

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

Present: Annie Donahue, Andrea Thorpe, Judy Haskell, Amy Thurber, Rob Sargent, Ann Hoey, Heather Shumway, Becky Clerkin, Mary Ann Senatro, Mary Ahlgren, Steve Butzel, Claudia Mayer, Randy Brough, Pam Stauffacher, Sue Hoadley, Sean Fleming, Tracey Lauder, Marie Lejeune, Chris Hague, Carl Heidenblad, Dianne Hathaway

- I. **Call to Order** – Introduction of new members and welcome!
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – September 18, 2007 meeting minutes were accepted as written.
- III. **Officers Reports**
  - A. **President**
  - B. **Vice-President—Amy Thurber**—Amy officially thanked those who helped with the fall annual meeting. She also thanked those who presented on that day. Received an email from channel 13 (NY Public Television) regarding a conference: “Celebration of Teaching and Learning Professional Development Conference.” They would like us to be a participating supporting organization. Two free tickets to the conference in return plus our name in the official information. Andrea suggests that it be turned over to NHEMA since it sounds more education oriented. Amy will pass the information along.
  - C. **Treasurer—Carl Heidenblad**—Carl explained the break out of accounts for those new to the board. \$135,447.20 at the end of November. Noted the receipt of \$6,000 from NHEMA for conference. Also money received from the CD litigation. Income was more than anticipated while expenses were less than anticipated.
  - D. **Secretary**
  - E. **ALA Representative**—not in attendance, ALA Midwinter is in January in Philadelphia.
  - F. **NELA Representative—Judy Haskell**—Posted the NELLs application on the blog; the NHLA board is awaiting an invoice to pay the \$2,000 we committed to the conference. Steve asked how we’re planning to review the applications. Marilyn served on the last review committee and they met via email and evaluated them based on the application packet. Applications are due in February and they are sent to the NHLA board for their approvals. Annie asks that Judy confirm the deadlines and get back to Amy to get a review committee together for the March board meeting.

IV. **Old Business:**

**A. 2007 Goals (How did we do):**

- 1. Revitalize the advocacy committee**—not done effectively this year. Annie ran out of energy but a great effort was made and there is currently no chair for the committee
- 2. Plan for the 2008 annual conference**—knee deep in it!
- 3. Create a treasurers' council** made up of the treasurers from the sections and the NHLA treasurer—graded D- by Carl but he'll keep working on it.
- 4. Improve communications with the membership**—Blogging, new website, newsletter. Great work!
- 5. Focus on scholarship and continuing education opportunities**—Great programs and workshops! Scholarships awarded, money in 2008 will be spent on an all-day human resources workshop.
- 6. Visit each NH Public Library Cooperative** to showcase the benefits of membership in NHLA. Annie visited all but one!! Great job, Annie!

- B. Compact Disc Litigation Settlement**—Annie distributed the letter received along with the check. Annie doesn't have the original documentation that was submitted by past president Catherine Redden. Money is earmarked for the musical portion of the summer reading program. Annie and Amy recommends forming a small ad hoc committee to come up with ideas and recommendation to administer the funds. Marie, Ann Hoey and Carl will work on this.
- C. Looking for an Intellectual Freedom Committee chair**, also chair of Continuing Education Committee and Advocacy Committee. Nancy Ladd from Warner may be interested in Continuing Education.
- D. National Security Letter**—Mary did sign NHLA onto the proposal.

V. **New Business:**

**A. 2009 NHLA Conference**—We waited a long time to set 2008 dates and we need to decide for 2009. Erin at LGC does a lot of work for us but needs dates and options. Possibility of a seacoast location? Anything the week after Mother's Day is fair game but Wednesday/ Thursday is the preference. May 13/ 14 first choice, May 20/ 21 second choice. Massachusetts is the first week in May. Vermont is waiting for us to decide. The committee will move forward on that.

**B. 2008 Goals:**

- 1. Mentoring:** Using NHLA as a mentoring outlet by connecting experienced librarians with new librarians. Coops do it really well by supporting each other by proximity. There are 2 programs at the NHLA conference that might be a good springboard for this goal.

**2. Revive and support new section development.** Steve would like to start an IT section for NHLA and believes NH librarians could do better and the association can play a role in it. He has received enthusiastic responses from about 15 librarians, many from academics. He believes programming, professional development, conference offering are a possibility. Some opportunity regarding rural librarians and IT. He will check the bylaws about how to start a new section. Marilyn believes this is an excellent idea! Good mentoring opportunity in IT. This would bring academic librarians into the organization that are underserved.

**3. Continue to work on creating a treasurers' council made up of the treasurers from the sections and the NHLA treasurer.**

**4. Continue to improve communications with the membership.**

**5. Continue to focus on scholarship and continuing education opportunities.**

**6. Create a rotation of visits to NH public library cooperatives that can be accomplished by a variety of board members representing NHLA and the benefits of membership.**

**C. Do we want to resurrect the advocacy goal from 2007?** Committee to provide tools for librarians to support and advocate for public libraries, press release support. History of trying to connect with legislators and providing them information regarding the importance of public libraries in NH. If we want to revive goal we need to define it small enough so we have a place to start. Let's table it and see if some organic growth occurs.

**D. *Library Journal*** contacted Annie about "Libraries and the Elections." Some chuckles regarding our "first in the nation" standing in the presidential elections. We are all set.

**E.** Annie also received information from Marija Sanderling regarding an annual report for the Charitable Trust Division of the Attorney General's Office. It refers to year 2004-2007. Carl understands the request and he will take care of it.

## **VI. Section Reports:**

**A. Academics**—no report.

**B. CHILIS**—Librarian of the Year Award! The applications are coming to LGC but Christian needs to know since it is a problem if we don't have a clear way to distribute materials. The NHLA president will receive it; Amy will speak with Christian. Amy will speak with Jenny Eldridge at LGC to find out how mail works for the organization and affiliates.

**C. READS—Chris Hague**—The READS board met yesterday and did some goal-setting. They will keep some old goals, like READS-to-Go. The list needs updating and there is no clear path for libraries wanting to donate to the collection. There is concern that the NHLA web site is buried deeply into the NH State Library site. The READS site needs polishing and they will handle that with assistance. Steve will be

connecting with some of the sections. All READS materials, like note pads, pens, etc. will include the web address. READS will work on a brochure for 2008. Also continue with the board handbook to attract more volunteers to the section. Planning four programs for the spring conference: verbal judo, a panel talking about green libraries, one about interlibrary loan, one about adult summer reading programs—information to Diane Arrato Gavrish in Merrimack if you have anything to share.

**D. Urbans--Mary Ann Senatro**—Latest topic was success stories. Michelle Sampson will chair for 2008, Cheryl Lynch is co-chair, discussed programming for 2008. Cathy Beaudoin will lead PLA discussion and director's round table for the spring conference.

**VII. Committee Reports:**

**A. Advocacy—no report**

**B. Bylaws—no report.**

**C. Conference**—Committee has been meeting and will meet again after this. 45 programs are being planned. The sections have stepped up to the plate and Hillstown contributed the money for Marylayne Block! A challenge to other coops. Dianne and Carol Roberts are working on exhibits and LGC is helping tremendously.

**D. Continuing Education—Andrea Thorpe**—we give money away for everything except conference! Just funded a mini money grant for a workshop.

**E. Intellectual Freedom—Mary Ahlgren**—think *Golden Compass!*

**F. Legislative—Randy Brough**—5 legislative service requests, 3 to bills. One is requiring filtering and requiring instruction in Internet safety. Another is relative to maintenance of libraries and another regards alternates to library boards. Stay tuned.

**G. Membership—Tracey Lauder**-- Letter went out with the 2008 membership forms. Tracey is receiving all the information from Marilyn; exciting that an academic librarian is chairing the committee.

**H. Scholarship—no report.**

**I. Ways and Means—Sean Fleming**--Thanks to everyone who contributed a basket at the fall meeting. Working with Amy about selling merchandise at the spring conference and we are moving in the right direction. Steve is asking for photos!! Send digital photos to him.

**VIII. Newsletter Editor—Becky Clerkin**—The Fall newsletter has been delayed but will be mailed shortly. Becky will be emailing at the beginning of January looking for articles for the winter issue.

**VIX. Webpage Coordinator—Steve Butzel**

**IX. Liaison Reports:**

- A. Center for the Book—Andrea Thorpe**—Meeting held in November. The *Fahrenheit 451* book was a success; next one is being planned for 2009. Over 20,000 votes cast for the Ladybug Book award winner.
- B. NHAIS—Steve Butzel**--Steve was unable to attend the last (conference call) meeting.
- C. NH State Library—Ann Hoey**—Diana Degen and Bobbi Slossar are pursuing a vendor day on April 1 at the Holiday Inn in Concord. There will be a small charge for food. Several vendors have already committed the day. There will be another launch of the audiobook service, probably on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- D. NH State Library Advisory Council**—no report.
- E. Trustees Association**—no report.
- X. Adjournment at 4:00 p.m. **The next meeting of the board will be on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the LGC. All reports should be sent to Amy the second Tuesday of the month the board is scheduled to meet!**

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Hathaway, Secretary.