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**New Hampshire Library Association Annual Business Meeting
November 8, 2012. 1:15 pm
Beautiful Gunstock Mountain Resort, Gilford, NH**

Present:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by President Lori Fisher. Lori took the opportunity to welcome the group to the conference and complimented and thanked the morning's presenters and the conference planners for the morning's offerings. The presentations by Bob Dunn, **THE LIBRARY LOBBY and LEGAL REFERENCE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIANS) by Mary S. Searles, NH Law Library and co-presenter Kathy Fletcher, UNH School of Law were informative and helpful.**

Lori noted that a quorum of membership was not in attendance. Bylaws state that a quorum for the annual business meeting consists of 10% of NHLA members.

President's Report-Lori Fisher:

Lori noted that it had been a successful and busy year for NHLA, and that the year had required some real problem solving as well.

Earlier this year, Lori testified to the NH Senate Finance Committee opposing House Bill 1274, which proposed the elimination of the Department of Cultural Resources.

Lori complimented Amy Graves for her work in revamping the NHLA website.

The second Small Library Summit was held in April. Lori complimented Steve Butzel for his work in pulling the summit together. The Small Library Summit will next be offered in 2014.

Also in April, an outstanding Library Leadership Conference was offered in conjunction with Vermont's Library Association. ALA President Maureen Sullivan facilitated the conference. Lori praised the efforts of Mary White for making it happen for NH librarians.

Lori attended Library Legislative day in Washington DC. Through the course of the day Lori and the NH delegation met with the staff of three NH legislators and in person with Senator Kelly Ayotte.

In June, NHLA presented a Digital Summit. Through the work of our ALA Councilor, Steve Butzel, Dr. Alan S. Inouye, Director of the Office for Information Technology Policy for the American Library Association spoke about ALA's efforts in the fight to get the nations libraries a fair stake of the digital "pie". Dr. Inouye spoke to the ongoing efforts by ALA to get publishers to work with libraries and allow libraries improved access to eBooks, so that we can better serve our customers.

Lori noted that Gail Zachariah had taken the chair of the Intellectual Freedom Committee. Amy Lapointe has served as our NELA representative. Deb Baker has taken the reins of the Advocacy Committee. Thanks to all for their service.

One very important piece of NHLA business this year was retaining the services of a Book keeper. Sean Fleming has done an outstanding job as NHLA treasurer and worked with the board to retain the book

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keeper. As NHLA has grown this move will allow the Board to streamline many of its accounting functions and provides the membership with additional safeguards, checks and balances.

The Advocacy committee will be working to put together a great Library Snapshot Day event in 2013.

Lori finished her remarks speaking to a bit of the “problem solving” that she and the board had to run down this year. First, the Local Government Center ended its “Affiliate Program. Over the past several years, LGC has provided many membership services to NHLA including membership processing, conference registration work, mailings, meeting spaces, etc. This will no longer be available to the membership. To fill that void, the NHLA board retained the services of Cornerstone Management to assist with membership services and mailings.

And the great big elephant in the room – NHLA conferences. No one stepped up to chair an Annual Conference in 2012. The board decided to jump back and develop a one day event in 2013 and a two day annual conference event in 2014.

Lori concluded her remarks saying that she felt it was an excellent year with interesting happenings and challenges well met. She enjoyed working with the Board and was pleased and honored to represent NHLA this year.

The attendees applauded Lori for her leadership.

Incoming President: Diane Lynch-

And next Lori introduced incoming NHLA President Diane Lynch. Diane thanked Lori for her work on behalf of the association.

Treasurer’s Report: Sean Fleming-

Sean noted that the Audit had been paid.

Membership- Jennifer Hinderer-

Membership now totals 617 members. Jennifer’s goal is 650 members! Go recruit more members!

Conferences: Lori Fisher-

For 2013’s 1 day conference we still need one more co-chair. For the 2014 Conference, Jennifer Hinderer and Randy Brough will chair. Volunteers are needed. Please help if you can.

Past President/ Nominating Chair: Mary White-

And the election results are:

- Linda Taggart, V.P
- Tim Sheehan, Treasurer (one year term)
- Betsy Solon, Assistant Treasurer (two year term)
- Carl Heidenblad, Secretary
- Amy Lapointe, NELA

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Amy Lappin, ALA Councilor

And this year's recipient of the Ann Geisel award is:

Bobbi Slossar!! In her 7 years at the NH State Library she has been a huge asset to NH Librarian's as we enter this new digital age. She has been instrumental in the success of the NH Downloadable Books Consortium, assisting the Consortium's 192 member libraries to serve more than 1.25 million residents. Mary highlighted Bobbi's passion for technology and her infectious enthusiasm for technology and library service, as well as her ability to provide NH librarians with accurate, concise and simple instruction. Mary and many thanked Bobbi for making a difficult and ever changing subject area comprehensible and exciting. Bobbi's selection was truly appreciated and applauded by the attendees.

Diane Lynch, President: Call for old or other business for the good of the association?

None heard, Diane called for a motion to adjourn which was made and seconded by many and the meeting adjourned at 1:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Heidenblad, Secretary