



2014 Officers' Reports

President

It's been a busy year for the New Hampshire Library Association.

On the business side of things, one of our main goals this year was to reduce spending to balance the budget. In order to do so, we made two key changes. First, we discontinued our contract with Cornerstone Association Management, who had been tracking memberships and event registrations. We bought a subscription to Wild Apricot, an online software tool that gives us more direct access and control over our membership list at a savings of approximately \$2,500 per year. Second, after research and recommendations from past treasurer Tim Sheehan and current treasurer Cara Barlow, we voted to move from an annual audit to an annual compilation, which will ensure that our books are being reviewed annually but will reduce costs by about \$3,000.

This year marked the return of our two-day spring conference, held April 23-24 at the Mountain View Grand Resort in Whitefield, NH. The conference committee put in a lot of hard work to pull off this event, and in the end we had 30 programs and two featured luncheon speakers, author Tom Ryan ("Following Atticus") and YA author Barry Lyga. Attendance was quite good, at 166 for one day and 146 for the other. Thanks to the conference committee for their hours of work and dedication to bring us this event.

For 2015, we have agreed to a joint fall conference with NELA. It is scheduled for October 25-27 in Manchester. NELA will pay the costs and NHLA will work with them to do the planning. We are also working with NELA on a proposal to offer joint membership at a discounted rate.

Also revived this year was our Advocacy committee. Mary Cronin took over as chair, and she has recruited a number of volunteers to assist in a multitude of efforts such as outreach at the NH Municipal Association fall conference.

In May, along with Michael York and Randy Brough, I attended Library Legislative Days in Washington, DC. We met with staff members from the four New Hampshire congressional offices, sharing with them the importance of LSTA funding and its daily impact on our patrons' lives through interlibrary loan van service, databases, and the like.

At the executive board's June meeting, we voted to grant provisional status to the new Paralibrarians Section. This group is intended to support and recognize the contributions of those without an MLS degree. We'll be voting on permanent status for that section during the fall business meeting.

Our membership stands at 507 as of yesterday. During the past year, we have had a number of changes on the executive board. Vice President Lucinda Mazza stepped down early in the year, and Amy Lapointe agreed to take on those responsibilities. Jennifer Hinderer left her position as membership chair and

conference committee co-chair, and NHAIS Liaison Dorinda Howard also left the board. Deb Hiatt has joined us as membership chair, Diane Lynch took over as conference committee co-chair, and outgoing READS president Katherine Dormody will assume the NHAIS Liaison duties following the fall business meeting. We are still in need of an energetic volunteer to revitalize our fundraising efforts (AKA Ways and Means committee), and if you know anyone who has an archive or documents management background, the NHLA archivist position is also open. Please see any board member if you're interested or know someone who might be a good fit for those positions.

It's been a privilege to work with the members of the NHLA board and to meet many of you at events throughout the year. Special thanks to our outgoing officers, Assistant Treasurer Betsy Solon and Past President Diane Lynch (who did double duty as conference committee co-chair this year). And thanks to all of you who give your time, energy, ideas, and passion to make NHLA a better organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Taggart
President

Vice President

I took over the role of Vice-President mid-term after Lucinda Mazza needed to step down for personal reasons. I thank Cindy for the work that she did on behalf of NHLA and look forward to working with her in some capacity in the future.

The primary role of the NHLA Vice President is to plan the fall conference and business meeting.

On November 7, 2014, New Hampshire librarians will gather at the Hooksett Public Library for a day-long workshop on "Enhancing the Library Experience with Technology". Sessions include presentations on trends in technology and 3D printing, as well as updates from the NH State Library and the NHLA Information Technology Section. The annual meeting portion of the agenda will also include the presentation of the Ann Geisel award as well as recognizing NHLA scholarship recipients.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Lapointe
NHLA Vice President

Treasurer

This is my first annual report as NHLA's Treasurer. It's been a pleasure working with the NHLA Board and members this year. I would especially like to thank outgoing Assistant Treasurer Betsy Solon for her support and assistance through my first year as Treasurer.

FY14 accomplishments include:

- Setting up a Paypal account for NHLA
 - In January 2014 I set up a Paypal account for NHLA, which enabled us to accept credit card payments from NHLA Spring Conference vendors.

- Helping in the transition from our former association management firm, Cornerstone, to Wild Apricot, a web-based association management service.
 - By transitioning to Wild Apricot we will be able to offer membership and event registration/payment online, have control of our membership information and realize a cost savings of approximately \$2,500.
- Hiring a new bookkeeper
 - In June 2014 Sarah Martin resigned and I hired Brenda Lockwood as the new NHLA bookkeeper. Brenda initially spent time getting our books in order, straightening out the scholarship records and dealing with some other long-standing issues. She has been instrumental in my being able to provide the association with accurate monthly financial reports.

Financial Highlights from FY2014:

- The Spring 2014 NHLA Conference was very successful, making a profit of \$4,370.44.
- Moving to Wild Apricot has reduced association management costs by approximately \$2,500.
- NHLA net assets increased by \$5,196.

FY2014 Financial Data

Please find attached the NHLA Independent Accountant Compilation Report as completed by Plodzik & Sanderson Accountants & Auditors.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Barlow
NHLA Treasurer

ALA Councilor

This past year I attended 2015 ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia in January and 2015 ALA Annual in Las Vegas in June. My full reports are available on the NHLA website at

<http://nhlibrarians.org/blog/2014/07/15/nh-ala-councilor-report-from-ala-annual-in-las-vegas-2014/>

and <http://nhlibrarians.org/blog/2014/01/30/nh-ala-councilor-report-from-midwinter-2014-philadelphia/>

In June, I was asked to join the Council Orientation Committee and will assume those duties at Midwinter in Chicago in January 2015. I submitted our 2014 NH State of the Chapter report in September.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Lappin
NHLA ALA Councilor, 2013-2015

NELA Representative

It has been a pleasure to serve on both the NHLA and the NELA Executive Boards this year. I believe that NHLA could learn much from NELA and this year has paved the way for enhanced collaboration.

- Last fall, the NELA Board planned an educational opportunity for library leaders about fundraising for our professional organizations. Leadership from each of the state associations was invited to participate in the program.
- NHLA has agreed to co-sponsor the next NELA conference (to be held in Manchester, NH in October 2015). NELA has a history of successfully co-sponsored conferences (ex. 2013 was cosponsored with Maine Library Association).
- Next, both boards have agreed to a pilot project for an “extended membership”.
- The NELA Board has begun planning a “NELLS 2” similar to the successful model used for NELLE. This will be a terrific training/ redevelopment opportunity for senior library leaders in NH (and all of the New England states.)
- Finally, I am very pleased to report that long-time NH librarian Mary Ann List is the 2014 recipient of NELA’s Emerson Greenaway award for distinguished service in librarianship.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Lapointe

NHLA NELA Representative

2014 Section Reports

Academic

The Academics Section is forming a group of academic, public and school librarians in college towns in New Hampshire in an effort to find ways the three types of libraries might collaborate in beneficial ways. We have some academic librarians willing to spearhead this effort and are now seeking public and school librarians to round out the committee.

CHILIS

2014 SPRING CONFERENCE AT SNHU

We enjoyed record attendance, new members and a volunteer for the board.

2014 KBA Fizz, Boom, Read showcase was so much fun thanks to the roster of presenters that the Summer Reading Program committee worked so hard on with Ann. Special presentations from CHILIS board members Judy Russell, Nina Sargent and Tara Mackenzie were Fizz, Boom, Readable and inspiring.

Ann and Kristin represented NH at CSLP and worked with librarians around the country (including American Samoa, Hawaii and Alaska!) firming up details for themes for the next three years:

2015 - Every Hero has a story, 2016 - On Your Mark, Get Set, Read (Wellness Themes),

2017 - Build a better world. (Check out my Pinterest boards to get you started).

CHILIS was glad to be a part of NHLA Spring Conference at Mt View Grand. Getting to see Bethlehem's brand new library was a treat. They got to be first with the Summer Reading T-shirt Quilt Banners created by Greenfield's Monadnock Quilters Guild members.

Great Stone Face is working hard on a new slate of nominees for grades 4-6 for standard of excellence in writing and kid appeal. 2014 winner M.H. Herlong's Buddy won with 734 votes.

The Isinglass Award committee focuses on encouraging upper middle school (7-8) level students to read for enjoyment and promote a life-long love of reading. 2014 winner In a Heartbeat by Loretta Ellsworth. The committee has added skyping to increase participation in selection committee.

Herlong, a New Orleans's author, will be speaking and signing copies of her book at the October 9th Fall CHILIS Conference in hosted by Kristin Readel of the Stephenson Memorial Library, Greenfield, NH. Record registrations at 133. No walk-ins will be accepted.

This year's slate of officers that will be presented:

Current President, Tara McKenzie, Conway Public Library,
Vice-President/President Elect Kristen Paradise, Rodgers Library, Hudson, NH,
Past President - Kristin Readel, Stephenson Memorial Library, Greenfield, NH
Secretary, Liz Gotauco, Merrimack Public Library
Treasurer, Nina Sargent, Thornton Public Library

Web Master, Nancy Lang, Dunbarton Public Library
Membership, Susan D. Laun, Portsmouth Public Library
Fundraising: Thomas Billbrough, Colby Memorial

SAVE THE DATE! Spring Conference Date March 5, 2015, SNHU, Manchester

Membership is at 187 as of July.

Fall 2015 we will not have a conference but encourage our membership to participate in NELA Manchester, October 2015.

ITS

Membership in the IT section is open to all NHLA members with an interest in technology, whether beginners or experts. The section currently charges no dues for membership status. Membership averaged around 70 during this year.

After a significant break, the IT section resumed quarterly meetings in Winter 2013. Kate Butler was elected president for the 2013-14 year, Steve Butzel was elected Secretary/Treasurer, and Bill Bulling was elected vice-president/president elect. Topics included Chromebooks, 3D printing, Maker Gadgets, Home Grown IT Solutions and Technology Training on a Budget. The section members also contributed several programs at the NHLA Spring Conference in April.

Future projects include leading a facilitated discussion at the November NHLA Fall Business Meeting and collaborating with the law librarians to bring a program on electronic privacy to NH. We also hope to encourage increased membership and participation by emphasizing that interest, not expertise is the only qualification for joining.

Kate Butler
IT Section President 2013-14

READS

2014 has been a productive year for READS. We began by helping NHLA plan for their annual conference last April at the Mountain View Grand Resort. We provided three sessions: a READS-to-Go discussion, Tech. Competencies for Librarians, and Harnessing Book Recommendations from Library Reads.

Round Table opportunities continued into 2014 based on their prior success and popularity. Four on Creating a Tech-Savvy Staff were offered through Co-ops with moderators and subject experts at each of them. Those who attended liked the open discussion format to see examples and ideas from other libraries.

Our annual conference this year, "Reference and Relevance in the 21st Century" considered the role of reference services in libraries with a focus on customer service, going beyond Google, and how our websites serve as virtual branches. The annual conference for 2015 will be a part of the NHLA/NELA

joint conference in New Hampshire. We will be planning sessions and will have the annual business meeting at one of them.

Reads-to-Go continues to grow with 137 sponsored titles. The committee is working on a spreadsheet so host libraries can update their kit bookings and borrowing libraries can check on availability. The RTG blog, <http://reads-to-go.blogspot.com/>, has the most current list of titles but most should be listed in NHU-PAC as well. Discussion questions are also available via the blog.

Ballot results for 2014 are completed and Rebecca Crockett from Pelham Public Library is the new VP/President-Elect and Matthew Bose from Hooksett Public Library is the new Treasurer. Corinne Chronopoulos will be taking over as READS President and I will become Past President.

Submitted by

Katherine Dormody
READS President 2014

URBANS

The URBANS group met several times throughout the year at member libraries to discuss a variety of topics. In February, the group had a presentation from Mary Ann List on the Edge, a benchmarking tool for libraries to assess their technology use and needs. Charlie Matthews of Hudson gave a presentation on his experiences at the Public Library Association conference in March. He was particularly surprised by the lack of New Hampshire libraries attending the conference. In June, the group viewed a webinar on Bringing in Skilled and Committed Baby Boomers as Volunteers at the Merrimack Public Library. In October, we had a chance to learn about Keene's 3-D printer.

At each meeting, the URBANS library representatives give updates on programs and events happening in their local areas, share budget and staffing information, and hear from State Librarian Mike York about what's happening at the state level. URBANS does not meet in the summer and meets monthly the rest of the year.

YALS

The YALS officers for 2013-2014 were:

President: Sylvie Brikiatis, Windham
Vice-President: Barb Ballou, New Boston
Treasurer: Allison Steele, Wilton
Secretary: Liz Gotauco, Merrimack
Past President: Kirsten Rundquist Corbett, Hampton

YALS officers for 2014-2015 are:

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Vice President:
Treasurer: Donna Hynes, Rochester

Secretary: Liz Gotauco, Merrimack

Past President: Sylvie Brikiatis, Windham

There are two book awards chosen by young adults in NH: The Isinglass Award for middle school readers and the Flume Award for high school readers. The 2014 Isinglass Award went to *In a Heartbeat* by Loretta Ellsworth. The 2014 Flume Award went to *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green.

The Flume Award Nomination/Voting/ schedule will be updated beginning summer of 2015.

YALS members Lisa Houde and Kirsten Rundquist Corbett presented the Flume Award: NH Teen Reader's Choice winner for 2014 and the nominees for next year at the NHLA Spring Conference in April.

The Young Adult summer reading theme from the Collaborative Summer Library Program was "Spark a Reaction."

There were 99 members of YALS as of October.

There was no Fall conference this year but save the date for our Spring Conference: May 7th @ Plaistow Public Library.

Submitted by:

Sylvie Brikiatis

President YALS 2013-2014

2014 Committee Reports

Advocacy

The Advocacy Committee was reorganized in 2014 after a period of inactivity.

Description of Committee:

The Advocacy Committee promotes New Hampshire libraries to the public and serves as a resource for advocacy information for New Hampshire library staff.

The Advocacy Committee:

- Promotes advocacy education to membership and NH librarians, as well as providing public relations to the general public.
- Maintains an active social media presence (such as Facebook, Twitter).
- Works with the web coordinators to make NHLA's website an information hub to NH librarians and to the outside world.
- Produces statewide promotional materials promoting NH libraries.
- Serves as a resource for advocacy information.

The Advocacy Committee also represents NHLA at the NH Municipal Association's annual conference.

Current committee members:

Chelsea Hanrahan	H. Raymond Danforth Library, NEC
Sandy Holz	Whitefield Public Library
Charlie Matthews	Rodgers Memorial Library, Hudson
Laura Clerkin	Bethlehem Public Library
Mary Cronin, Chair	Madison Library
Becca Crockett	Pelham Public Library
David Smolen	Conway Public Library
Donna Bunker	Chesley Memorial Library, Northwood
Bobbi Slossar	NH State Library
Gail Zachariah	Keene Public Library

The Advocacy Committee held an organizational meeting on September 11, 2014 at the Pease Public Library.

The committee started by planning the NHLA exhibit table at NH Municipal Association Annual Conference (November 12-13), coordinating and communicating with NH Library Trustees Association, who will have an adjacent table. The theme for the table will be "Libraries Connect Communities," and the exhibit will include images from NH libraries, infographics demonstrating value of libraries, and handouts on services provided by most or all NH public libraries. Committee members and additional volunteers will staff the table.

The committee plans to begin its work with NHLA by focusing on strengthening relationships and encourage sharing among NH librarians. As one committee member said, "It's hard to be a strong front if we barely know each other." Ideas include developing a network of librarians using social media as people, not institutions; creating regional social opportunities for librarians to encourage sharing of ideas and resources; finding fun ways to engage public with libraries by promoting librarian "heroes" and sharing "warm fuzzies" (stories about special moments in libraries.) Advocacy efforts for the public will focus on stories from and about librarians rather than libraries, to fit the way people like to relate to institutions (on a human level), and adding value to and focusing attention on the librarian profession.

The Advocacy Committee will meet again on October 30, 2014 at the Pease Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cronin
Advocacy Chair

By-Laws

During the year, the By-laws Committee proposed multiple changes to the existing NHLA constitution and by-laws.

Among the proposed changes were:

- Standardized wording and names
- A consistent amendment process throughout the document
- The addition of a new section, the Paralibrarian Section
- The renaming of a standing committee

Membership will vote on the proposed changes during the November business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Stern and Carlos Pearman
NHLA Bylaws Committee co-chairs

Conference

The 2014 NHLA Spring Conference was held April 23rd and 24th at the Mountain View Grand Resort and Spa in Whitefield, NH. Thirty separate programs were offered, as well as two featured luncheon speakers, author Tom Ryan and dog Atticus and Young Adult author Barry Lyga.

A Survey Monkey questionnaire was posted following the event, and we received 74 responses. Anecdotal responses seem to be generally positive. Program evaluations reflect positive feelings toward most of the programs, and a number of presenters have offered to present for NHLA events in the future.

We had 166 conference attendees on the first day and 146 attendees on the second day.

We had a \$20,000 budget. Our expenses ended up being \$20,605.01. Our income was 24,975.45. This was the first two-day conference offering from NHLA in several years.

We had 17 vendors present. Some vendors, such as Overdrive, chose to sponsor an event rather than have a physical presence at the conference.

Raffle items included a \$50 gas card, \$50 hotel gift certificate, (4) \$25 bookstore gift certificates, (2) NHLA annual memberships, as well as signed copies of the luncheon speakers' books. The only requirement for entry into the raffle was to show up and get your ticket at registration.

We hope that this will restart the two day NHLA conference trend. As always, thanks to the sections and the NHLA board for their support, and to the Conference Committee for their hard work and dedication. Special thanks to Bobbi Slossar for designing our brochure. Thanks to the NHLA treasurers, Betsy Solon and Cara Barlow for keeping our payments moving in a timely manner. And thanks to our Web Coordinators, Kim McKee and Marina Hale for helping us keep NH Librarians informed about the event.

Thank you to our NHLA Sections, former Conference Co-chair Jennifer Hinderer, Cornerstone Association Management, NHLA volunteers and attendees for making this conference a success. Special thanks to the North Country Co-Op for their assistance at the conference.

The NHLA 2014 Spring Conference Committee was: Barb Ballou, Kate Butler, Ann Hoey, Molly Milazzo, Bobbi Lee Slossar, Caitlin Stevens, Brian Sylvester, Linda Taggart and Gail Zachariah.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Lynch and Randy Brough
Conference Co-Chairs

Continuing Education

In the last few months, a number of new members have joined the Continuing Education Committee. Committee members are Barbara Prince of the Hanover Town Library in Etna, Library Consultant Thomas Ladd, Heather Rainier of the Hooksett Public Library, Elizabeth Thompson of the Gorham Public Library, Dawn Huston of the Dunbar Free Library in Grantham, Amy Thurber of the Canaan Town Library, Eileen Gilbert of the Boscawen Public Library and Bernie Prochnik of the Bath Public Library.

Five mini-money grants from the Adam & Jane MacDonald Fund were awarded by the Continuing Education Committee in 2014. The \$200 grants supported applicants' attendance at the following programs:

- (1) *Elements of Technology Management*, an online course given by the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science as part of the *Certified Public Library Administrator Program* through ALA and APA.
- (2) *School Library Journal's Day of Dialog* in New York City

(3) *E21: The Conference* at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont – two mini-money grants

(4) *Politics, Networking and Your Library*, an online course in the *Certified Public Library Administrator Program*.

On May 29, 2014, Mary White presented a four hour class in Library Management at the Hooksett Public Library. The Continuing Education committee is currently working with the newly formed Paralibrarian Certification Committee to plan classes for the upcoming year.

Barbara Prince
Chair, Continuing Education Committee

Intellectual Freedom

Key developments this past year:

During the last year, I kept the NHLA Board and membership abreast of national developments. I was contacted by three libraries for advice issues related to intellectual freedom. During the year, I shared several posts and engaged in discussions on the NHAIS listserv regarding internet filters, CIPA, privacy, and violent media in libraries. I maintained contact with the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom and promoted Banned Books Week and Choose Privacy Week.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Zachariah
Chair of the NHLA Intellectual Freedom Committee

Legislative

Legislatively, the year past has been the quietest in my memory. At the state level, there were no bills introduced that pertained to libraries. NHLA lobbyist Bob Dunn of Devine Millimet did monitor Legislative Service Requests and Bills for the Association.

Back in early May I attended Library Legislative Day in Washington DC with State Librarian Michael York and NHLA President Linda Taggart.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Brough
NHLA Legislative Chair

Membership

As of November 6, 2014, NHLA membership stands at 507 members, including two business memberships. This year we welcomed thirty-four new members and an additional 13 first time members since we switched over to Wild Apricot. NHLA members also have memberships in the following sections:

- Academics

- CHILIS 198
- ITS 68
- READS 210
- Small Libraries 72
- YALS 99
- URBANS 14

Membership renewal forms will be distributed soon. I hope that you encourage your colleagues to join if they have not already done so. NHLA provides a variety of learning opportunities and valuable connections to our peers as well as a variety of important resources to help us provide excellent service in our community libraries.

Thanks to all of you for being members.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Hiett
Membership Chair

Scholarship

The New Hampshire Library Association supports graduate education for members through two programs.

F. Mabel Winchell Loan Fund

- \$1,500 interest-free loan to be repaid within 5 years
- Funded through lifelong memberships to NHLA
- Applicant must be a resident of New Hampshire or currently employed by a NH library, enrolled in an ALA accredited school of Library or Information Science, and a member of NHLA.

Rosalie Norris Scholarship

- \$1,000 outright grant
- Funded through a bequest to NHLA from Rosalie Norris
- Applicant must be a resident of New Hampshire or currently employed by a NH library, enrolled in an ALA accredited school of Library or Information Science, and a member of NHLA.

Scholarship Committee Members

Carlos Pearman
Brittany Tuttle
Sophie Smith
Tom Ladd
Sarah Leonardi

In 2014, the Scholarship Committee received five Rosalie Norris Scholarship applications and two F. Mabel Winchell Loan applications. After consideration of the balance of the funds, the committee voted to grant the following awards:

The committee awarded a Rosalie Norris Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to the following individuals:

1. Alyson Opshal is the Children's Program Director at the Chesterfield Public Library and is studying through the distance program at Texas Women's University.
2. Kate Thomas is the Information Technology Librarian at the Hampstead Public Library and is studying online through Clarion University.
3. Aimee Lockhardt is a Library Assistant at the Dover Public Library and is studying through the distance program at Syracuse University.

The committee awarded a F. Mabel Winchell loan in the amount of \$1500 to the following individuals:

1. Elizabeth (Lisa) Jose is Library Assistant at the Merrimack Public Library and is studying online through Clarion University.
2. Kate Thomas
3. Aimee Lockhardt

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Leonardi, Chair

Ways & Means

This committee was inactive in 2014. More commonly known as the fundraising committee, its past activities have included raffles and other activities designed to support NHLA financially. We are looking for a motivated individual to help revitalize this committee. If interested, please see any NHLA board member.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Taggart
President, NHLA

Paralibrarians Section

The Paralibrarian Section grew out of the 2013 READS fall conference discussion of the Massachusetts Library Association paralibrarian certification program. A small group met in January and March of this year, collecting the necessary member signatures for approval by the NHLA executive board as a provisional section in May. Since May, the nascent Paralibrarian Section has created bylaws and appointed officers. We have also been busy adapting the Massachusetts PARAlibrarian certification program for NH. Participants in the Voluntary Certification Program will receive recognition for experience and education in various library skills. The guidelines are available on the NHLA website, and

should soon be approved by the NHLA executive board as well. The Paralibrarian section is working with the NHLA Education Committee to offer classes supporting the library skills in the certification guidelines. We are looking forward to offering the first certifications in 2015!

Eileen Gilbert

Paralibrarians Section

Past-President

The nomination and election process for 2014 is complete! Thank you to the NHLA members who accepted nominations this term, and thank you to all of the folks who have graciously stayed on in the positions they currently hold.

Our newly elected candidates are:

Vice-President/President-Elect: Jenn Hosking, Nashua Public Library, Nashua, NH with 54 votes and no write-ins.

Secretary: Mary White, Howe Library, Hanover, NH with 54 votes and no write-ins.

Assistant Treasurer: Deann Hunter, Laconia Public Library, Laconia, NH with 54 votes and no write-ins.

In other exciting news, we have a Geisel Award winner this year. Congratulations to Ms. Susan Brown of Derry Public Library. Thank you to the NH library community for taking the time to honor a colleague for her exceptional contributions to NH Libraries!

Thank you, NHLA members, for helping us build toward another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lynch

NHLA Past-President and Nominating Committee chair