



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

Present: Mary White, Lori Fisher, Carl Heidenblad, Sean Fleming, Steve Butzel, Amy Lappin, Randy Brough, Diane Lynch, Amy Graves, Ann Hoey, Kathy Tracy, Cab Vinton, Myra Emmons, Jen Hinderer, Mary Ahlgren, Gail Zechariah, and Deborah Baker.

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

Approve Minutes from the previous meeting: Steve moved the approval of the minutes and several seconded. All approved.

President's Report. There was a legislative hearing scheduled for Thursday 1/12 in Room 306 of the Legislative Office Building (located behind the State House) in Concord, NH at 10 a.m. regarding House Bill 1274. This bill was intended to abolish the Department of Cultural Resources and transfer the State Library to the Department of State. Lori spoke for NHLA in opposition to the bill. It appears at the moment that the opposition to this bill has been successful as the bill has been dramatically revised.

Treasurer's report. Sean noted that he e-mailed statements to the Board prior to the meeting and asked for questions and or concerns. Commenting on the "Disk Settlement Funds" Sean noted that there is about one year left if we continue to use this source for funding "Kids, Books and the Arts" KBA grants. Sean indicated that we needed to change the Association's policy with regard to the debit card. Sean moved that access to and use of the credit card be limited to the Association President and Treasurer. Mary Seconded and the motion was approved.

ALA Councilor's report. Steve Butzel reported on ALA's Midwinter Conference in Dallas. There were two significant resolutions passed by the ALA Council. The first was a Resolution on Publishers and Practices Which Discriminate Against Library Users. It stated that ALA opposes any discriminatory policies of publishers and distributors that adversely impact access to content by library users; and that the Working Group on Digital Content in Libraries be directed to review the situation and recommend appropriate action and/or appropriate parties who should be informed of this resolution.

While this resolution might sound like a no-brainer, there was some debate both in Council forum and on the floor. Some were concerned that the resolution, if too strongly worded, might offend the publishers with whom ALA is scheduled to meet next week. In the end, the Council stuck with the original, forceful language and the resolution passed.

The second was a resolution condemning the restriction of access to materials in Arizona schools following state legislation that led to the elimination of a Mexican American studies program in the Tucson Unified School District. While it took some time to sift through the numerous layers of the controversy and identify the real culprits, the resolution passed.

#### New Business:

NELLS Request. Previously, Alison had requested that NHLA fund NELLS at \$2000. It appears that this was approved, but that the dollars had not been sent to NELA. Randy moved that we pay NELA \$2000 towards NELLS. Steve Butzel seconded. The motion passed. Next, Alison requested (through Lori as President) that NHLA provide NELLS funding in 2013. Randy made a motion that we budget up to \$2000 towards NELLS in 2013. Lori seconded. The motion passed.

ALA Washington Office Legislative Day. The Washington office has asked if NHLA would contribute in support of Legislative Day. Steve moved that we contribute \$100. Lori seconded. The motion passed.

2011/2012 Budget Draft. Sean took us through the draft. The bottom line is that for 2011/2012 we are looking at a budget with \$28,220 in income, vs. \$41,030 in expenses. Commenting on the income side, Sean noted that we do have several loans in arrears, and this has an effect on the Association's income. Importantly though, the auditor has urged that we spend a bit more aggressively in support of the Association's mission, and this "unbalanced" budget serves that purpose. Mary moved that we approve the 2011/2012 budget. Cab seconded. The motion passed.

2012/2013 Budget Draft. Sean and Lori both noted that the budget for this upcoming fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2012, will need to be reviewed and discussed at the next board meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Restricted Funds. Sean is investigating investment options, beginning with Citizen's bank products. Lori noted that the board will most likely look at investment options after approving the 2012/2013 budget.

NHLA Board openings. Deb Fisher is interested in the advocacy position. She was introduced to the board. She began by asking "What does the board want from its

Advocacy Chair?" After some discussion, Lori noted that this position really is one in which the chair can put their own stamp on the position. There was discussion of Library Snapshot Day. There was some discussion of advocacy in this light - "Advocating for whom?" Randy noted that he felt that advocacy consisted of promoting librarianship and what we do for the public. Finally, Diane spoke about how she felt that Deb would be perfect for this position, and noted that Deb was formerly the events coordinator for Gibsons Bookstore in Concord. Diane also introduced Gail Zechariah, who is interested in chairing the Intellectual Freedom committee.

Affiliation with NHLGC. Lori went over a memo of understanding between the NHLA and the NHLGC.

Small Libraries Summit. "Zero to Summit" Steve talked about the summit. If you are a librarian in a community with less than 1,500 people the April 2nd summit is for you, and if your community has between 1,500-3,000 people, you are invited to attend the April 16th session. Registration is \$10, which includes lunch. Both events will take place at the Local Government Center in Concord, NH. There is a 70 person limit for each session.

Library Leadership Program. Mary talked about the New Hampshire Library Association and Vermont Library Association one-day workshop on LIBRARY LEADERSHIP, which will take place on April 13<sup>th</sup> in Hanover. This is a participatory workshop which will focus on the future of libraries and the best practices that will help librarians improve access and services for their patrons. Maureen Sullivan will facilitate. Maureen is the president-elect of the American Library Association and facilitator of NELLs (New England Library Leadership Symposium).

Conference. Karin Heffernan is out until June due to a class conflict. She was investigating the conference coordinator position with Alison Zaya

Spring Membership Meeting/Day Conference. Lori reported that the spring membership meeting idea has morphed into a Digital Summit/Spring Membership Meeting. The summit will take place on Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hooksett Public Library. The board debated about the charge for NHLA members to attend, with the final result that members will attend free unless they want a lunch; then the cost will be \$10. If a non-member wants to attend, they need to become a member of NHLA. Mary Ahlgren will assist Lori to verify membership status as registrations come in.

## Reports

ACADEMICS. No report.

CHILIS. Currently accepting nominations for vice president and that is the only open position on the CHILIS board. The Children's Summer reading program will be in Hershey in April.

ITS. No report.

READS. Myra talked about the upcoming READS "Pop up" Roundtable which is a general introduction to digital content on 3/9. The READS Spring roundtable series, titled: Librarianship in the 21st Century: Continuing Education will be

held at the Rye Public Library-Friday, March 30, 10:00-12:00; Boscawen Public Library-Friday, April 6, 10:00-12:00; and the Weeks Library, Lancaster-Monday April 9, 9:30-12:00.

URBNS. Jennifer spoke about their upcoming Director's Summit Friday 5/13 at Manchester Public Library. More information will be sent out soon.

YALS. No report.

Advocacy. No report.

Bylaws. Lori and Sean are working on them. Items in italics are changes. Changes that need to be made: web page coordinator should be web site coordinator; there should be no reference to a newsletter editor. The goal is to present this to the membership at Spring meeting. Mary moved that they be approved as proposed including changes such as adding the assistant treasurer's positions and references to section treasurers.

Center for the Book. No Report.

Continuing education. No Report.

Intellectual Freedom. No Report.

NELA. No report.

State Library. Ann Hoey is working on matching grants for Kids Books and the Arts. NHLA has contributed \$5000.

Membership. No report.

Nominating. Mary White asked for suggestions for possible nominees.

Website. Amy Graves reported on her work on the website. Everyone commented on how great it looks! There was discussion of whether or not the blog needs to be moderated, and also whether we needed to clarify our practice regarding advertising and / or promotion from commercial interests.

Next Meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm, NHLGC!

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted, Carl Heidenblad, Secretary