

New Hampshire Library Association

Executive Board Meeting

April 20, 2010 at 2:00pm

Local Government Center, Concord

Present: Alison Zaya, Amy Graves, Andrea Thorpe, Ann Hoey, Barbara Prince, Carl Heidenblad, Judy Haskell, Kate Russell, Linda Taggart, Mary Ahlgren, Michael York, Sarah Leonardi, Steve Butzel

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by President Judy Haskell.

Minutes: Mary Ahlgren motions to approve the minutes; Andrea Thorpe seconds. The minutes from the March 2, 2010 meeting were approved by those present.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Ahlgren motions to approve the minutes; Sarah Leonardi seconds. The treasurer's report is approved by those present.

Officer Reports

President's Report:

Gaylord/Demco Update: Judy did not contact Demco for a deal similar to that offered by Gaylord because she is worried that it would not reflect positively on NHLA. The group agrees with this decision.

The Gaylord deal is in place and public libraries should remember to use the discount code when ordering supplies. A percentage of all sales will be given to NHLA at the end of each year. The use of that money is still to be determined.

Vice President's Report: Mary's report was sent to everyone via email

Treasurer's Report: Ann Hoey asked Carl about the CD settlement money and how much is left. Carl thinks we have about \$19000 left.

Secretary's Report: No report.

ALA Councilor's Report: No report.

NELA Representative's Report: Alison posted a report on the wiki; read for more information.

Emerson Greenaway Award: NELA is still accepting nominations.

A NELA conference program was distributed for people to view.

Old Business

Small Library Summit: Steve reports that the Summit went very well. Bobbi and Ann did an excellent job developing the program and it was very well received. Steve has the evaluations if anyone is interested in reviewing them.

The group discussed having this program become a regular event. Many of the evaluations indicated that people would like to see it happen every year, but alternating years may be a bit easier to manage because of possible time and money constraints. Steve will contact the people who indicated interest in helping to plan the next Small Library Summit and will report back in June on the feasibility of holding a program every year.

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Steve posted information on the wiki about the three programs.

Goals:

Additional goal for 2010: Find a treasurer to replace Carl at the end of this term. Sean Fleming has expressed interest in being “treasurer in training”. Carl suggests a by-laws change to have an Assistant Treasurer position to insure succession. The position requires someone to have knowledge of accounting software. Carl motions to formally request the By-Laws Committee to change the by-laws and add an Assistant Treasurer position. Steve seconds the motion. Motion passed. Judy will notify Sean of the request. The by-laws change must be voted on, which can happen at the November meeting.

Goal discussion – co-op visits: Judy provided a list of co-ops and the people who have volunteered to visit the meetings. The remaining co-op meetings were assigned: Ann and Michael will visit Suncook, Carroll County and West of the Merrimack; Steve will visit Rochester; Judy will visit Nubanusit. Judy will provide talking points to all those attending co-op meetings. The Library Snapshot day will be added as a talking point. The visits should be completed by the election in November.

New Business

NHLA Website Redesign: Kate reports that there is a group ready to start work on redesigning the NHLA website, with the Board’s approval. The current plan is to use Drupal to create a site that allows for more collaboration and flexibility for all committees and sections. The next step is for the Kate and the website committee to develop a project timeline and start looking at other Drupal sites for ideas.

This plan was met with approval from the Board.

Section Reports

See the wiki for section reports for more information.

Academics: Sondra reports that the “Clearinghouse of academic library resources” is live. It is a WordPress blog that will be linked to the NHLA website. The URL is in the report posted to wiki.

CHILIS: Greeting cards can be ordered from the CHILIS website. Cards will be sold at NHLA and NELA conferences.

READS: Linda reports that there are over 60 Reads-to-go kits now. The roundtables went well, but Linda has not yet seen the full reports on the event.

Committee Reports

Advocacy: Sarah reports that there are now members in the Advocacy Committee: Bobbi Slossar (State Library), Emily Weiss (Bedford), Sandy Whipple (Goffstown), and Betsy Holmes (St. Anselm College). See the wiki for information on their plans.

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Library Snapshot Day: The goal is to have the Snapshot Day sometime in October, which will allow for the results to be displayed during the November meeting.

Center for the Book: Andrea reports that they just finished the Big Read. More information on the wiki.

Continuing Education: Barbara reports that the technology class is scheduled for next week. There will be two sessions: 10am-12pm, 1pm-3pm. Barbara will send information about the class to the NHAIS listserv.

Membership: NHLA has 576 members.

NH State Library: Michael York reports that the library is still struggling with the budget, but does not anticipate any additional staffing problems for the current fiscal year or next year. The loss of four senior staff members has been difficult because the positions have not been replaced and the remaining staff members must take on extra duties.

Steve asked about the open source ILS project. Mary Russell and Michael are working with Lyris to get an Evergreen test library running. They are also talking with PTFS about Koha. Mary Russell is developing a blog with more information that should be available soon.

Linda asked for an update on the database renewal situation. Michael reports that they are still negotiating.

Scholarship: Sarah reports that the Scholarship Committee has received five applications. The applications are being reviewed and a decision will be made shortly. The loan holder has been late on payments, but they are still coming in.

Ways and Means: Judy reports that Sean Fleming is looking for raffle items for the NHLA conference.

The next meeting will be held at the Local Government Center on Tuesday, June 15 at 2:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned 3:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Russell