

**New Hampshire Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
September 18, 2007
2:00 p.m.
Local Government Center, Concord**

Present: Annie Donahue, Andrea Thorpe, Judy Haskell, Amy Thurber, Rob Sargent, Ann Hoey, Sarah Leonardi, Mary Ann Senatro, Mary Ahlgren, Steve Butzel, Darcy Coffta, Claudia Mayer, Carl Heidenblad, Randy Brough, Dianne Hathaway

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Annie Donahue.
- II. **Minutes:** Minutes of the July 17, 2007 meeting were approved by those present.
- III. **Officer Reports:**
 - A. **President's Report—Annie Donahue—**Annie received a number of email over the last 2 months. The first is from IMLS and is on the blog and is passed on to Amy. Phil Englehardt was a vendor at the May conference and the email was forwarded to the entire board. Should this go to children's librarians (CHILIS) or school librarians? The program is geared toward fifth graders only. The consensus is that this may work best in a school setting so Annie will forward to NHEMA. Kiva Publishing also emailed to announce two children's books they have published. Annie will forward Ann Hoey's contact information regarding the review of these titles and the state library web site for public library contact information. Valerie from Drexel University emailed about a potential partnership with NHLA—we are already a partner and that is on our web site. Double Midnight Comics emailed about some partnering with librarians—they are located in Manchester. They offer librarians a 20% discount. Annie will forward this information as well.
 - B. **Vice President's Report—Amy Thurber—**The brochure for the fall annual business meeting is going out today with the ballot information. Steve has posted it on the conference web site. Amy spoke with Marilyn about offering member rates for those who join after November 15 and be considered members for 2008. Marilyn will post this to the blog to get it out to the membership.
 - C. **Treasurer's Report—Carl Heidenblad—**The material had been emailed prior to the meeting. All accounts reconcile and everything is up-to-date.
 - D. **Past-President—Doris Mitton—**not in attendance. Andrea has the ballot. Steve Butzel will run for president and Sue Hoadley from Pelham and Linda Kling from Bow will vie for secretary.
 - E. **NELA Representative Report—Judy Haskell—**Next NELA meeting is Friday in Chelmsford, MA. NELLs will be held at the Rolling Ridge Conference Center in North Andover, MA from July 18 to August 1, 2008. Each state organization is asked to contribute \$2,000 with each attendee paying \$500. There is an application process for potential attendees.
 - F. **ALA Representative Report—Rob Sargent—**Quiet time right now. Rob has pre-registered to both ALA conferences next year with a cost savings.

IV. Old Business:

A. Compact Disc Minimum Advertised Price Antitrust Litigation: Annie received a check for \$20,564.78 but it was made out to UNH-Manchester rather than NHLA. Annie sent the check back asking for a new one to be sent. NHLA is the representative for the librarians of NH in this litigation. Annie is awaiting more information regarding the rules about this disbursement.

V. New Business:

A. ALA National Security Letter Resolution: Annie distributed the blog information from the Office for Intellectual Freedom regarding the ALA Resolution on the Use and Abuse of National Security Letters. **Andrea moves we endorse the letter. Rob seconds. The motion passes unanimously.** Mary Ahlgren will post our decision to ALA.

B. Board meetings: Some board members attended Counterparts in July and the program was on Great Meetings! Annie is suggesting that the board may not need to meet on a monthly basis. Our constitution says we shall have “regular meetings” as designated by the board. The bylaws only states we must meet 2 times per year. How about quarterly? December, March, June, September. If something is coming up that needs to be addressed by the board then the president can call an additional meeting. An option in addition may be using something like Skype for online, voice access to meetings. **Andrea moves we change to quarterly meetings. Mary Ahlgren seconds.** Discussion: Rob questions whether this will make our meetings much longer. Mary Ann suggests a consensus reporting that will cut down on the meeting time since all board members receive the reports ahead of time. When Rob was the president he did just that; he received the reports, collated them and then distributed them to the board with the agenda. Reports can be posted on the blog after the meeting to include the membership—maybe with the draft minutes. Sarah is concerned that 4 meetings a year is not enough with the budget taking an entire meeting. Also, if someone misses a meeting they miss one quarter of the meetings. Annie believes a more focused agenda and better, more efficient budget planning may solve some of that. **The motion passes unanimously by those present.**

C. Library of the Year Award: Does NHLA recognize the Library of the Year? Annie will send a note of congratulations and a card. Sarah suggests an article be within the NHLA Newsletter regarding this. Annie will follow-up with Becky.

D. NHLTA: Lillian Edelman called Annie because she is concerned about libraries charging for meeting room use. Andrea reminds us all that policies are a trustee issue since by statute they set policy for public libraries. Amy said Tom Ladd’s recommendation was to consider a revision that makes a co-sponsored event free.

E. YALS: Ann Hoey has a petition from YALS in pursuit of section status to NHLA. **Mary moves that we accept YALS as a provisional section of NHLA. Judy seconds.** This has been an informal group for a long time and now they are interested in formalizing the relationship and as an opportunity to grow. Are their budget concerns? IT’s up to them whether they want a budget but they need to write bylaws and elect officers, etc. The earliest they could come before the NHLA membership is at the NHLA Annual Meeting in November, 2008. **The motion passes unanimously.**

VI. Section Reports:

- A.** Academics—no report
- B.** CHILIS— Fall conference is coming up on October 18th at the Portsmouth Public Library. Please send your children's librarians!
- C.** READS—Claudia Mayer—The flyers are out for the fall meeting and program on October 26th. READS has a lot of work to do on the web site and the Reads to Go. There are 32 kits to date. The Hippo had a small article about the program.
- D.** Urbans—Mary Ann Senatro—There will be no meeting in October because the group is going to the READS meeting. They will meet on September 28th in Milford.

VII. Committee Reports:

- A.** Advocacy—Darcy Coffta—no report.
- B.** Bylaws—Cathy Redden—not in attendance.
- C.** Conference—Heather Shumway—On her honeymoon! Andrea reports that the conference committee is working and she is coordinating the program committee. Suggestions should be emailed to Andrea. There will be no sit-down meals but box lunches will be sold and tables will be set-up in the vendor hall. Most rooms will hold 40-60 people so that is roomy. Annie is working on an evening event that is more cultural and entertaining. Things are exciting already!
- D.** Continuing Education—Andrea Thorpe—Next Monday is Library 2.0 at the Hooksett Public Library. There is still room!
- E.** Intellectual Freedom—Mary Ahlgren—She would like to sponsor a program with YALS along the lines of "graphic sex, graphic novels."
- F.** Legislative—Randy Brough—It is open season for legislators to propose bills. It will be later in the fall when we see what has been proposed and our lobbyist will keep us informed.
- G.** Membership—Marilyn Borgendale—not in attendance.
- H.** Scholarship—Sarah Leonardi—The committee voted to give a Norris Scholarships to Caitlin Stevens from Plymouth State University and Melinda Ropack from UNH-Manchester. Both are interested in archiving. They will be introduced at the fall conference. The committee was very complimentary about Annie going around to all coops and advertising scholarships and grants. There is more than \$10,000 available and the board believes money should be given if there are good applicants.
- I.** Ways and Means—Sean Fleming—not in attendance.

VIII. Newsletter Editor—Rebecca Clerkin—not in attendance.

- IX. Website Coordinator—Steve Butzel—"Spam Look-up" has been used to cut down on spam on the NHLA web site and is working well. It cuts down on the comment junk tremendously.**

X. Liaison Reports:

- A.** Center for the Book—Andrea Thorpe—New Book Notes are being distributed by van. The Big Read kicks off in October at the State Library.

The advisory board is made up of representative from different organizations who serve for 3 years each.

- B.** NHAIS—Steven K. Butzel—Meeting in Nashua though there is no published agenda yet. Steve will send out the details.
 - C.** NH State Library—Ann Hoey—All email addresses will change at the NHSL in November. The children’s book review is being held this week. The state library is undergoing renovation to the fire alarm and sprinkler system. It has been very noisy.
 - D.** NH State Library Advisory Council—Katherine Hiller—not in attendance.
 - E.** Trustees Association Liaison—Ann Fabrizio—not in attendance.
- XI.** Adjournment at 3:17 p.m. **Our next meeting will be in November at the annual business meeting. There will be no October meeting. We’ll meet on December 18th for our transition meeting. March 18, June 17, September 16 in 2008.**

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Hathaway, Secretary.