

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

Present: Catherine Redden, Judy Haskell, Amy Thurber, Darcy Coffta, Rob Sargent, Pam Stauffacher, Heather Shumway, Marilyn Borgendale, Sean Fleming, Ann Hoey, Mary Ann Senatro, Claudia Mayer, Steve Butzel, Carl Heidenblad, Dianne Hathaway

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Vice President Amy Thurber.
- II. **Minutes:** Minutes of the February 20, 2007 meeting were approved by those present.
- III. **Officer Reports:**
 - A. **President's Report—Annie Donahue:** not in attendance.
 - B. **Vice President's Report—Amy Thurber—**We've agreed to use The Common Man in Plymouth on November 1st for our annual meeting. LGC set it up for us and were very helpful. Amy is still working on confirming the programming.
 - C. **Treasurer's Report—Carl Heidenblad—**Carl hasn't received the bank statement yet. The totals are all in the report and there is money in the checking account divided between the sections and NHLA. Page 3 is the copy of the budget; the last page has the year-to-date budget vs. actuals.
 - D. **Past-President—Doris Mitton—**not in attendance.
 - E. **NELA Representative Report—Judy Haskell--**NELA is asking for \$500 for Counterparts and \$2,000 for NELLs from each state association. This year is a Counterparts year.
 - F. **ALA Representative Report—Rob Sargent:** Quiet time of the year though Rob has registered for the summer ALA conference. Rob asked when NHLA makes the contribution to ALA—sometime in June.
- IV. **Old Business:**
 - A. Joint conference—Carl shared news from his coop (MerriHillRock) who were not happy with the NHLA decision to split the 2008 conference from NHEMA. They felt strongly that the membership should have been made aware prior to the decision and that the communication be better, possibly through the newsletter. This may serve as a good reminder that the board is not communicating as well as we should.
- V. **New Business:**
 - A. Google Letter—Annie received a letter from Google who is interested in a webinar with librarians and our membership about their services and products. Google is already scheduled to do something at the NHLA conference. Steve will check up on it and report back to the board.
 - B. nhlibraries.org website needs renewal. That is the advocacy site and a decision needs to be reached regarding what to do. March 23rd is the renewal date. See below as part of advocacy report.

C. NELA Fall Conference—about half the board will be attending NELA so a change of meeting was suggested. Catherine made a motion to change the October 16th meeting date to October 23rd. Second by Judy. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Section Reports:

- A. Academics—no report.
- B. CHILIS—Pam Stauffacher—Summer reading materials will be arriving soon at your libraries. April 13th is the deadline for t-shirts. Spring conference is April 5th and the deadline is March 27th to register. Summer reading committee is selecting an artist for summer 2008.
- C. READS—Claudia Mayer—Next week are the roundtable discussions in Portsmouth, Peterborough and Plymouth. Reads-to-Go meets Monday and the bags have been ordered. The bags and the delivery slips have been approved by the NHSL. READS will be making a presentation at the May NHLC. Claudia met with Steve about the READS piece of the NHLA website. They are also working on a 20th anniversary celebration.
- D. Urbans—Mary Ann Senatro—Discussed working on a salary survey and how to make it useful. They will try to do a Google Doc. They will sponsor a director's roundtable at the NHLC in May. They will poll the audience for the topics to discuss. Meeting Friday to tour the Portsmouth Public Library.

VII. Committee Reports:

- A. Advocacy—Darcy Coffta—Welcome Darcy! An email was sent with lots of information coming from the past committee chair to Darcy. **Motion made by Marilyn to pay the \$30 to renew the advocacy website so that we can work out the process over the next year. Second by Catherine. Motion passes unanimously.**
- B. Bylaws—Cathy Redden—Cathy put up a blog entry on the website. READS and Chilis both sent her their bylaws. Come on guys, blog!
- C. Conference—Heather Shumway—Conference is coming together and the program looks good. March 28th is the next meeting; no dinner speaker has been found yet. Heather is interested in pulling together a meeting for the 2008 conference. Heather may not continue as conference chair so we should keep that in mind.
- D. Continuing Education—Andrea Thorpe—not in attendance.
- E. Intellectual Freedom—Mary Ahlgren—not in attendance
- F. Legislative—Randy Brough—nothing to report. Not in attendance.
- G. Membership—Marilyn Borgendale—Marilyn received a report this week and it appears we have 545 members—that's really good! We are in the process of calling all new members to welcome them to NHLA. Planning a welcome, cocktail hour for new members at the NHLC.
- H. Scholarship—Sarah Leonardi—Home with baby Karl!
- I. Ways and Means—Sean Fleming—Thanks to Catherine for posting the Barnes and Noble information on the blog. Sean will be sending information to Rebecca for the next newsletter. He received an email last week from one of the librarians involved with concerns about the amount of time the Barnes and Noble manager was requesting. In addition, concerns about recruiting other librarians and printing vouchers in their

public libraries. The thought was to distribute vouchers with books checked out. The voucher is the only way NHLA can get credited. Sean and Catherine will be meeting with the Barnes and Noble representative and will relay concerns and resolve issues. Apparently librarians in the Manchester area have been asked to provide storytimes, face painting and craft projects. Our role is mainly to publicize the event through our usual sources. Massachusetts is doing the same fundraiser and they have some good ideas online they we may be able to use. Can LGC make copies for those libraries that are going to be the hardest hit? Sean will call the contact at LGC about copying thousands of vouchers for distribution. **Motion made by Catherine to give Sean the authority to expend up to \$100 if the LGC charges us for the copying of vouchers. Judy seconds. The motion passes unanimously.**

VIII. Newsletter Editor—Rebecca Clerkin—not in attendance. Becky did send out an email earlier today. The newsletter is almost ready but the necessary insert needs more information on the back. Sean will email Becky with Barnes and Noble fundraising information for the upcoming newsletter.

IX. Website Coordinator—Steve Butzel—Working on getting the READS content onto the website; also doing it for Urbans. Darcy was added to the email link for the board. The library conference web site will go away after the 2007 conference and then the 2008 conference will go on the NHLA site. Call or email Steve if you have difficulty—blog on!

X. Liaison Reports:

A. Center for the Book—Andrea Thorpe—not in attendance.

B. NHAIS—Steven K. Butzel—Word came down from SirsiDynix that they won't continue to develop Horizon 8.0. There is a question on the state level what ILS the state will look at next. A task force has been assembled to look at a new ILS for the state but the contract won't expire until 2009. No customers will be abandoned but a replacement for NHU-PAC is less one option. The NHSL is preparing a survey that will be sent to all libraries soon.

C. NH State Library—Ann Hoey—Free spring classes are now online for registration. We're in the last round of a Gates Grant and it will be more competitive due the end of the month. Kids Books and the Arts grants are due April 18th. 2004/ 2005 statistics are now online and there is no news about the 2006 statistics. Heather and her staff are using the free courses on WebJunction and she highly recommends them to other libraries. They are great courses!!

D. NH State Library Advisory Council—Katherine Hiller—not in attendance.

E. Trustees Association Liaison—Ann Fabrizio—not in attendance.

XI. Adjournment at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Hathaway, Secretary.