

New Hampshire Library Association Executive Board Meeting

October 15, 2013 2:00 p.m.

Local Government Center, Concord

Present: Diane Lynch, President; Sylvie Brikiatis, YALS; Linda Taggart, Vice President; Carl Heidenblad, Treasurer; Ann Hoey, *NHSL*; Amy Lappin, *ALA Councilor*; Lori Fisher, *Past President*; Tim Sheehan, *Treasurer*; Randy Brough, *Legislative*; Michael York, *NHSL*; *Web Site* Kim McKee ; Gail Zachariah, *CHILIS and Intellectual Freedom*; Brian Sylvester, *URBANS and NHSL Advisory Council*; *Carlos Pearman, Bylaws*; *Steve Butzel*; *Barbara Prince, Continuing Education*.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Diane Lynch. Diane welcomed everyone to the meeting, and declared that we had a quorum of voting members. We did! Lori made certain that we had a quorum of voting member.

Approval of the minutes. The minutes from August 20 were reviewed. Amy Lappin moved to accept, Carlos Pearman seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved, with thanks to Bryan Sylvester for his excellent minutes.

President's Report. Diane Lynch.

Diane has been talking with the NH Municipal Association (formerly LGC) and they will allow us to use the meeting space free of charge throughout 2014.

Lori Fisher wrote a brief history of the Association for an interview with NPR! Lori noted that NH has some very cool library firsts, and Diane thanked her very much for her excellent presentation during the interview, and for representing the association so well.

Treasurer Tim Sheehan is working on the NHLA budget.

Many have returned their updated job descriptions, and for those of us who have not, Diane asked that we complete our assignment.

The management agreement with Cornerstone has been renewed. Walter Perry the Cornerstone director will be working with NHLA leadership to insure that our needs are met in the coming year.

Cathy Meserve has stepped aside from NHLTA. She had been the NHLTA liaison to our organization for several years and Diane thanked her for her service.

Open board positions include Advocacy and Ways and Means.

Diane noted that with the upcoming election, there will be changes to the board membership. She wished incoming President Linda Taggart well and thanked the board candidates for their willingness to help out and the outgoing board members for their service.

Diane also thanked the board and the association for the experience – she enjoyed her year as NHLA President and enjoyed working with the board very much.

Treasurer's report. Tim Sheehan.

Tax forms have been sent to the IRS via certified mail.

Cara Barlow will be new treasurer.

To help make a smooth transition from the previous treasurer to the new Tim proposed that he write a letter of instruction to Citizen's Bank notifying them that effective Nov. 8th, Cara Barlow would be Treasurer. Lori Fisher suggested that in light of the ongoing balloting process for the Fall Election, 2 letters should be prepared one indicating that Cara will become Treasurer, the other letter preparing for the unlikely contingency that Cara might not be elected by the membership. Lori moved that the treasurer prepare 2 letters. Brian Sylvester seconded this motion. The motion carried.

Budget. After a good discussion the board seemed to reach consensus around these key items:

Keep MacDonald expenses at \$5100

Remove \$2400 from Continuing Ed line item. The reason is that money for Continuing Ed is under the MacDonald expenses

Reduce accounting line item from \$5000 to \$4800

Increase Association Management from \$3000 to \$5000

In the end, the income side came to \$47,100. The expenses came to \$57,300.

There was discussion about balancing the budget, but nothing was proposed.

The Board voted to adopt the budget with changes, following a motion by Brian Sylvester and a second by Linda Taggart.

New Business:

Grant opportunity -- Lori Fisher. Strengthening Communities through Reading grant. This is a chance to collaborate with school library media folks. The deadline for application is in March.

Credit Card options. Tim Sheehan. After a brief discussion Brian Sylvester moved that we use the PayPal service for credit card transaction. Second - Amy Lappin. Approved.

Letter concerning the Patriot Act. Gail Zachariah noted that there is an effort among New England Librarians to jointly send letters to Representatives and Senators informing them of the library communities concerns about the overly broad scope of the Patriot Act. Mike York noted that in the past Senator Sununu had worked to reform the scope of the Patriot Act, but there has been no recent activity among our current delegates. Brian Sylvester moved that we send this letter. Second – Tim Sheehan. Approved.

Old Business:

Report on the 2013 Fall Conference Business Meeting. Linda Taggart – Fall Conference registrations. The deadline is Friday October 25th for registering. The conference will take place on Friday November 8th. The program will include Adele Knight, President NHLTA – Connect with the NHLTA; and Bonnie Roalsen and Cheryl Abdullah, from Dover, MA will speak about Incorporating Digital Tools at Your Library; and the final Session will be on Conflict Styles and Resolution, presented by Chris Ryan.

2014 NHLA two-day conference update. Jennifer Hinderer (absent) and Randy Brough. Preparations are well underway.

Section Reports:

Academic. Karin Heffernan. No report.

CHILIS. Gail Zachariah. The CHILIS Fall Conference and business meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17 at The Center at Eastman. Our topics include Common Core and STEM activities. Our keynote speaker is Jason Chin who is speaking on narrative nonfiction and memory. We will elect new officers including Vice President, President-Elect (Cara McKenzie, Campton Public Library; Secretary (Lizz Gotauco. Merrimack Public Library); Treasurer (Nina Sargent, Thornton Library); and Conference Chair (Judi Russell, Converse Free Library).

Starr LaTronica, President of ALSC, has agreed to speak at the spring NHLA Conference and we are investigating several other speaker possibilities.

IT. No report.

READS.

URBANS. Brian Sylvester. The URBANS group recently met to discuss the topic of Violence in Libraries. Their next meeting will be in Keene.

YALS. Sylvie Brikiatis. The YALS Conference was excellent. **LGBTIQ Teens: The Library's Hidden Youth** by Lisa Houde, Rye Public Library, NH and also a presentation by Chris Shoemaker, Rye Free Reading Room (NY), YALSA President-Elect on Teens and Technology.

Liaison Reports:

Advocacy. Vacant

Archivist. Vacant

ALA. Amy Lappin. Amy spoke about ALA President Barbara Stripling's presidential initiative, *Libraries Change Lives*, which is designed to build the public will and sustained support for America's right to libraries of all types – academic, special, school and public.

Center for the Book. Edmund Lowe. Edmund was absent.

Bylaws. Carlos Pearman. Nothing to report (NTR).

Conference. Randy Brough. See previous discussion.

Continuing Education. Barbara Prince. NTR

Intellectual Freedom. Gail Zachariah. NTR

Legislative. Randy Brough. NTR

Membership. Jennifer Hinderer. Jennifer reports that we now have 612 members.

NELA. Amy Lapointe. NTR

NHAIS. Dorinda Howard. NTR.

NHSL. Michael York, NH State Librarian. Mike spoke to all of New Hampshire's state senators about the difficulties libraries are having purchasing and licensing digital content from major publishers. Connecticut has passed a bill on the subject and Maryland is considering one. NH Legislature is gearing back up, and he has heard back from four senators so far. Michael also feels that the current efforts by ALA are having some success.

NHSL Advisory Council. Brian Sylvester. NTR

Scholarship. Sarah Leonardi. No report.

NHLTA. Vacant. No report.

Ways and Means. Vacant. No report.

Website. Marina Hale / Kim McKee. NTR.

Other. Diane again thanked the Association for the opportunity of serving as President. She asked if there were any further business requiring attention. None heard she asked for a motion to adjourn at 4 PM which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Carl Heidenblad.