



**New Hampshire Library Association Executive Board Meeting
August 16, 2011 / 2:00pm
Local Government Center, Concord**

Present: Mary White, Lori Fisher, Carl Heidenblad, Judy Haskell, Alison Zaya, Amy Graves, Randy Brough, Steve Butzel, Diane Lynch, Karin Heffernan, Andrea Thorpe, Adele Knight and Kathy Meserve (NHLTA), and State Librarian Mike York.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Mary White.

Introductions: Adele Knight and Kathy Meserve were introduced as representatives from NHLTA.

Approve minutes from June 21, 2011. A motion was made but it was determined that we did not have a quorum. It was agreed that Mary would send out an e-survey to obtain votes. These votes were received and the minutes have been approved.

President's Report. Mary reported on the New England Library Leadership Symposium (NELLS) held at the Rolling Ridge Conference & Retreat Center, North Andover, Massachusetts. This was the 4th NELLS symposium and there were 27 participants. There were 5 mentors, one from each participating state. Mary felt that this was an excellent program. Maureen Sullivan, President Elect of ALA served as the facilitator.

Next Mary spoke to a letter received from the Amherst Public Library which asked NHLA to help financially with the State Library Van Service in support of the GMILCS cooperative. The consensus of the group was that they did not feel it appropriate to support this request.

Then Mary asked if the group felt it appropriate to assist the NH Downloadable Books Consortium develop a representative committee structure. (Perhaps something like an ad hoc group to talk about the consortiums pricing model might be helpful to the NHDB program and to the NH State Library as well?) Lori Fisher spoke to this issue indicating that she did not think this was within NHLA's purview. Diane Lynch mentioned Matt Bose's concerns about the pricing structure of NHDB, and the difficulty many smaller libraries had noted in fitting additional assessments, whether voluntary or formally requested by NHDB into their current budgets. The consensus of the group was that all admire the efforts of the NHSL and Bobbi

Slossar in making the NHDB Consortium available to NH's libraries, but that NHLA involvement would not be appropriate and, as Lori had indicated, these issues need to be worked out by the NHDB membership.

Mary noted that there were coop visit reports that need to be sent in to her. Please do that as soon as you can.

Treasurer's report. Sean is on vacation. His report was distributed via email prior to the meeting and approved by e-survey after the meeting.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS:

NHLA Fall Business Meeting Update:

Lori Fisher spoke about the upcoming Fall Business Meeting which will be held on Friday, November 4, 2011 at the NH Local Government Center. Valerie Gross, from the Howard County Library System in MD will be the featured speaker. There will be a program on Facebook and liability, and a panel presentation – "*When they don't come*" dealing with programming trends. And, back by popular demand: *Rapid Reviews*! This Fall Business Meeting will be limited to 70 participants as required by space limits at the Local Government Center.

Judy Haskell spoke for the Nominating Committee, and was pleased to report that Diane Lynch will run for VP/President -elect. Also, Judy reported that we do have a nomination for the Ann Geisel award.

Creating an ad-hoc committee to examine costs of hiring a conference coordinator:

Mary reported that after posting on the NHAIS list, it seems that no one was ready to take on serving as the spring conference coordinator. She suggested that we create a small ad-hoc committee to pursue a paid conference coordinator for spring conference 2013. Karen, Alison, and Carl offered to serve on this committee and will report back at our October board meeting.

Continuing Education / Finalize costs for three fall workshops:

There was some discussion about the workshops and it was felt that it will be helpful to revisit the survey Ann Hoey sent to membership last year to learn which topics our members are interested in. Downloadable books were suggested as a topic.

Small Library Summits:

Steve Butzel reported that there will in fact be two separate summits; the same program will be offered twice with registrations based on population. The committee is taking this approach so that more people can come. Doing it this way means that more than one person from each library may attend. NHLA will fund both events. Steve is looking at a \$1700 commitment from NHLA. Consensus of the board that NHLA will support this \$1700 request for funding, and that we support the changed format. The board approved the \$1700 expenditure via the e-survey which was distributed after the meeting. Steve will send out another save-the-date reminder on the NHAIS listserv.

Academic Section. Karin Heffernan. No report.

CHILIS. No Report.

READS. Lori Fisher reported on the upcoming READS fall conference -- "*Collections on the Edge: Rethinking Reference, Non-Fiction, and Local History,*" will be held on Friday, October 7th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH. Speakers include Brian Herzog, creator of SwissArmyLibrarian.net and Head of Reference at the Chelmsford (MA) Public Library; a panel of NH librarians on re-thinking Dewey; and Donna Gilbreth, Supervisor of Reference and Information Services at the NH State Library.

URBNS. URBNS met June 24th in Portsmouth. Next meeting in Laconia.

YALS. No report.

ALA. Steve talked about the Presidential Task Force on Equitable Access to Electronic Content (EQUACC), and it was created to study challenges and recommend potential solutions in libraries for improved electronic content access, distribution and preservation systems. Steve also talked about ALA's library support staff certification. ALA has a process for vetting classes, and we may be able to accredit NHLA courses through this program. Also, the Transforming libraries portal! Lots of different resources at ***Transforming.ala.org***. Legislatively of course, the news is not so good. The current appropriations act will provide no money for the Federal Digital System GPO program. Many of those primary resources will go away.

Advocacy. No report.

Bylaws. No report.

Center for the Book. Andrea Thorpe reported that a grant that was applied for was denied, and the Center is waiting for reviewer comments.

Intellectual Freedom. Diane Lynch. Banned Book Week is 9/24 through 10/1. Media press kits are available now.

Legislative. Randy feels that there nothing new on the legislative radar at the present time. With the LSRs out it would appear that the budget fights that went on last year will continue.

NELA. Alison Zaya noted that there are 3 open positions. NELA has one candidate for each position, with bios on the website. 2013 will be a joint conference in Portland, Maine with the Maine Library Association.

NHSL. Mike York: The Library of Congress traveling exhibit is coming. NHSL is hosting this with the Concord Public Library. It's housed in a trailer with dimensions of 90 feet long, 30 feet wide. NHSL is still struggling with the van service. Stan is out with detached retina. Another temp driver is having knee problems. NHSL will be losing additional federal funds in October.

Nominating. Judy queried Alison about continuing as NELA representative and Alison seemed willing to continue.

Scholarships. No report.

Website. Amy Graves has worked with the logo so that you can download it and or print it in a size that you like.

NHLTA. Kathy Meserve and Adele Knight from NHLTA introduced themselves to the group.

Next meeting October 18th.

There was a motion to Adjourn at 3:10 p.m.