

**New Hampshire Library Association Executive Board Meeting**  
**June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. 2:00pm**  
**Local Government Center, Concord**

**Present:** Lori Fisher; Diane Lynch; Carl Heidenblad; Sean Fleming; Steve Butzel; Amy Lapointe; Kathy Tracy; Cab Vinton; Myra Emmons; Brian Sylvester; Randy Brough; Jen Hinderer; Andrea Thorpe; Ann Hoey; Dorinda Howard; Kathy Meserve; Amy Graves.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by President Lori Fisher.

**Approval of the minutes from 4-17-12.** There were a few minor corrections. Diane Lynch attended, not Diane Young. Steve and Cab moved and seconded approval of the minutes. All were in favor.

**Introductions.** Lori asked that we introduce ourselves since there were some new faces.

**President's Report-Lori Fisher:**

When Lori was returning from the Digital summit she fielded a request from Senator Ayotte's office. The Senator was looking for smaller New Hampshire libraries that would be pleased to accept surplus books from the Library of Congress. Lori sent her two spreadsheets of libraries with populations under 1500 and another with populations served of 1500 to 3000 persons. The Senator's office will use these spreadsheets to distribute these materials. If you receive items, a thank you should go to Sen. Ayotte's office.

NHLA has two vacant positions. There are a few individuals who may be interested in serving as NHLA's archivist. However there has been no interest in the ways and means position.

Changes to the Bylaws as voted on at the Digital Summit / Membership Meeting are on the website. ALA has a new report, an ALA chapter report which needs to be submitted by Lori.

Mary was unable to attend. Lori passed out the sample ballot, and thanked Mary for her work on these nominations. Also addressed was the Ann Geisel Award. Mary is looking for nominations for members deserving this award.

**Treasurer's report-Sean Fleming:**

Unrestricted savings figures need to be adjusted by bookkeeper.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was a funding request from the State Library's Center of the Book. They asked NHLA to fund \$5500 to be used for the Big Read. Andrea Thorpe spoke to this request

and noted that without an NHLA donation it would be impossible to purchase books from local bookstores, and there would be no "Passport to Poe." Discussion followed. Lori asked if the board would be more comfortable with a lower number. Jennifer and Myra spoke about the budget implications; Steve asked if there were other possibilities. Andrea noted that a local bank might be a possible sponsor. Randy moved an amount of \$3000. Steve Butzel countered and suggested the full amount. There was further discussion and a final motion was made by Steve to fund \$3500. The motion was moved by several and was unanimous. This money is to come from unrestricted funds.

There was a discussion of a possible field trip to the Dover, MA Public Library, which did not get any traction, although many were interested in seeing the library. Dover has been named a finalist for best small library in 2012, and has a very dynamic director in Cheryl Abdullah,

A question was raised concerning the availability of the NHLA Logo files. Amy has a page of them on the website. Everyone thanked her for her work as website coordinator.

Lori and Steve spoke about an ALA Alert. ALA is requesting a letter to AASL protesting cuts to school and LSTA funding. Brian and Jennifer moved that we write a letter of support.

Lori noted that we need to review the Website and Blog policy draft. This will be done in August.

Digital Summit wrap up. 122 people attended. Financially, NHLA broke even. Jennifer complimented the organizers for a well done event.

Diane Lynch spoke about the Fall 2012 Business Meeting. Bob Dunn, our lobbyist will speak. Topics covered will be issues regarding legal reference, there will be an afternoon business meeting, and the author of the history of Gunstock will speak. Hold the date! November 8<sup>th</sup>!

Lori asked Diane if she needed help. They will talk to Deb Baker and LGC for mailing. They will keep the membership posted via the NHAIS list.

Some fun was had as one of the board members reminisced about a prom at Gunstock with a "Stairway to Heaven" theme. Also entertaining was a fun comment about the balcony and d#mn e-books.

In 2014 Jen and Randy will serve as conference coordinators. This brought a Yay from the group! Lori asked how they wished to proceed with their regular NHLA duties, and there was a brief discussion but both felt comfortable that they could manage the increased workloads. Randy and Jen both want to keep their regular duties.

Lori asked the group to brainstorm about another one day conference. Should we do it

and what would the process look like. We would need someone to serve as a coordinator, etc. There was thought given to coordinating with NHLTA. Kathy Meserve is their liaison to NHLA. Lori will put out a call to NHAIS list. Also, Jennifer and Lori will attend a meeting of NHSLMA to discuss the possibility of another combined conference.

### **Section reports:**

**Karin Heffernan, Academic .** The section is planning some informal gatherings - Dine-arounds. This will serve as a good brainstorming opportunity.

**CHILIS. Kathy Tracy.** The section is working on policies, and their award committees are at work; in the fall CHILIS will be looking to fill a number of positions.

**IT. Cab Vinton.** All is quiet at the moment.

**READS. Myra Emmons.** Busy! 204 members. READS is currently running a bit over budget. Fall conference will be in Plymouth at the college. 86 Reads to go kits are now available, and the READS board is considering how to highlight the 100<sup>th</sup> kit.

**URBANS. Brian Sylvester.** Urbans is looking at NH law for recording events and the legalities / practicalities. They will meet on the 29<sup>th</sup> in Portsmouth to talk about Social Media.

**YALS. Anne Hoey.** The next YALS meeting will be at the Local Government Center in Concord, NH.

**Advocacy. Deb Baker.** They are forming a Toolkit subcommittee. They are working with Amy to incorporate their work into the website. Also two volunteers are needed for the LGC Conference, November 14. Cab suggested a focus on the economic value of libraries.

**BYLAWS. Sean Fleming.** No issues to work on at this time.

**CONFERENCE. See New Business.**

**Continuing Ed. Barbara Prince.** While Barbara was not present, Lori raised a question Barbara wanted addressed: can the McDonald money be used for mileage reimbursement? A lively discussion followed, but all agreed more historical info is necessary. This is a discussion for the next board meeting.

**ALA. Steve Butzel.** Steve spoke a bit about Ebook for Libraries.  
<http://ebooksforlibraries.com/> and the eBooks for libraries petition.

**Intellectual Freedom. Gail Zachariah.** Gail informed us of some questions and then there was a brief discussion about the Shades of Grey books, and whether any libraries had been asked to remove them.

**Legislative. Randy Brough.** Will speak with NHLTA about joint work on legislative issues at the next NHLTA meeting.

**Membership. Jennifer Hinderer.** We now have 597 members.

**NELA. Amy Lapointe.** No report since she is brand-new to position.

**NHAIS. Dorinda Howard.** NHAIS is reporting a good turnaround for records requests, despite all of the cutbacks.

**NHSL. Anne Hoey.** Nothing to report at this time.

**NHLTA. Kathy Meserve.** Kathy spoke about the NHLTA Conference.

**Website. Amy Graves.** Much work has been done, all the section sites, including Chilis and Reads are up. Again, the group complimented Amy on her efforts on our behalf.

**Next meeting, August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Local Government Center. 2:00 start time.**

**At 4:03 there was a motion from Brian to adjourn, seconded by Jennifer and the meeting was adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted, Carl Heidenblad, Secretary**