find another chair who can attend our monthly meetings. Many of us were surprised at the work being done by the committee that we had not heard about.
- B. Bylaws—**Cathy Redden—The sections will be reminded to send bylaws to the executive board.
- C. Conference—**Heather Shumway—Conference planning is coming along nicely and the schedule should be posted this week. Annie would like to set a tentative date for 2008 around PLA and the school vacations, Easter holiday, etc. Heather tentatively proposes May 21 and 22, 2008. Annie will speak with NHEMA about their plans.
- D. Continuing Education—**Andrea Thorpe—The committee met and will offer a program about web 2.0. A day will be planned and then after that offer some small, hands on workshops around the state. Is there a way we can film a workshop to be distributed statewide? Broadband is not available in the North Country so broadcasting it via the web site is not feasible. Lots of mini money grants available.

- E. Intellectual Freedom—Mary Ahlgren—The committee will not be offering a program at the NHLC. There was one intellectual freedom complaint noted, but otherwise not much is happening.
- F. Legislative—Randy Brough—nothing to report. Library Legislative Day is May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Washington, D.C. There is money for the NHLA president to attend or her representative.
- G. Membership—Marilyn Borgendale—Renewals are still coming in; the membership brochure has been updated. Committee is planning a social hour at the conference and hopes members of the board will attend to meet new NHLA members. Heather and Marilyn will work on the logistics with the summer reading kick-off.
- H. Scholarship—Sarah Leonardi—Home with baby Karl!
- I. Ways and Means—Sean Fleming—He and Catherine Redden met with Barnes and Noble representatives for the April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> fundraiser in all their stores. The events are coming together for each store and the vouchers are almost ready to go. Vouchers will not be distributed at each of the stores but will be sent to libraries surrounding the stores for copying and dispersal.

**IX. Newsletter Editor—Rebecca Clerkin—not in attendance.**

**X. Website Coordinator—Steve Butzel—**Send Steve an email for additions to the master calendar. The Urbans web site is being integrated into the NHLA web site; READS still has their own design but is part of our web hosting. Steve will be talking to the READS folks about an interactive portion for the Reads-to-Go information.

**XI. Liaison Reports:**

- A. Center for the Book—Andrea Thorpe—the Ladybug Picture Book list is available. [www.nhbookcenter.blogspot.com](http://www.nhbookcenter.blogspot.com) is the official web page for the Center for the Book.
- B. NHAIS—Steven K. Butzel—nothing to report.
- C. NH State Library—Ann Hoey—nothing to report.
- D. NH State Library Advisory Council—Katherine Hiller—not in attendance.
- E. Trustees Association Liaison—Ann Fabrizio—not in attendance.

**XII. Adjournment at 3:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Hathaway, Secretary.