NHLA Board Meeting, June 16th, 2009

Steve called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

He introduced three new faces, the YALSA rep, our possible candidate for IFC chair, and our temporary ALA representative, Kerry Cronin.

Mention was made of the need for a permanent ALA rep...suggestions are welcome.

NELA is suggesting that we do a joint conference the year that they will be meeting in NH, 2012.

Steve has begun uploading audio and video from the May conference, with good results. He thinks that audio only may suffice in the future.

Judy Haskell is looking for places for the fall conference, and guarantees fun. Counterparts is coming up in July. Steve is going.....he encourages others to go, and says that there is money available.,

Carl had an updated treasurer’s report which shows a budget which will break about even for fiscal year 2008-2009. Details are available on the NHLA blog.

Kerry Cronin mentioned issues that are coming up on the ALA Councilors listserv, many of which are public policy issues. She will email Board members a list of these issues and await our feedback before she goes.

Old Business:

Steve is looking for volunteers to be a part of the spring conference committee. The 2010 NHLA conference will again be at Attitash, with the possibilities of joint conferences in the future but not yet. Annie reported on the Attitash conference. The bill from Attitash is currently being challenged because we were charged for room and meals taxes for the first time. The conference numbers are about $25000 expenses and $23000 income before any of the NHLA seed money. There were 246 attendees. The board voted unanimously to thank Annie and the full conference committee for an excellent conference.

The 2010 NHLA Conference will be held on the 13th and 14th of May, (Thursday and Friday).

Steve opened the floor for discussion regarding a joint NHLA/NHEMA conference. Advantages and disadvantages on both sides of the issue were discussed. Steve plans to contact the NHEMA leadership to arrange for a meeting where all sides of the numerous issues can be aired out.

Judy will think about having a “youth services friendly” conference in November.

Budget:

Small library summit is planning their conference for April 10th at LGC, limited to 75 people. Other than a $5-10 registration fee for attendees, NHLA will cover all expenses. This needs to be in the budget somehow, as does the audio recording of future conference programs.
Revenue: Suggested to put membership line at $23,000, lower miscellaneous income to $200, interest up to $600, ways and means down to $650. The “place holder” for the spring conference is at $20,000 to come closer to reality, but fall conference will remain the same. LGC has posted the section money from the membership form, but we will check with Christian to be sure gifts are recorded as such. Total $46850.

Expenses:

Accounting increased to $8000. Budget line 6010 becomes Membership and dues, at $3000. Line 6050, Miscellaneous expenses was set at $300. Postage was reduced to $1000, and printing and stationery, $500. Spring conference is set at $20,000 to reflect the proposed income. Travel and conference went up to $5000. Items not mentioned are not changed. Expenses total is $47,500.

Restricted funds:

McDonald fund: $1000 for small library summit. Other use of restricted funds will be discussed at future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm. The next board meeting is on August 18th.