

NHLA Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2011 @ LGC-Concord, 2:00-4:00pm

MINUTES

Present:

Mary White (Pres.)	Amy Lappin (CHILIS)	Barbara Prince (Cont. Ed.)
Lori Fisher (VP)	Pat Fickett (READS)	Mike York (NH State Lib.)
Sean Fleming (Treas.) Liaison)	Randy Brough (URBANS)	Ann Hoey (NH St. Lib.)
Judy Haskell (Past-Pres.)	Sarah Leonardi (Advocacy)	Jen Hinderer (Nashua-guest)
Alison Zaya (NELA rep.)	Diane Lynch (Int. Freedom)	Myra Emmons (Brookline-guest)
Karin Heffernan (Acad.)	Mary Ahlgren (Membership)	

Minutes from the August 16, 2011 meeting were approved with the following changes:

- Ann Hoey removed from the list of those present as she did not attend
- Diane Lynch's name spelling corrected under "Intellectual Freedom" entry

President's Report – Mary White

- Mary is writing her year-end report, reviewed NHLA goals for year
- Mary proposed a "Mini-NELLS" in conjunction with VLA to be located at Dartmouth College w/ 50/50 NH/VT attendance. She will pursue this idea with the Board's approval to obtain dates, costs, further information.
- Mary attended a workshop on aggressive patron behavior given by Rick Van Wickler of Cheshire County Corrections at NELA. He presented at CHILIS in the past and would be a good person to remember for future NHLA education sessions.
- COOP Visits:
 - Carroll Coop wants more info on the NHLA state lobbyist – Randy will address this need
 - All of us need to make our trustees aware that they do not have to be members of NHLTA to be on the listserv and keep abreast of current issues
 - Medium-sized libraries don't feel heard in NHLA (too big for Small Lib. Summit, too small for Urbans or other groups)
- A Liberty Mutual Insurance rep approached Mary about NHLA offering home & auto insurance to our membership. Board decided to decline this offer.

Treasurer's Report – Sean Fleming

- Board voted to approve the October, 2011 Treasurer's Report
- Audit will not be ready for November 4th meeting

Specialists' Network

- Please encourage this with your library staff

- Had 20-25 responses in Sept. Some areas still don't have any volunteer mentors
- Lori Fisher conveyed Steve Butzel's concern that participants are restricted to NHLA members. He thinks it should be open to all. Board discussed this and decided that participants could be encouraged to join NHLA but that the network should be open to all.

Ad-hoc Committee on Conference Coordinator Costs

- Alison Zaya contacted the other state library associations. CT used Mary Ann Rupert and were happy with her, but she is with NELA now. They recommend finding someone with library experience not just conference planning expertise. VT now does it themselves. Both said the fee was about \$10,000.
- Karin Heffernan contacted Annie Donahue, past NHLA conference coordinator, to get the details on the conference (registrations, hotel rooms booked, spaces for meetings/workshops/keynotes, technology needs, planning schedule, etc.). Annie recommended meeting with LGC to see what they could provide and costs. Karin and Ali will meet with Erin Grubb of LGC on November 4th to explore possibilities.
- Sean Fleming will send Karin and Alison the financial information for the past two years' conferences.

Membership Committee – Mary Ahlgren

- Not having a conference next year will affect membership. Non-members pay more for courses/programs/conferences, etc. One way to encourage membership.
- Many people do not know if they are members or not. Membership cards do not exist and LGC doesn't send confirmations.
- Suggestions:
 - Ask LGC to make membership list a Google doc so that Mary can access without having to get permission from LGC every time
 - Membership form: Add "Choose ONE" to the directions above the categories.
 - Add "We communicate to our members via the Nhai's Listserv as well as www.Nhlibrarians.org" to the "Value of NHLA Membership" flyer
- Last membership count = 617
- Lori Fisher conveyed Steve Butzel's concern that there will not be an annual conference in 2012 and impact on membership

Vice-President's Report – Lori Fisher

Update on Fall Conference

- Filled to capacity (70), with 6 on Wait List. LGC had layoffs and their finance office "found" checks from registrants.
- Technology – LGC's Jason Levine and Angela from Howard County Library are running the webinar
- Article will be "take away" for participants to follow along
- Veggie choice for lunch

Master Calendar – the current calendar on the NHLA website will be enhanced and used as a master calendar. It will include:

- Section meetings/conferences/workshops...

- Coop meetings/conferences/workshops...
- Regional/State/National meetings...
- NHLA Board meetings/workshops...

Academic Section – Karin Heffernan

- There are only 13 members of NHLA from academic libraries in part due to the plethora of academic librarian organizations in the state and in the region.
- Mary suggested that they be reminded that they can subscribe to Nhais – to which Karin added that there may be opportunities for collaboration between public libraries and academic libraries, especially in light of mutual budget cuts

CHILIS – Amy Lappin

- Conference this Thursday, October 20th, in Keene featuring Lita Judge and Avi.
- Elections on Thursday also: Kathy Tracy will be new CHILIS president

READS – Pat Fickett

- Myra Emmons of Brookline Public Library will be new president of READS
- 203 members
- Just had their annual meeting re “Different Ways to Organize Collections”
- Bylaw changes voted on
- New Membership Chair is Kirsten Matera
- Reward of Excellence to Weare librarian Thelma Tracy
- Suggestion: Do pop-up Round Tables when discussable issues arise

URBANS – Randy Brough

- September 23rd meeting was held in Laconia featuring Barbara Reed of LGC on “Money handling in the library”
- Next meeting is October 28th @ Concord Public Library

YALS – Letty Goerner

- Hosted first stand-alone conference in September; 55 people attended
- Elected new officers
- Received positive feedback on evaluations

Advocacy – Sarah Leonardi

- Proposal for LGC program, “The Role of the Library in Emergency Preparedness Planning,” was declined
- Will still have a booth at the NH Municipal Management event w/ help from URBANS on Wed./Thurs., November 16/17 at the Radisson-Manchester – NEED VOLUNTEERS for 2 hour shifts.
- Library Snapshot Day raw data is not collated yet.
- Sarah needs help because she is handling both Advocacy and Scholarship

Center for the Book – Ann Hoey for Andrea Thorpe

- Mike York and Ann Hoey attended the D.C. Book Festival – Pavillion of the States – each state sends representatives
- Andrea Thorpe’s term is not up until 2012.

Continuing Education – Barbara Prince

- Approved 4 Macdonald grants since June
 - Attendance @ NELLIS
 - Reference course @ UNH by GSLIS-URI
 - ALA Budget & Finance online course
 - Keene State Children’s Literature Festival
- Ideas for future classes: Customer service and aggressive behavior

Intellectual Freedom – Diane Lynch

- Good Night Banned Books on ALA Intellectual Freedom webpage
- Lori will recruit a new person to be I.F. representative

Legislation – Randy Brough

- Will be meeting with Bob Dunn (lobbyist) on Wed., November 2nd
- Will send out a paragraph summary on the Nhais list summarizing what he learns from Mr. Dunn

NH State Librarian – Mike York

- Has been interviewed multiple times, no misquotes so far
- Developing a 5 page report discussing van service: Basic van service funded by federal funds, Supplementary van service funded by state. Patron-initiated ILL caused demand to rise which led to supplemental van service. Mike’s report will go to the legislature first before it becomes public.
- Collecting letters and petitions: Please make sure petitions are sent to Mike York by November 30th as a PDF, FAXed, mailed, via the van, 1000s of signatures are needed. NH Library Trustee Association has taken this issue on.
- Department of Cultural Resources is under attack country-wide: anything with “culture” in its name is seen as something that should be done privately and not by the state
- Mary pointed out that comments on Nhais need to be professional and not personal in regards to these issues
- Randy read the legislative request for this report from Mike York

NELA – Alison Zaya

- NELA conference was Oct 2-4th
 - New Officers elected:
 - Mary Ann List – president
 - Deborah Kelsey – vice-president/president elect
 - Kirsten Corbett-Lane – Secretary
 - Karen Patterson – Treasurer
 - NH team won the NELA Games! ☐ Snail trophy is missing! ☐
- Next meeting is November

NH State Library Liaison – Ann Hoey

NHLA approved money at the June meeting for the professional collection at the state library. 20 books were ordered and are being catalogued. 8 more on order

Nominating – Judy Haskell

Ann Geisel Award – plaque and flowers ordered – to be reimbursed by NHLA

Scholarship – Sarah Leonardi

- Biblionix gave money for 4 people to attend the NELA conference
 - Received 8 applications for 4 scholarships
 - Different criteria (financial need, no cont. ed. \$ in library budget, etc.)
 - Each recipient had to write a 1 p. report – to date 1 report received, many thank yous
 - Prior attendance at a NH conference required
 - Had to articulate reasons for wanting to attend NELA
 - Recipients were:
 - Lynn Piotrowicz – Tucker Free Library – Henniker
 - Katharine A. Thomas – Whipple Free Library – New Boston
 - Kristin L. Readell – Stephenson Memorial Library – Greenfield
 - Elizabeth Thompson – Gorham Public Library
- Both Rosalie Norris Scholarships and F. Mabel Winchell Loans were awarded to:
 - Patricia Falconer of Derry, NH
 - Ryan LaLiberty of Keene, NH
- Scholarship committee does not meet in person...all done by email.
- Conversation begun regarding expanding residency requirements – At present application requires NH RESIDENCY as opposed to working in NH and living outside NH. Decided to change it, which will happen on NHLA website and application, but may take time to get in changed in the national directory

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Respectfully submitted,
Karin L. Heffernan