

**New Hampshire Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
April 21, 2009, 2:00 pm  
Local Government Center, Concord, NH**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM by President, Steve Butzel.

**Present:** Attendee list is forthcoming.

**Officer Reports:**

President – Steve Butzel

Officer, Section, Committee and Liaison reports are now posted on the NHLA wiki, <http://nhla.pbworks.com>. The wiki allows each Section and Committee to edit their own reports, etc. The wiki complements the NHLA website, <http://nhlibrarians.org> which is the public face of the Association and includes NHLA's blog.

Congratulatory emails were sent to Beth Krommes, a NH illustrator whose work won the 2009 Caldecott award, and Nancy Keene who was named a Library Journal "Mover and Shaker."

The Small Libraries Summit Committee met for a second time. See wiki for full report. The first Small Libraries Summit is scheduled for April 16, 2010, but this date has not been formally announced.

Open positions on the NHLA Board include Conference Committee Chair 2010 and ALA Councilor 2010-2012. The Nominating Committee needs to identify candidates.

Vice President – Judy Haskell

Fall Conference/Business Meeting planning continues. Judy is considering including a program on youth services.

Treasurer – Carl Heidenblad

Treasurer's Report

Secretary – Sue Hoadley

Minutes for December 18, 2008 meeting are still being revised.

Minutes for the February 17, 2009 meeting: Mary Ahlgren moved to accept the minutes. A second was made by Sean Fleming. Passed.

### ALA Representative – Rob Sargent

Rob reported about the death of Judith Krug, a library pioneer who led the way in fighting for intellectual freedom matters. The Executive Board is considering options for how best to honor Ms. Krug.

### NELA Representative – Judy Haskell

Counterparts registration information will be accepted through June 30.

### **Old Business:**

#### Recording conference presentations

Andrea Thorpe reports that about half of the conference speakers have responded that they would be willing to be recorded. Following debate about the pros and cons of recording these conference sessions, Rob Sargent made a Motion to allocate up to \$2000 to record conference presentations. The motion was second by Judy Haskell. Motion passed. Steve will get quotes and let everyone know.

#### Recognition/Participation Program

Steve Butzel discussed some of the issues involved in creating a recognition program of some kind that encourages participation within the profession by NH librarians of all kinds. Rob Sargent noted that ALA has an Allied Professional Association which is trying to implement a certification program and suggested that maybe we should table our idea and look at the national model first.

### **New Business:**

#### Filling the Spring Conference Chair Position Annually

Steve Butzel commented that while in recent years, the past president has been Spring Conference Committee Chair, this has not been an expectation of the position holder. Sean Fleming added that continuing this pattern might discourage future candidates for NHLA President from running. Sean also mentioned that NELA has hired someone to oversee their conference.

It was noted that the NHLA President is empowered to appoint a conference chairperson if no one volunteers.

#### 2010 Spring Conference Location

In considering Attitash as the site for the 2010 Spring Conference, some Board members are concerned that transportation is a problem, and that the trip is too long for a day trip. Steve Butzel noted that from a planning perspective, it might be beneficial to pick three agreed upon sites spread around the state. Then, each year the conference would rotate amongst these sites. Mike York said this discussion has been going on for 30 years. The best attendance has always been in the south, but in several cases, the best conferences have been held further north.

### FY2010-2011 Budget

Carl Heidenblad gave out two hand-outs showing figures for budgeted versus actual spending amounts. Carl commented that more money needs to be budgeted for accounting. Carl explained that we have gone out to bid for many years, but our current auditor, Plotzik & Sanderson, is doing a good job and that our accounting needs are getting more complex these days. We have more sections and more money to track.

Randy Brough pointed out that our lobbying fees have gone up. Randy noted that \$5000 should be plenty.

Carl pointed out that the majority of line items in our existing budget have been on target, and that we could probably afford to support other new initiatives. Mary Ahlgren inquired whether there might be funds to print copies of NHLA's Intellectual Freedom Manual if the manual gets updated in the next year.

The Board plans to continue providing the Spring Conference Committee with \$6000 in seed money.

Carl added that the McDonald fund still plans to maintain level of donations despite current market.

### State Librarian -- Mike York:

Mike York thanked Randy Brough for his assistance in helping to get NH legislators to support LSTA funding. A "Dear Colleague" letter has been written which asks legislators to support LSTA funding.

Mike attended a hearing of the Senate Finance committee yesterday and learned that State revenues are down from expected levels. He is trying to insulate the state's libraries from funding cuts, but most likely he will need to make cuts in some services, probably statewide databases. Diana Degen is reviewing the databases and looking at what can be eliminated with the least impact. It's possible that one of the genealogy databases will be selected.

When asked if there is any Federal stimulus money available to libraries, Mike said these funds will come in the form of financial support for broadband -- concentric rings around community colleges and universities. He's trying to make sure that libraries are

included. Other monies will be distributed through the Department of Education or other existing structures.

Carl Heidenblad asked how NHLA could be of assistance in supporting the State Librarian. Mike reiterated that a targeted approach to communicating with legislators, coordinated by the State Librarian and NHLA's lobbyist is the best approach. Steve Butzel added that NHLA values the services of the State Library and the State Librarian, and that we want to do whatever we can to be of assistance.

**Section Reports:** (See also online wiki.)

**Committee Reports:** (See also online wiki.)

**Liaison Reports:** (See also online wiki.)

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

**Next Meeting** of the Executive Board will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 2:00 PM, at the Local Government Center.

Respectfully submitted:

Sue A. Hoadley  
Secretary