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New Hampshire Library Association Executive Board Meeting August 21, 2012. 2:00pm Local Government Center, Concord

Present: Lori Fisher; Carl Heidenblad; Steve Butzel; Michael York; Sean Fleming; Jennifer Hinderer; Brian Sylvester; Letty Goerner; Andrea Thorpe; Amy Lapointe; Sarah Leonardi; Randy Brough; Mary White; Diane Lynch; Gail Zachariah; and Deb Baker.

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

Approval of the minutes from 6-19-12

President's Report - Lori Fisher:

Lori reported that she is close to finalizing an arrangement for book keeping services with Sarah Marvin. The contract rate that Sarah and Lori have discussed is \$100 per month.

Lori also spoke to the NHLTA to about the possibilities of doing a joint 2-day conference in 2016.

Treasurer's report-Sean Fleming:

Sean noted that the auditors report will be forthcoming soon. The audit work is complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

- NHLTA member access to NHLA events at member rate.

An NHLTA member would like to attend the upcoming READS conference at the member rate. Lori felt that this type of decision should be decided at the NHLA board level. There was some lively discussion about this; one thought was that an arrangement like this could help bring NHLA and NHLTA into a closer alignment. Other thoughts were that the cost differential is in place to encourage NHLA membership and that we need to value the programs we offer appropriately and not continuously discount or "nickel and dime" our offerings. The consensus of the group was that we should continue with the member rate / nonmember rate differential.

(The board continued with discussion of the merits of working more closely with NHLTA and the NH Friends group. Historically it seems that in the 70's and early 80's both NHLTA and the Friends were actually included within the NHLA organization, separating during Kendall Wiggins tenure as State Librarian for reasons that remain a bit unclear.)

-Resources on the control and distribution of library funds.

Lori has been corresponding with Christine Filmore and Terry Knowles. Christine is the author of the NH LGC title: "The Basic Law of Budgeting." It would be a great advantage to NH libraries if this well respected title included more content dealing with library law. Both Christine and Terry are willing to work with NHLA on this.

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Old Business.

-Web site and Blog Policy Draft.

Lori shared some comments from Amy Graves, NHLA website coordinator. Amy strongly recommends removing the line under "Goals" which states, "This policy does not automatically apply to blogs maintained by NHLA subsections." The section blogs are now fully integrated into the main site, and posting to the main page, therefore it makes sense to apply this policy to section blogs, or at the very least any that we are hosting.

Further Amy recommended adding new content that pertains specifically to sections, such as : "Sections whose blogs are hosted by NHLA are expected to abide by this policy. Sections are responsible for appointing a party to act in the role of website coordinator, as defined in the policy.

And finally she suggested that in the "bloggers" section, that we remove the part about "recruiting bloggers." She would prefer that the section read: "Bloggers: Bloggers must be approved by the NHLA website coordinator. The blog may have ongoing regular loggers and / or occasional guest bloggers, based on a person's 1) ability to provide interesting and relevant content, 2) writing ability, and 3) technical abilities. First preference will be given to NHLA members".

Action: Lori moved that we accept the policy inclusive of Amy's recommendations. Brian Sylvester seconded and the policy with the above revisions was approved by the board.

-Mileage Question re: McDonald Grants.

There was discussion as to whether an individual should be awarded a McDonald Grant where the entire amount to be received would be used for mileage. Andrea Thorpe noted that these types of grants for mileage had been made previously. Randy Brough noted that there are sufficient dollars available in the fund so that these types of grants for mileage would not be a financial problem for NHLA.

Action: No vote. Lori will contact Barbara Prince and update her on the discussion and we will take up this matter again.

-Fall 2012 business meeting update.

Diane Lynch passed out copies of the flier for the business meeting / conference to be held on Thursday, November 8th at Gunstock Mountain Resort. Robert Dunn, the NHLA lobbyist will speak, and there will be a session on Legal Reference for Public Librarians. The afternoon will conclude with author Carol Lee Anderson speaking about her book "the History of Gunstock: Skiing in the Belknap Mountains.

Diane noted that the flier will be mailed on Friday, and that she will put the information out to the membership on both NHAIS and the NHLA Blog.

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-2013 One Day conference.

No one has come forward to volunteer to coordinate this event. Lori will put out one final appeal.

-2014 NHLA Two Day Conference.

Randy Brough and Jennifer Hinderer are coordinating this event. Randy is working on the facility and he and Jennifer will be reconnoitering the Mountain View Grand in Whitefield in coming days. If the facility is acceptable, the event will probably be late April as the hotel would not charge us a \$500 per day "facilities charge" in April, but would in subsequent months.

Jennifer noted that the theme for the conference will be "Better Together."

Myra is working on the vendors packets.

Jennifer will ask if NHLTA would like to offer a program or two at the conference.

Lori mentioned that at the last READS board meeting, the librarians in attendance asked if NHLA librarians would really want a joint conference with NHLTA. READS board members suggested that we survey NHLA membership before going forward with a joint conference in 2016.

Amy Lapointe mentioned that in 2015 NELA will return to NH, and that this could be a good opportunity for collaboration.

Section reports:

Academic, Karin Heffernan. No report.

CHILIS. Kathy Tracy. No report.

IT. Cab Vinton. No report.

READS. Myra Emmons. No report.

URBANS. Brian Sylvester. Urbans met in June at Portsmouth. Their meeting topic was Social Media Policies, as a few members have found that their library policies conflicted with city policy. Brian also informed the Board that Janet Angus of the Merrimack Public Library is retiring.

YALS. Letty Goerner. YALS has picked their FLUME award winner, [Clockwork Angel](#) by Cassandra Clare. Also, their Fall Conference will be Thursday, 9-27-12 at LGC.

Advocacy. Deb Baker. There are 4 sub committees at work at the present time:

1. Social Media
2. Snapshot day

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3. Messaging and imaging
4. LGC Conference.

Center for the Book. Andrea Thorpe. Gearing up for the Big Read. NHLA is a sponsor.

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

CONFERENCE. See above -

Continuing Ed. Barbara Prince. No report.

ALA. Steve Butzel.

Intellectual Freedom. Gail Zachariah. No report.

Legislative. Randy Brough. Quiet! Bob Dunn is our 3rd lobbyist. Randy has been talking a bit with NHLTA about sharing the cost of the lobbyist.

Membership. Jennifer Hinderer. 608 members. Jennifer passed out copies of the membership form with some changes. Jennifer will be asking for volunteers to help send confirming emails as members join or renew their membership.

Jennifer also noted that former membership chair Mary Ahlgren is retiring. Lori will send Mary a note from us, and the NHSL will issue a proclamation for Mary, and also a proclamation for Janet Angus, Merrimack Library.

NELA. Amy Lapointe. Amy shared that the NELA Conference registration forms are out in the mail and available at the NELA website – www.nelib.org. In the recent NELA elections, NH was well represented. Jennifer Hinderer was elected as a Junior Director, and Christine Corbett was elected as a Junior Secretary.

Recently NELA has been discussing their Emerson Greenaway award. They have an excellent recipient in mind, with a slight hitch in the proposed recipient does not meet one of the criteria. Amy will let us know how this resolves.

NELA is finishing an audit with the IRS. They hire 3 independent contractors to manage their conference, their IT, and their book keeping. The IRS has very stringent requirements as to what constitutes an independent contractor. Mary White offered to share Hanover's checklist with the NHLA group.

NHAIS. Dorinda Howard – No Report

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NHSL. Michael York, NH State Librarian. It's quiet on Park Street. The legislature is out. Andrea Thorpe and Sean Fleming assisted Mike with an information gathering get together with Congressman Burton.

NHSL has received some beautiful artwork from Alma Gilbert Smith. She is an author and expert on the Cornish, NH Art Colony and owned the Maxfield Parrish home in Cornish. She is working on a biography of St. Gauden's.

Mike has been told to prepare 5 different budgets. Budget season will be difficult and of course there will be a new governor in place.

Geisel Award, Mary White. Mary passed out a ballot and asked board members to vote for this year's Geisel Award winner.

NHLTA. Kathy Meserve. No report.

Website. Amy Graves. No report.

Next meeting October 16th at the Local Government Center. 2:00 start time.

At 3:15 there was a motion to adjourn. Approved.

Respectfully submitted, Carl Heidenblad, Secretary