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**NHLA Annual Business Meeting  
Friday November 3, 2017**

Meeting called to order at: 2:16 PM

Members Present: Sylvie Brikiatis, (President), Christine Friese (Vice President/President Elect), Matthew Gunby (secretary), Deann Hunter (treasurer), Marilyn Borgendale (immediate past president), Amy Lappin (ALA Representative), Denise van Zanten (NELA Representative), Kate Thomas (ITS Co-President), Beverly Pietlicki (READS President), Sarah Frost (Paralibrarian President) Lori Fisher (Advocacy Committee Chair), Dara Bradds, (Conference Committee Co-Chair) Deb Hoadley (Continuing Education Chair, Julie Perrin (IFC Chair), Lisa Jose (Membership Committee Chair), Marina Buckler (website coordinator), Kim Gabert, (social media coordinator), Tanya Moesel, Leslie Thurston, Barbara Young, Janet Ardent, Betsy Baker, Cathy Beaudoin, Dottie Billbrough, Matthew Bose, Carol Brock, Steve Butzel, LeeAnn Chase, Mary Cronin, Amber Coughlin, Dana Donovan, Donna Dunlop, Myra Emmons, Carol Eyman, Lori Fisher, Maddison Foss, Kevin French, Deborah Gadwah-Lambert, Samantha Gallo, Eileen Gilbert, Mark Glisson, Amy Hanmer, Dianne Hathaway, Jackie Heath, Carl Heidenblad, Erin Henderson, Deb Hoadley, Laura Horwood-Benton, Jenn Hosking, Linda Hough, Crystal Hoyt, Yvonne Jenkins, Kate Kenyon, Diane Kizirian, Nancy Ladd, Amy Lapointe, Grace Larochele, Kelli Lennon, Edmund Lowe, Diane Lynch, Kayleigh Mahan, Charlie Matthews, Diane Mayer, Maria Moulton, Brittany Overton, Kristen Paradise, Beverly Pietlicki, Linda Pilla, Christine Powers, Barbara Prince, Heather Rainier, Kristin Readell, Jo-Ann Roy, Claudett Russell, Christie Sarles, Susan Schatvet, Nicole Schulze, Mary Searles, Mary Ann Senatroy, Kathy Sperounis, Julie G. Spokane, Tricia Thomas, Andrea Thorpe, Lesley Unger, Vicki Varick, Anne Marie Welch, Meryl Zusman

Others Present: Brendan Chella, Megan Coleman, Erica Freudenberger (presenter), Danielle Hinton, Michelle Hogan, Jeremy Johannesen (presenter), Lianne Keary, Martha Meacham

Approve minutes for November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016, motion made by Amy Lappin seconded by Diane Kizirian. Motion carries unanimously.

Recognition of Executive Board officers and past presidents.

Motion to accept treasurer's report. Diane Kizirian motion to accept treasurer's report. Lori Fisher seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

Membership Report

NELLS 2017 participants.

Additional grant and scholarship recipients.

Election results for secretary and president.

Other business.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 PM.

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Respectfully submitted by Matthew Gunby

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### **President's Report: Accomplishments of NHLA this year**

- #SaveIMLS and ALA's Fight for Libraries—The Advocacy and Legislative Committees worked together to develop an NH advocacy plan and the membership took up the campaign.
- On behalf of NHLA, the Executive Board submitted a comment for Net Neutrality.
- Following a successful Spring Conference, NHLA has committed to a 2019 conference with the expectation of one in 2021. May 9-10, 2019 at Mill Falls in Meredith.
- Adopted a tagline summarizing our mission and purpose. (see the header)
- Secured places and support for eight NELLs (New England Library Leadership Symposium) participants.
- Enacted policies to formalize our organization: Document Retention and Destruction, Conflict of Interest and Conference Cancellation.
- Executive Board put measures in place for greater fiscal responsibility for the budget, continuing education and scholarship funds.
- The officers began meeting every other month both for administrative discussions and as the new Finance Committee.
- Shored up the committees, recruiting new people so that every committee has at least three members.
- Implemented a joint ALA/NHLA student membership.
- Recruited a social media coordinator to increase NHLA's presence on Facebook. IFC is committed to a weekly posting and Advocacy and READS are making plans.
- Recruited an archivist who has begun curating the NHLA archives.

Continuing into next year: new website, membership brochure and a procedures manual.

Events next year: Small Libraries Summit on April 26 and an Advocacy Boot-camp—date TBD.

These accomplishments are, of course, in addition to the great networking, professional growth and advocacy opportunities that CHILIS, READS, ParaLibrarians, ULAC, YALS, ITS and IFC have provided for NHLA members.

Congratulations! It has been my pleasure to serve as your president.

Marilyn Borgendale, NHLA President



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**President Elect Annual Report to NHLA Board for 2017**

- The Fall Conference and Annual business meeting will take place 11/3/17 at Hooksett Public Library. Theme is “Engaging Your Community”. Speakers include Jeremy Johannesen (Advocacy), Erica Freudenberger (Community Engagemnet), and Laura Benton-Horwood (Portsmouth Library) speaking on Social Media Best Practices
- Cost of \$30 members/\$40 non-members
- Keynote Speaker is Jeremy Johannesen (NYLA executive director), presentation and workshop on Community Engagement by Erica Freudenberg, Laura Benton-Horwood speaking on Social Media Best Practices
- I participated on the Nomination Committee for the Geisel Award and a recipient has been selected.
- I attended a new ALA Chapter leader orientation on 6/8/17. This is the first orientation of this kind that has been offered.

Respectfully Submitted by

Sylvie Brikiatis  
President Elect NHLA 2016/2017  
Assistant Director  
Nesmith Library  
Windham, NH



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### **Past President's Report**

Respectfully submitted by: Jenn Hosking

As Past President I served on the newly created Finance Committee supporting the Treasurer and attended bimonthly officer meetings. In addition, I led the Nominations Committee as we prepared a slate of officer candidates for the membership to vote on as well as the selection of this year's Ann Geisel Award of Merit.

This year's officer election was again held electronically and subsequently had an even higher participation rate than recent years. We had two positions to fill, Vice President and Secretary. The nominations committee put forth one candidate for Vice President and three candidates for Secretary. Congratulations to Matthew Gunby who will continue as secretary with 99 votes and to Christine Frieser who assume the role of Vice President/President Elect with 132 votes. Both members will assume these positions at the annual business meeting on November 3, 2017.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the 2017 recipient of the Ann Geisel Award of Merit is Lori Fisher. We received five strong nominations for this award demonstrating the commitment librarians and institutions have to our profession and quality library services. Lori's colleagues wished to recognize her commitment to advocacy at both the local, regional and national level as well as her commitment to professional development and the leadership roles she's assumed in our association. All of these qualities are a mirror image to what Ann personified.



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## **NHLA Treasurer's 2017 Annual Report**

Cara Barlow, NHLA Treasurer

### **Financial Report**

Please find attached:

- NHLA's Accepted FY18 Budget

### **Total cash assets as of June 30, 2017**

NHLA's total cash assets as of June 30, 2017 were \$135,094.84

### **New incoming NHLA Treasurer**

Welcome to incoming NHLA Treasurer Deann Hunter!

I want to thank Deann for her years of service as Assistant Treasurer. She has been a true pleasure to work with and I look forward to her taking over the NHLA Treasurer "reins." I am certain that she will serve with integrity and diligence.

### **FY17 Audit**

One of my last tasks as Treasurer was to work with the accounting firm, Howe, Riley & Howe, to conduct a complete audit of the NHLA books. They found no areas of concern and as I had hoped, gave us a number of tips to improve our financial processes.

### **Thank you**

I want to thank the NHLA membership and NHLA Boards, past and present; it's been a pleasure to serve within the New Hampshire Library Association.

When I was elected NHLA Treasurer in October 2013 I didn't anticipate that within six months I'd move from being the new NHLA treasurer and a department head at Nashua Public Library to being the new NHLA treasurer and new director of the Derry Public Library. It's been four years of a steep learning curve in many ways; I appreciate the gracious support of everyone involved with NHLA.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cara Barlow  
NHLA Treasurer



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**New Hampshire Library Association  
FY18 Accepted Budget - Restricted Funds**

FY18 Budget	
<b>Income</b>	
	\$
Norris Fund (scholarship)	2,300.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
	\$
Norris Fund (scholarship)	3,000.00
	\$
Norris Net Operating Income	(700.00)

<b>Income</b>	
	\$
MacDonald Fund (continuing ed)	2,600.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
	\$
MacDonald Fund (continuing ed)	5,100.00
	\$
MacDonald Net Operating Income	(2,500.00)

**New Hampshire Library Association  
FY18 Accepted Budget - Unrestricted Funds**

FY18 Budget	
<b>Income</b>	
4011 NHLA Spring Conference Income	-
4021 NHLA Fall Conference Income	\$ 3,000.00
4025 Small Libraries Summit	\$ 880.00
4041 NHLA Dues	\$ 20,000.00
4050 Interest Income	\$ -
4200 Donations to NHLA	\$ -
4305 Advocacy Income	\$ -
1210 NHLA General Fund	\$ 11,855.00



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**TOTAL INCOME    \$   35,735.00**

**FY18 Budget**

<b>Expenses</b>	
6000 Accounting	\$ 10,970.00
6010 ALA Chapter Membership	\$ 150.00
6015 Bank Fees	\$ 30.00
6021 NHLA Fall Conference Expense	\$ 3,000.00
6030 Insurance	\$ 600.00
6040 Legislative Activities	\$ 4,750.00
6045 Association Management	\$ 1,600.00
6050 Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 200.00
6055 Advocacy	\$ 500.00
6056 Nat'l Library Legislative Day	\$ 2,000.00
6070 Postage	\$ 50.00
6080 Printing and Stationary	\$ 1,000.00
6090 Professional Fees / Dues	\$ 50.00
6101 NHLA Spring Conference	\$ 1,000.00
6108 Small Libraries Summit	\$ 1,200.00
6110 Supplies	\$ 75.00
6120 ALA Councilor Travel & Conference	\$ 4,160.00
6195 Geisel Award Expense	\$ 150.00
6215 Technology (formerly PayPal fees)	\$ 1,000.00
6230 Website design and logo	\$ 3,000.00
6250 Web Hosting Fees	\$ 250.00

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**TOTAL EXPENSES    \$   35,735.00**

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**NET OPERATING INCOME    \$            -**





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## **2017 NHLA Membership Annual Report**

### Membership Activity

- Current membership is at 627 members (includes pending memberships).
- Two new individuals have joined the Membership Committee: Margaret Gleeson & Stephanie Loiselle.
- We have been reviewing our lists to make sure that all memberships are up-to-date. (Don't forget that renewal season is right around the corner!)

### Membership Drive

- There will be some fun activities over the next year including raffles, contests, prizes, and other incentives to stay active...stay tuned for more news about this soon.
- A new membership brochure is in the works. We'd like to get the word out to everyone about the benefits we offer as an association, and encourage as many people as possible to engage actively. We will have brochures available for distribution at local, state, regional, and national levels. Let's spread the word about why our work is important for communities & our profession!
- If you know of any MLS students (or soon-to-be students), ask us about special joint membership rates for the New England Library Association, as well as the American Library Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Jose

NHLA Membership Chair



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### **NHLA Paralibrarian Section Annual Report for 2017**

The Paralibrarian Certification program is in its fourth year. Through continuing education and recognition of initiative taken, the program aims to acknowledge and reward the skills and contributions that non-MLS library staff bring to all areas of library services in New Hampshire.

The Section continues to develop opportunities for paralibrarians to expand their knowledge and skills. Recent classes include Basic Cataloging with Linda Tiernan Kepner, Internet Self-Defense with Chuck McAndrew, and Children's Programming with Michael Sullivan. The response to these classes has been very positive. The Section will be awarding several Paralibrarian certificates at the NHLA Fall Conference.

The Section's Executive Board remains enthusiastic about promoting networking and career development opportunities for paralibrarians. Sarah Frost of Belmont will be taking over as president for 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Edmund Lowe  
Library Assistant  
Nashua Public Library  
President  
NHLA Paralibrarian Section



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## **NHLA Scholarship Committee Annual Report 2017**

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 Buckland, Thomas Ladd, Sarah Leonardi

In 2017, the Scholarship Committee received four Rosalie Norris Scholarship applications and one F. Mabel Winchell Loan application. The committee voted to grant the following awards:

Rosalie Norris Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to:

1. Grace LaRochelle (Valdosta State University)
2. Steven Edmund Lowe (University of North Texas)
3. Marilyn Simons (University of North Texas)
4. AnneMarie Welch (University of North Texas)

F. Mabel Winchell loan in the amount of \$1500 to:

1. Steven Edmund Lowe

Due to an increasing number of late payments, the Committee proposed a revised Winchell Loan contract that includes a penalty of 15% per month on any remaining balance of the principle. The contract still needs to be reviewed by an attorney before being accepted by the NHLA Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Leonardi, Chair



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**NHLA ITS Annual report for 2017**

IT Section had three meetings in the past year: February, July, and September. Each meeting had a speaker and a roundtable session where we got to share information and learn from each other.

Co-President Kate Butler stepped down as she changed to a job in Massachusetts.

Steve Viggiano from Manchester Library joined ITS as the other co-President in September.

We've had good success with larger attendance when we have chosen to share a location/day with another Library organization meeting: MHR and ITS in Feb; Advocacy After-hours event and ITS in July. We will attempt to continue this joint effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Thomas

IT Librarian at Hampstead Public

Steve Viggiano

Head of Information Technology at Manchester City Library

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### **Intellectual Freedom Committee – Annual Report 2017**

The Intellectual Freedom Committee finalized its Mission Statement as follows:

#### ***Intellectual Freedom Committee Mission & Responsibilities***

- *The mission of the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the New Hampshire Library Association is to uphold principles of intellectual freedom in New Hampshire by offering education, advocacy and support to New Hampshire's libraries.*
- *The Committee offers educational opportunities to librarians in the areas of intellectual freedom principles, censorship, patron privacy and confidentiality, and policy development.*
- *The Committee publicizes and promotes American Library Association initiatives such as Banned Books Week and Choose Privacy Week, and shares national information related to intellectual freedom and open access.*
- *The Committee also provides support to any NH library facing an intellectual freedom challenge.*

In support of its mission, committee members made presentations related to intellectual freedom, patron privacy and confidentiality, and book challenges and policy development on three separate occasions at the NHLA Spring Conference in May, to the Hillstown Coop in June, and at the CLiF Small & Rural Libraries Conference in September.

Additionally, the committee began to maintain resources on a new webpage and post regularly on social media on the NHLA Facebook page. Committee members are discussing future plans for the creation of a paralibrarian course on IF issues.

The committee chair routinely answers questions from librarians and library trustees via email and telephone, on issues related to patron confidentiality, policy development, and censorship concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Perrin, MSLIS



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**Annual Report of the NHLA Archivist**

At the June 13th meeting of the NHLA Executive Board I submitted a proposed records retention schedule to the Board for their approval.

Since that time I have begun to survey the NHLA's physical collection in its location at the state archives and to take the first steps towards its arrangement and description.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marita Klements  
New Hampshire Library Association Archivist  
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### **ALA Councilor 2017 Annual Report**

This past year, I attended [2017 ALA Midwinter in Atlanta](#) in January and 2017 [ALA Annual in Chicago](#) in June. My full reports from both conferences are available on the NHLA website or by following the above links.

I completed my term on the ALA Council Orientation Committee and will begin serving on the ALA Chapter Relations Committee at Midwinter 2018 in February.

The highlight of my time as chapter councilor has been serving on the ALA Executive Director Search Committee. This has been an opportunity to think more deeply about ALA as an organization and to meet some engaging and thoughtful people, both candidates and committee members. As of the beginning of October 2017, the search was ongoing.

The annual State of the Chapter report for NH was submitted to ALA in late September. Past State of the Chapter reports are on the ALA website, <http://www.ala.org/groups/all-state-chapter-reports>. At this writing the 2017 reports are not yet available, but should be soon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Lappin

NH ALA Chapter Councilor

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### **YALS Past-President's Report**

On September 28, 2017 we held our annual fall conference. We had 58 librarians and educators in attendance. Lisa Bunker, author of the YA novel *Felix Yz*, was our featured speaker. She talked about her book and about the need for diverse materials in our collections.

At the Business Meeting we elected a new slate of officers. Tanya Ricker from Pease Public in Plymouth will serve as this year's President. Julia Lanter (Exeter) will be our VP-President Elect, and Lisa Harling from Durham Public will be our new Secretary. Donna Hynes will continue on as Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susanne Cortez  
Past-President  
YALS Section NHLA

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### **Conference Committee Co-Chair Report**

We had a successful Spring Conference in May of this year. A lot was learned from planning a large program, so I have agreed to plan 2019 with co-chair Denise VanZanten. Together we are creating a Conference Planning Manual to make planning easier for future conference chairs. The next Spring Conference will be May 9-10, 2019 at Mill Falls in Meredith.

Dara Bradds

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## **READS report for NHLA**

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

- Recent efforts have been centered on the Fall Conference, which was inadvertently scheduled for October 10.
- READS will be presenting the READS Award of Excellence to Roger Robbins, of Stephenson Memorial Library in Greenfield.
- We are delighted to welcome Betsy Solon, Director of Wadleigh Memorial Library in Milford as our new Vice President for the upcoming year.
- READS has instigated a project to make it easier for libraries to contribute books to NH prisons. We hope to formalize a process in this calendar year.

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### **Urban Library Administrators Consortium**

2017 Annual Report

ULAC, the Urban Library Administrators Consortium, is made up of representatives from the larger libraries in the state of New Hampshire who meet monthly to discuss trending topics in Librarianship. Members of ULAC include: Bedford, Concord, Derry, Dover, Goffstown, Hudson, Laconia, Londonderry, Manchester, Merrimack, Portsmouth and Rochester.

In 2017, some of the monthly topics that have been discussed are: library funding, employee reviews and staff development, NHLA spring conference programming highlights, patron strategies, industry trends, and politics in libraries.

The Chair of ULAC for 2017/2018 is Charlie Mathews, Director of the Rodgers Memorial Library in Hudson, NH.

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### **Legislative Report**

NHLA monitored HB 25 “Capital Improvements” which included a Department of Cultural Resources request for \$487,781 for “Replacement of NH Union Catalog.”

In June, both the NH House and Senate passed HB 25 with the full appropriation intact.

NHLA lobbyist Bob Dunn gave an enlightening presentation on the history and mechanics of the New Hampshire Legislature at the NHLA Spring Conference in Portsmouth.

Randy Brough participated in National Library Legislative Day on May 2 in Washington, D. C.

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**CHILIS Annual President's Report  
October 25th, 2017**

In 2017, CHILIS restructured its conference committee, its scholarship application timeline, and its annual conference schedule. CHILIS continued to receive support from the New Hampshire Academy of Family Physicians on behalf of the NH 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, and the Boston Bruins in support of the annual Collaborative Summer Learning Program's summer reading program manuals. Kayla Morin of the Goodwin Library in Farmington New Hampshire was chosen as the CHILIS Librarian of the Year. At its spring conference in March of 2017 CHILIS held a program on advocacy in youth services librarianship with Christine Friese, NHLA Advocacy Chair, and the annual Kids Books and the Arts Showcase. During the fall conference in October of 2017, CHILIS held a daylong workshop with Saroj Ghoting, an early literacy expert and Every Child Ready to Read trainer. During the business meeting, Letty Goerner of Wadleigh Memorial Library, was formally elected by the general acclamation of our membership as CHILIS President. Sam Lucius of Wiggin Memorial Library was elected as the CHILIS Vice President/ President Elect. David Basora of the Manchester City Library was elected as treasurer and Mariah "Mo" Churchill of the Richards Free Library has been elected the new CHILIS Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amber Coughlin  
CHILIS President

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### **Continuing Education Committee**

#### **The mission statement that was approved in February 2017:**

The Continuing Education Committee's mission is two-fold. One: to facilitate connecting those who work in NH libraries with funding through loans and grants to further their library specific education. Two: to plan and offer continuing education opportunities such as workshops and classes throughout the state that those working in libraries may attend to expand their library knowledge.

**Classes:** This spring, the Continuing Education Committee sponsored two *Library Management* workshops, one at the Hooksett Library on June 13th and another at the Bethlehem Library on June 27th. The programs were presented by Mary H. White, retired director of the Howe Library in Hanover. Topics included budgets, governance/trustees, personnel and library buildings.

**Adam and Jane MacDonald Fund Grants:** Since January 2017, the Continuing Education Board has approved the following grants from the Adam and Jane MacDonald fund:

1. \$175.00 for the ALA online course *Using WebDewey and Understanding Dewey Decimal Classification* (Oct. 3, 2016) - Sarah Frost, Belmont Public Library
2. \$175.50 for participation in the ALA online course *Basic Sign Language for Library Staff* (Jan. 23 through March 6, 2017) - Martha Simmons, Hooksett Public Library
3. \$500.00 for the Southern New Hampshire University online class *Foundations of Public Administration* (April 3 through June 11, 2017) - Cara Barlow, Derry Public Library
4. \$500.00 for the *Research Institute for Public Libraries Regional Training* (August 14, 2017) - Samantha Lucias, Wiggin Memorial Library, Stratham
5. \$425.00 for attendance at ChildLight Yoga and Mindfulness for Tweens and Teens in Dover NH (July 17-18, 2017) - Carol Sanborn, Hampton Falls Free Library
6. \$113.96 (213 miles x .535) for mileage to attend an Artbotics program in Concord (July 13, 2017) - Bernie Prochnik, Bath Public Library

**Additional Funds Approved:** The committee also approved spending MacDonald Fund money to support 6 New Hampshire participants in attending the New England Library Leadership Symposium by paying the New England Library Association fees and providing some scholarship money. We estimate that this will cost \$5,100.

[The Executive Board later voted to support eight participants with \$5200 as NELLs accepted eight NH applicants.]

Submitted by Barbara Prince, Past Chair, CE Committee



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**Bylaws Committee Report for the NHLA Annual Report**

The Bylaws Committee is comprised of three new members, Adam DiFilipo, Pius Charles Murray and Pamela Smith.

The committee had an organizing meeting with NHLA President Marilyn Borgendale via Go to Meeting on September 26, 2017. We reviewed the current bylaws and agreed to meet again in early 2018.

There were no bylaws changes to consider this year.

Submitted October 27, 2017

Pamela Soren Smith, Chair

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**New Hampshire State Representative to the New England Library Association Annual Report 2017:**

- NH sent 8 librarians to NELLs this year. I worked with the NHLA officers to address the funding issue that this raised. I will continue to work with the NELA Administrative Committee on improving transparency and documenting procedures and timelines in my role as your state representative. As one of my outgoing acts as NELA treasurer I recommended that NELA consider a different funding approach for this very important program going forward. Another NELLs follow up meeting is scheduled in November of 2018.
- Fundraising- I assisted with another Wine Toss at the NELA Conference to raise funds for NELA's Educational Assistance. I plan on staying on this NELA Committee which Betsy Solon chairs.
- Represented the NH State Team at the 2017 NELA games, alas we came in a very strong second and the snail went to the Maine team! My thanks to all those who attended and were good sports about the activities!
- The 2017 NELA Conference had strong attendance and programming in Burlington, VT. The 2018 conference will be held in Warwick, RI.
- As an NHLA officer I assisted with policy discussions and also took on the role of Conference Co-Chair with Dara Bradds for our 2019 Spring Conference.



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### **Advocacy Committee Annual Report for 2017**

The advocacy committee was very active in the spring of 2017 gathering stories and participating in ALA's concerted efforts to retain funding for IMLS in the current fiscal year and protect it in the coming one through #SaveIMLS.

NHLA membership made a difference and the Washington heard us. While attending National Legislative Day in May, State Librarian Michael York, Advocacy Committee Chair Christine Friese and Legislative Committee Chair Randy Brough received word that IMLS was being funded OVER expected levels for the current Fiscal Year. Senator Hassan met with our delegation as did members of Senator Shaheen's and Congresswoman Shea Porter's teams. Senator Hassan stated clearly that more stories of the sort we took with us are needed and the Advocacy Committee has begun preparing for an effective way to gather and distribute NH library stories. Showing the ways in which libraries change lives, improve educational opportunities and help small business are especially effective.

This summer the committee member Mary Cronin hosted a Librarians After Hours at the Tamworth Distillery following an ITS committee meeting. More After Hours events will occur in the near future. If you have ideas, please contact a committee member. Please consider serving on the Advocacy Committee yourself as well.

The committee is finding its way, looking both inside the state to ways in which we can support and encourage local advocacy efforts and nationally, as we lend our voices to advocacy issues across the country.

Lori Fisher has graciously accepted a request to become the next Committee Chair, following Christine's election as Vice President/President Elect for NHLA. Thank you Lori!

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Friese

Outgoing Committee Chair