

New Hampshire Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
Local Government Center, Concord, NH
September 15, 2009

PRESENT: Steve Butzel, Judy Haskell, Andrea Thorpe, Sean Fleming, Amy Graves, Kerry Cronin, Marie Lejeune, Mike York, Randy Brough, Diane Lang, Sarah Leonardi, Barbara Prince, Diane Lynch

President Steve Butzel called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes of the April Executive Board meeting were approved Lejeune/Haskell

Marie Lejeune introduced the new CHILIS president, Amy Graves. Amy works at the Manchester City Library.

Legislative chair, Randy Brough reported that our lobbyist Dennis Parker is retiring. After a discussion on what the lobbyist does for the association, the Board decided to hire a replacement for Dennis Parker. Randy, Steve and Andrea Thorpe are on the committee to interview and recommend a new lobbyist. Mike York offered to serve as a resource to the committee.

Judy Haskell reported that the fall business meeting will be held in Portsmouth on November 5th at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel from 9-3. The theme is Relax, Reflect, Refresh and Reconnect. The day will start off with yoga. The Importance of Youth Services Librarians will be the focus of the first morning session. The second session will deal with library issues in a game/scenario format. There will be interest tables at lunch followed by the membership meeting. Judy asked for volunteers to facilitate the talk tables.

It was proposed to keep the rate at \$30.00 for members and cover any cost overruns from the treasury. APPROVED Prince/Fleming

Judy switched to her NELA hat and asked if NHLA was interested in co-hosting a conference. Steve says there is no answer yet.

Steve reported on his meeting with NHEMA president and conference chair. Both associations on the whole feel really good about having their own conferences. That being said, Steve also acknowledged that a number of NHLA members would prefer to have a joint conference. Nevertheless, representatives from both associations agreed that the logistics of combining conferences are significant. Steve and the NHEMA representatives talked about the possibility of holding a separate youth services conference which would draw on members of both associations. Steve asked the board for their feedback. Judy mentioned that less than 10% of the 2009 Annual Conference evaluations wanted to return to the joint conference.

Steve brought forward a proposal to redefine and reorganize several committees into two: a communications Committee and an Advocacy and Governmental Relations Committee. Steve is looking for feedback. Sarah asked if there was money for advocacy projects in this year's budget. The board asked her to come back to the next meeting with a specific proposal and the costs for it.

Barbara Prince reported that the continuing education reports of the survey had 39 responses. Emerging technology was clearly the number one interest followed by personnel/volunteer issues and marketing your library.

Steve asked what the board thought of hiring a firm to create a new easily updated website. The board thought it was a good idea. Steve will put together an RFP.

Steve asked for volunteers to update values on the library calculator.

Kerry Cronin reported on her trip to ALA where she served as the NHLA representative to the ALA Council. Several resolutions were passed:

An Intergeneration Day will be held in early October.

A resolution urging a single payer health plan was passed.

Kerry attended an advocacy institute. ALA is working on how to help libraries to deal with budget cuts.

Steve urged the board to read ALA's summary on the Google Book Settlement at <http://wo.ala.org/gbs/2-page-super-simple-summary>.

Marie Lejeune showed the collaborative summer reading program material. WOW!

The next meeting will be held at the Local Government Center on October 13th at 2 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Thorpe