

**New Hampshire Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
May 8, 2007  
2:00 p.m.  
Local Government Center, Concord**

Present: Annie Donahue, Andrea Thorpe, Catherine Redden, Judy Haskell, Amy Thurber, Rob Sargent, Randy Brough, Carl Heidenblad, Marilyn Borgendale, Sean Fleming, Sarah Leonardi, 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 March 20, 2007 meeting were approved by those present. (NOTE: The April 2007 meeting was cancelled due to statewide flooding)
- III. **Officer Reports:**
  - A. **President's Report—Annie Donahue—**Last week Annie went to Washington for legislative day and worked with Mike York to visit representatives. Tough time of year to go but it was an enriching experience. She will send a letter thanking them all. John Sununu has agreed to sign a letter approving LSTA funding that would mean 50% more money for NH if it passes.
  - B. **Vice President's Report—Amy Thurber—**Not much today. The fall conference will be at the Common Man in Plymouth on November 1 and the School of Cartoon Studies has agreed to present a program.
  - C. **Treasurer's Report—Carl Heidenblad—**Carl distributed the latest financial report.
  - D. **Past-President—Doris Mitton—**not in attendance.
  - E. **NELA Representative Report—Judy Haskell—**NELA presence will be felt at next week's conference. Counterparts will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> at Assumption College and the information has been submitted to the blog. A session about running effective meetings is scheduled for the morning and networking in the afternoon.
  - F. **ALA Representative Report—Rob Sargent—**ALA is next month in Washington, D.C. Rob was contacted recently by the executive director of ALA to find out if an ALA representative could attend the spring conference. It was so late the schedule was already full.
- IV. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Joint Conference—**Annie has been visiting coops in the state and she has been explaining the state of the spring conference. She has heard concerns that no one would step up to the plate to lead the conference, vendor issues, conflicts with CHILIS and children's programming, etc. Annie believes most people like the idea of separate conferences despite their concerns though they like cycling with other organizations. While money comes back to us after a conference NHLA never knows what the budget is for the joint conferences. NHLA has brought the vendors in while NHEMA has had control over the money, hotel

booking and planning, etc. NHLA members have voiced concern that they were not part of the decision-making even though the round table discussions at the last fall conference centered on the joint conference.

**B.** Raymond library discussion—Annie received an email from Pembroke P. L. asking if NHLA would be making a statement regarding that issue. The board believes the issue is old now and saying anything else would not help. Information is available on our web site to assist librarians with intellectual freedom issues. What is the responsibility of the association regarding this issue and others like the flooding of libraries? What role does the NHSL play? How about coops?

## **V. New Business:**

**A.** Budget Planning—Carl went through the rough draft of the 07-08 and the 08-09 budgets. Some numbers are there based on history, some information is not known and others, like the NELLs and Counterparts costs are not included yet. Income: Annie's goal is to break even with the 2008 spring conference since we have no idea what the conference costs could be; we don't know how many librarians we might attract. Some items, like continuing education are not represented in the budget right now since that is funded by other revenues and endowments. Andrea suggests putting footnotes at the bottom to explain the endowments. Carl will work with a few different options and send them out to the board members. Membership income looks good this year but Marilyn isn't sure the income will remain high over the next few years. An additional line for Ways and Means under income will be added to include Geisel, Flume, Advocacy, General Gift and Donations with the amount of \$800; the miscellaneous line will be reduced to \$100. Expense: The accounting company has been raising our fee annually by a few hundred dollars; the 08-09 amount was increased. The legislative line covers paying the lobbyist and the president's trip to D.C.—that amount increased to \$5,000 for 08-09. Additional line created for NELA to include NELLs and Counterparts with money to come from the MacDonald Fund. The scope of Counterparts has changed so Judy will find out more information. Postage was increased to \$2,000 for each year. Professional dues line is where the ALA chapter dues should be paid from. The newsletter line goes away and the \$1,000 gets folded up into the regular printing line and stationary line so it's all together. **We'll continue this discussion next month.**

## **VI. Section Reports:**

**A.** Academics—no one in attendance.

**B.** CHILIS—Pam Stauffacher—not in attendance.

**C.** READS—Claudia Mayer—Claudia sent a written report in her absence: The programming committee wrapped up the results of the spring roundtable discussions. About 48 people attended the discussions overall and the evaluations were favorable. READS-TO-GO will be kicked off at next week's conference; 20 libraries to date are sponsoring kits. The publicity committee has been working on our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and a bookmark will be available at the conference. The date for the READS Fall Conference and Annual Meeting will be October 26, 2007 at the LGC in Concord. The topic will be building, patron and material security. (Abbreviated—Dianne will file full report)

D. Urbans—Mary Ann Senatro—not in attendance.

**VII. Committee Reports:**

- A. Advocacy—Darcy Coffta—not in attendance.
- B. Bylaws—Cathy Redden—Cathy has received bylaws from CHILIS, READS, and Urbans.
- C. Conference—Heather Shumway—not in attendance—conference is next week. Catherine, Annie and Andrea will work as a subcommittee to start planning the 2008 conference and a potential site.
- D. Continuing Education—Andrea Thorpe—September 24<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for Library 2.0 and a discussion for social software and more. It will be held in Hooksett.
- E. Intellectual Freedom—Mary Ahlgren—not in attendance
- F. Legislative—Randy Brough—nothing to report.
- G. Membership—Marilyn Borgendale—The next event is at the conference to meet new members. The newbies are getting a voucher for a free drink. Marilyn will bring the NHLA badge stickers. She will also bring the lime green notebooks to publicize NHLA.
- H. Scholarship—Sarah Leonardi—No Norris money or Winchell Loans were awarded in the fall—Sarah is still waiting for the files from Joe. Mary Cronin has been awarded the spring Norris Scholarship. Sarah received a letter from the NH Federation of Women's Clubs and they give scholarship money to graduate students in library science.
- I. Ways and Means—Sean Fleming—Barnes and Noble fundraiser but not a big turnout. Only about \$400 was raised and Catherine recommends we not engage in this again—it's so much work for very little money. Sean and Catherine are commended for working so hard on this project!

**VIII. Newsletter Editor—Rebecca Clerkin**—not in attendance. An email reminder was sent to submit articles for the summer newsletter. Rob Sargent noted that the ALA report he submitted for publication in the last newsletter was left out.

**IX. Website Coordinator—Steve Butzel**—Not in attendance. Section people need to get a liaison for the blog to submit information.

**X. Liaison Reports:**

- A. Center for the Book—Andrea Thorpe—no report.
- B. NHAIS—Steven K. Butzel—not in attendance.
- C. NH State Library—Ann Hoey—not in attendance.
- D. NH State Library Advisory Council—Katherine Hiller—not in attendance.
- E. Trustees Association Liaison—Ann Fabrizio—not in attendance.

**XI. Adjournment at 4:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Hathaway, Secretary.