



NHLA Executive Board Meeting

NHMA 25 Triangle Park Drive Concord, NH

October 9, 2018 2:00-4:00pm

Call to order at: 2:06 PM

Members Present: Amy Lappin, Sylvie Brikiatis, Christine Friese, Todd Fabian, Lisa Jose, Deann Hunter, Dara Bradds, Sarah Frost, Marilyn Borgendale, Sam Lucius, Kim Gabbert, Marita Klements, Denise van Zanten, Julie Lanter, Deb Hoadley, Amanda Plante, Matthew Gunby

Others Present: Cara Fontaine, Todd Haines (Howe Reiley and Howe)

Approve Agenda

Approve August Minutes: Motion to approve minutes made by Marilyn Borgendale, seconded by Amy Lappin. Motion carries unanimously.

- [President's Report](#)
- Vice President's Report: No report submitted
- Accountants Howe Reilly and Howe: financial Review and form 990.
 - Loans receivable down significantly from last year.
 - Restricted funds up.
 - Total earned revenue down approximately \$30,000 (amount primarily due to spring conference), costs also down apx. \$30,000.
 - Last year audit performed.
 - Several changes coming to financial review form for next year.
 - Motion to accept financial review made by Deann Hunter, seconded by Christine Friese.
 - Form 990 motion to approve made by Deann Hunter, seconded by Christine Friese. Motion carries.
- Officers to take office either November 2nd or December 1st dependent on bylaw change at fall meeting.
- [Treasurer's Report](#)
 - AffiniPay reports daily versus PayPal which was less regular.
 - Having bank account syncing with QuickBooks like other organizations have adopted.
- State Library Report
 - DPLA email.
 - Minimum requirement of materials.
 - Working on pricing model.
 - Project manager.
 - <https://nhdiglib.org>
 - Accept aggregated metadata only.
 - University of New Hampshire agreed to aggregate data, have sufficient materials for initial requisite.



- Applied for and received \$5,000 from NH Charitable Foundation.
- State library will provide \$10,000 for application.
- No update on ILS system.
- **Old Business**
 - Fall Conference Update
 - Conference on schedule.
 - Not yet a quorum for registration.
 - 2 Panelists pending a third.
 - Conference Code of Conduct: tabled until December meeting.
 - New logo design: addition of graphic design.
 - NELLIS Payment: recommendation to send out after January 1st.
- **New Business**
 - December EB Meeting will start at noon
 - Dependent on bylaw vote.
 - Orientation meeting.
 - Paralibrarian joint effort with MA
 - Discussing reciprocal recognition between NH and MA.
 - Having NELA Roundtable to discuss paralibrarian efforts in other New England states.
 - Paralibrarian organization in Massachusetts presenting it to Massachusetts Library Association and Library Commission at a future meeting.
 - Crafting formal letter.
 - Working on memo of understanding.
 - MA and NH seeking reciprocal recognition of paralibrarian certification.
 - Vote in support of recommendation for joint recognition pending formal documentation. Signature line on memorandum. Motion to vote to support paralibrarian section effort to forge alliance with corresponding group in Massachusetts made by Christine Friese. Second made by Sarah Frost. Motion carries.
 - Request from ALA Advocacy
 - Sign letter in support of reauthorization of Museum and Library Services Act.
 - Bylaw change requires an in-person vote. Discuss changing this for 2019.
- Section and Committee highlights
 - [Scholarship](#)
 - Granting two scholarships Amanda Plante, Jane Martina. One loan to Amanda Plante. Motion to grant two scholarships and one loan made by Julie Lanter, seconded by Marilyn Borgendale. Motion carries.
 - Sarah Leonardi stepping down as head of the Scholarship Committee.
 - Sylvie Brikiatis appoints Carlos Pearman new chair of the Scholarship Committee.



- [Continuing Education Committee](#)
- [Past President](#)
- [Membership](#)
 - Membership Survey: will be sent out via email to NHLA members and NHAIS list. Target to send out this week. Bring laptop to membership meeting to allow for in-person survey.
 - 2019 budget: possibility of adding funds for 2019 budget as committee was not fully fledged in June.
- [YALS](#)
 - Fall Conference.
- [CLNH](#)
- READS: No Report submitted
- [ULAC](#)
 - March meeting with Brian Dowd.
- [Paralibrarian Section](#)
- [Advocacy Committee](#)
- [Information Technology Section](#)
- Intellectual Freedom Committee: no report submitted
- [Conference Committee](#)
 - At Meredith location for next meeting.
 - Currently five or six vendors have been in touch with Denise van Zanten.
 - Dara Bradds is in charge of program proposals. She will resubmit request for proposals to NHAIS and Wild Apricot. Currently looking for end of November to have proposals, but some flexibility.
- Bylaws Committee: no report submitted
- Legislative Committee: no report submitted
- [ALA Liaison](#)
- [New England Library Association Liaison](#)
- [NH Center for the Book Liaison](#)
- NHLTA liaison: no report submitted

Adjourn at: 3:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Matthew Gunby



NHLA President's Report for October 2018

At the September Officers' Meeting we discussed the ongoing transition from PayPal to Affinipay and streamlining the bookkeeping procedures. We wrapped up most of the loose ends for the Fall Conference. Next month's Officers' meeting will focus on transition.

Attended the NHLTA board meeting on 10/3/18.

We have two months of paid Survey Monkey to facilitate Fall Conference Surveys. Please export all your survey results by 11/25/18.

Reviewed and okayed a Survey that the Membership Committee has been working on.

Sarah Leonardi is stepping down as Scholarship Committee Chair at the end of the year. An appointment is forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sylvie Brikiatis, NHLA President



NHLA Treasurer's Report

October 2018

Deann Hunter, NHLA Treasurer

Financial Report

Please find attached a copy of

- NHLA's September 2018 Profit & Loss Statement
- NHLA's Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2018
- FY19 Expenses and Income as of September 30, 2018
- Draft FY18 Form 990
- Draft FY18 Review Report

NHLA's total assets as of September 30, 2018 were \$203,653.96.

AffiniPay Update

Transition from PayPal to AffiniPay was seamless for our members. However, the bookkeeper is finding the AffiniPay reconciliation to be much more time consuming than the PayPal reconciliation. We discussed this problem at length at the officers meeting and will continue to explore ways in which we can streamline the process.

PayPal account has been closed.

Winchell Loan Transition

Winchell Loans will be transitioned to QuickBooks after the FY18 books are finalized.

Below is a listing of cash held by each account as of September 30, 2018.

NHLA checking	\$8,548.68
NHLA savings	\$45,991.41
CLNH	\$12,444.42
READS	\$3,739.98
PARALIB	\$4,559.33
ULAC	\$3,204.18
YALS	\$4,256.48
ITS	\$569.65
WINCHELL LOAN (revolving fund)	\$30,298.55
NORRIS (scholarship)	\$2,717.71



MACDONALD FUND (continuing ed/professional development)	\$12,956.04
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NHLA Scholarship Report
Tuesday, October 9, 2018

The committee met via Go-To-Meeting on Friday, September 21. We reviewed one application for the F. Mabel Winchell Loan and three for the Rosalie Norris Scholarships. While all three candidates were worthy of assistance, with just under \$3000 in the scholarship fund, we could only grant two awards this period. **Our choices for the scholarship are Jane Martina and Amanda Plante.** Jane is attending Simmons College and Amanda is attending online at San Jose State University. **We also would like to offer Amanda Plante a F. Mabel Winchell Loan.**

In September I received one inquiry regarding the status of online payments for Winchell Loans as we no longer are using PayPal. Deann indicated that the auditors will help set this up next month.

I submitted my letter of resignation as Chair of the Scholarship Committee, effective at the end of this year, to the NHLA Officers on September 28. It has been an honor and privilege to serve on the NHLA Board. I've enjoyed working with my colleagues around the state and have learned much from them over the years. I am also proud of the work the Scholarship Committee has done since I became Chair in 2006. It truly is a pleasure connecting with new members of the profession and hearing their passion for library work.

Carlos Pearman, member of the Scholarship Committee since 2014 has agreed to Chair the Committee in 2019.

As always, we urge NHLA members to encourage the library school students they know to join and apply for the loans and scholarships.

The next deadline for applications will be April 1, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Leonardi



Continuing Education Committee Report

October 9, 2018

The CE Committee met virtually on September 18 to review the new Instructor/Facilitator Application. This application is to gather names of people from NH and other neighboring states who may be interested in teaching a subject or topic from the main 5 core competency areas (currently part of the new Paralibrarian guidelines). Some classes may have multiple instructors to allow for a broader approach to some of the key topic areas.

If anyone is interested in being an instructor, we will be sending out an email shortly with the link to the application. Please feel free to distribute to people you know may be interested in this opportunity.

We worked with Marina on getting the CE page on the website and uploading the new MacDonald Fund Grant Application with the new criteria guidelines. We will continue to work with Marina on new details and information as we finalize the Core Competency Class Schedule.

Our next scheduled meeting is Dec. 4 at 2pm.

Submitted by Deb Hoadley, Chair



NHLA Past President's October 2018 Report

Nominations: the candidates below have been elected with more than 100 votes each.

Vice President/President Elect:	Amy Lappin , Lebanon Public Libraries
Treasurer Elect:	Kim Gabert , Wadleigh Memorial Library, Milford
Secretary:	Sarah St. Martin , Manchester City Library
ALA Councilor:	Lori Fisher , Baker Free Library, Bow
NELA Representative:	Amber Coughlin , Lebanon Public Libraries

Google for Nonprofits: I have been working on the Google Drive and setting up accounts for Officers, Section Presidents and Committee Chairs to be able to log in and archive documents. A training session is scheduled for the December transitional meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Borgendale
Immediate Past President



Membership Committee Report

NHLA Board Meeting - Tuesday, Oct. 9th, 2018

- Monthly summary:

Member list ([Summary](#) | [Keyword search](#) | [Advanced search](#) | [Saved searches](#))

Level	Total	Active	Renewal overdue	Lapsed	Pending			New in last	
					New	Renewal	Level change	7 days	30 days
Business Membership	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	-	-	-	-	-
First Time Member	<u>123</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>6</u>	-	-	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
Library Run by 1 Person	<u>25</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	-	-	-	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Lifetime Member	<u>48</u>	<u>48</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retired Librarian	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salary \$25,000 - \$50,000	<u>218</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	-	-	-
Salary over \$50,000	<u>125</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>	-	-	-	-
Salary under \$25,000	<u>145</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	-	-	-
Trustee/Friend/Student	<u>38</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	-	-	-	-	-
Unemployed Librarian	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>733</u>	<u>583</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>	-	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>

- Processed incoming memberships
- Addressed various membership/event related issues
- Membership Committee met Wed., Sept. 12th
 - Reviewed target dates & designated assignments
 - Worked on Membership survey
 - Working on putting together specific social events for the Fall & Winter
 - Clean-up of lapsed member list to take place over next couple of months
- Reviewed survey with Membership Committee before Aimee Lockhart submitted to Officers for feedback
- Addressed Officers' questions re: Wild Apricot event registration questions for members vs non-members
- Suspended several lapsed members for non-payment
- Emailed lapsed members & reviewed to-be-emailed/suspended members
- Accepted request by Christine to work onsite Fall Conference registration with Matthew & Marilyn



- Submitted Sept. 2018 Joint Student Membership Report to NELA
- Joined group of other NELA State Membership Chairs to discuss statewide focus, dynamics, & efforts

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Jose

NHLA Membership Chair



September 2018 YALS President's Report:

On September 27th YALS met for our annual Fall Conference in Concord, NH. Forty-seven teen librarians gathered to discuss topics ranging from *How to Help Sexual Violence Survivors @ Your Library*, *How to Keep Staff and Library Patrons Safe During an Active Shooter Event* and *How to Bring Free STEAM and STEM Programming Into Your Library* through Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's Outreach Program. Our lunchtime speaker was Kwame Alexander, who discussed his upcoming book release, *Swing*. Many thanks to the following panel speakers: Erin Moulton , Ella Andrews, Miranda Dube, Katherine Bollenbach, Police Chief Stephen M. Lefebvre, Police Sergeant Rod Diamond, Kwame Alexander, and Edward Cormier.

During the business meeting at the Fall Conference, our Vice-President Julia Lanter became our new President and Tanya Ricker became Past President. We elected one new officer, our new Vice President Kat Paiva. Thank you for volunteering your time and talents on behalf of YALS.

YALS will next meet on November 8th at 10:00am at the HealthTrust Building (25 Triangle Park Dr.) in Concord, NH. New members are encouraged to attend.

Please contact a YALS board member if you would be interested in attending a "Teach the Teachers" STEAM in a box program this winter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julia Lanter
YALS President



CLNH Report
NHLA Executive Meeting
10/4/2018

CLNH is getting ready to hold our Fall Conference in Somersworth, NH on October 18th. In addition to holding the Kids, Books and the Arts performer Showcase, we will also be having a full morning of space and STEAM programming in honor of this year's theme, a Universe of Stories. The NH Astronomical Society and the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center will be presenting as well.

Respectfully,
Letty Goerner
CLNH President



ULAC, Urban Library Administrators Consortium

September 28th, 2018

Minutes

Present: Todd Fabian (Concord), Cathy Beaudoin (Dover) Dianne Hathaway (Goffstown), Tammy Parrot (Keene), Denise van Zanten (Manchester), Yvette Couser (Merrimack), Randy Brough (Laconia), Steve Butzel (Portsmouth), Mary Ann Senatroy (Bedford) and Brian Sylvester (Rochester)

T. Fabian called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were done.

Minutes: June Minutes were approved on a motion by D. van Zanten and seconded by R. Brough.

Treasurer's Report: M. Senatroy reported that we have \$3204.16. The planned expenses for the unconference are not needed since it was cancelled.

Topic: Tour of the new Heights Branch Library in Concord Community Center

Reports:

State Library- No report. There was discussion about the State's purchase of a new ILS system. Discussion and update on the DPLA project.

NHAIS- No report. Discussion about SLACK, a website messaging service to break out dialogues on separate topics

NHLA- The Business Meeting is in November, reviewing bylaws including timing and length of officers

NELA- NELLA symposium formula was approved.

NELA conference is October 21-23rd

ALA- Midwinter is in Seattle January 25-28- several ULAC members are attending

New Business:

Discussion to bring Brian Dowd, author of *The Librarians Guide to Homelessness*, to a ULAC event so many of our staff members could attend. D. van Zanten will reach out to verify pricing and availability.

Discussion on creating a secretary position so the host Library does not also have to record minutes

Statistic question: The 14 ULAC member libraries serve 40% of all residents in NH

Meeting Adjourned: 12:05

Next Meeting:

October 26th – Keene Public Library



Paralibrarian Section Report for NHLA Executive Board October 2018

- In August we awarded two new Paralibrarian Certifications:
 - Level 1 to Cyndi Burnham from Goffstown Public Library
 - Level 1 and Level 2 to Amanda Alwyn at Laconia Public Library
- The updated application packet has been posted to the Paralibrarian Section's webpage. All applications that will be submitted on or after 11/1/2018 need to use the new packet. An email was sent to membership and via NHAIS-L sharing this information. There is now a formal review schedule in place so the Review Committee will no longer be reviewing applications as they are received and instead meeting to review them on specified dates. Any questions can be forwarded to Heather Ranier, Review Chair at hraier@hooksetlibrary.org
- Elections were held with openings for Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President/President Elect. All positions were filled and are as follows:
 - Vice President/President Elect – Katherine Bollenbach, Salisbury Free Library
 - Treasurer – Julie Spokane, Brookline Public Library
 - Secretary – Amanda Alwyn, Laconia Public Library
- As requested by the NHLA Executive Board, the Paralibrarian Section will switch from incoming officers assuming their roles in November to a transitional period in which incoming officers overlap with outgoing officers in December and new officers assume their roles in January.
- The New Hampshire and Massachusetts Paralibrarian sections met on September 28 at Memorial Hall Library in Andover, MA to discuss further negotiations on reciprocal recognition of Paralibrarian Certification. Our certification program was based on theirs and has since been updated and shared with them. Both groups are amenable to working together to promote cross-border recognition should a paralibrarian move between the states or work across the border. We drafted a tentative memorandum of understanding and are continuing to refine it and will work on a letter and formal process for offering reciprocal recognition provided there is support from the NHLA Executive Board, the Massachusetts Library Association, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.
- We are open to suggestions or requests for Spring classes, please email them to Eileen Gilbert, Education Chair at: director@belmontpubliclibrary.org

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Frost

Paralibrarian Section President



Advocacy Committee report for NHLA Board Meeting, October 9, 2018

1. Advocacy Bootcamp “Train the Trainer” initiative at NELA/RILA conference

We have 13 individuals from the six New England states who have agreed to become Trainers for the ALA

Advocacy Bootcamp message: 4 from VT; 4 from RI; 4 from NH; and 1 from CT. Unfortunately the ME and

MA ALA Councilors did not submit anyone to participate. The four individuals committed to participate for

New Hampshire include Deb Hoadley (Sandown/central & coast); Bernie Prochnik (Bath/North Country); Brittney Bergholm (Merrimack PL/southern NH); and myself (central NH). I reached out to all 13 trainers last week to start confirming which of the three sessions on Monday 10/22 that they will participate in for a 10-15 minute segment. All trainers are expected to lead at least one full Advocacy Bootcamp in their state over the next 12 months. A big thank you to Amy Lappin, who helped connect me with the ALA councilors in the other New England States, and to Deb Hoadley, for being my NELA liaison during this process! **2. Engage implementation in NH**

Marina has been attempting to get at least part of the Engage platform on our web site, but with little success. One of the issues revolves around the RSS feed available with the site, which only highlights campaigns/issues that are from other places, not just ones that reflect NH. Marina feels that it will take more work to maintain an RSS feed for our own issues, and instead we should just use the existing blog. At this point, I intend to ask the Advocacy committee to look at the Engage capabilities and make a decision to bring to the Board.

3. NHLA logo – Libraries Transform (ALA)

After some back and forth with ALA, I was able to get permission for NHLA to use the “Libraries Transform” logo (with New Hampshire Library Association added to it) as our NHLA logo, if we so desire. I’ve attached an image of this logo to the report. Upon sharing this with the work group for this piece on the Advocacy Committee (Mary Cronin, Tamworth and Brittney Bergholm, Merrimack), they feel that this would not work because it will look dated quickly. They have taken a stab at creating a logo that is very simple and would be easy to incorporate into the web site for the near future. Mary Cronin has a design background, and felt strongly that because libraries are so many things to so many people, it is too difficult to represent all NH libraries with anything but a typographical logo. This is case in point with the ALA logo, which is only typographical. Attached is a typographical logo created by Mary, using the colors Marina provided to me previously.

The biggest issue regarding our logo is that right now we do not want to spend thousands of dollars on a designer and this process, and our current logo is very dated. The ideas above have not yet been taken to the Advocacy Committee for discussion, but I am hoping that the Board will give me feedback and direction at the 10/9 meeting. Personally, I am more in favor of the Libraries Transform logo because it reflects a current successful campaign that is used nationwide, and it gives a resonance to the feelings of support and relevancy that we want our patrons to embrace about libraries in general.



4. Advocacy Workshops Requested by Libraries and Co-op

As part of my ongoing “practice” to hone and spread the advocacy messaging from the NH Advocacy Bootcamp from March, I provided a 3 hour workshop to the staff of Manchester Public Library on Wednesday 8/29. I am scheduled to present a portion of the Advocacy Bootcamp to the RALI co-op on Thursday 3/7/2019.

Respectfully submitted: Lori Fisher, Chair of the NHLA Advocacy Committee



ITS Report to NHLA

October 5, 2018

On September 20th, a total of 13 ITS members and officers gathered at the Bedford Public Library for a presentation by Phillip Horne, the CEO of Computer Networking Systems. He addressed library staff's computer concerns and discussed topics of great value to libraries including network security and digital infrastructure.

After the presentation, members and officers shared updates in IT from their own libraries and posed questions about troubleshooting technology issues. Incoming ITS co-presidents Amanda Plante and Nancy Farwell were introduced.

ITS plans to send a representative to the NHLA Conference Committee meeting on November 5th.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Plante, Co-President – ITS



Conference Chair Report

October 2018

The Conference Committee has their next meeting November 5th at Mill Falls. The goals of that meeting will be to:

- Review the proposals that have been submitted at that point
- Assign program rooms and times
- Solidify program topics
- Review financial goals of the conference
- Determine budget for conference expenses

Respectfully Submitted,

Dara Bradds

Conference Co-Chair



ALA Councilor Report

October 2018

ALA has announced the 2020-21 Presidential Candidates. Julius C. Jefferson, Jr., Section Head, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, and Lance Werner, Executive Director, Kent District Library, Comstock Park, Mich. will be on the ballot from March 11, 2019 - April 3, 2019. More information about the candidates and the election can be found at ala.org.

Registration for [ALA Midwinter](#), January 25-29, 2019 in Seattle, WA is now open. Although our newly elected ALA Chapter Councilor, Lori Fisher, will be attending on behalf of NHLA (Yay, Lori!), I will also be attending as I remain on the ALA Chapter Relations Committee. Many thanks go to the Lebanon Public Libraries for agreeing to support my ALA work. Melinda Gates will be opening the conference with a keynote address on Friday, January 25.

I sent out information to the NHAIS-list about what looks like an interesting online mini conference : "[Social Crisis Management in a 21st Century World](#)," which will be held online (and for free) on Wednesday, October 17th, from 12:00 - 3:00 pm US-Pacific Daylight Time (3:00 pm - 6:00 pm our time).

For any NHLA members who are attending the NELA Conference in Warwick, RI at the end of the month, I will be facilitating a conversation about the future organizational structure of ALA with other New England Chapter Councilors on Monday, October 22 from 11:30 - 12:30. If you have ever wanted to provide feedback directly to ALA, here's your chance. The description from the NELA schedule:

I Wish the American Library Association Would...

Have you ever wanted to give feedback to ALA about the organization? How could it be more effective in advancing libraries in the 21st century? How could ALA better meet the needs of its members? Here's your chance to help ALA with their Organizational Effectiveness Study. During this session, leaders who are active in both the state chapter or affiliate and the American Library Association (ALA) will facilitate a conversation with attendees about the future of ALA, with particular focus on the relationship with chapters (states). Whether you are an ALA member, a member of the state chapter/affiliate, a member of both, or a prospective or lapsed member, we invite you to participate. We're listening!



You do not need to be a current ALA member to attend this session. I'd love to have NH librarians participate!

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Lappin
ALA NH Chapter Councilor, 2016-18
Deputy Director
Lebanon Public Libraries
Lebanon, NH



New England Library Association Report for NHLA Board October 2018:

I attended the NELA Executive Board meeting on September 21, 2018.

NELA wanted to know when NHLA would be sending the NELLs check- all the commitment letters are in. My recommendation to the officers would be that we send it after January 1st which is when NELA starts their new fiscal year and NELLs doesn't happen until August. All states have made the \$2000 commitment. There was also discussion about seeking sponsors as well for the program to help offset costs.

NELA 2018 Conference is looking good with registration being strong. Attendees will have a good vendor hall to visit as well. If you are going to be there don't forget to show up for the NELA games!

Once our NHLA elections are over we'll need to send new officer's info to Bob. I will work with the new NELA rep so I can start to transition out. Depending if our bylaw changes are approved I can attend the November meeting of NELA with the new representative.

The NELA membership committee is putting together a NELA swag container for the state reps to have to take to conference etc. - I should be able to pick up ours at the Conference and hand it off to our new representative.

Emily Weiss was at the meeting as the new Junior Director!

NELA did a quick SWOT analysis at the meeting and there was also a lot of discussion about board duties as the officers have lost touch with the section chairs and want to bring them back into more active board engagement. I can go into more details if you need me to when we get together.

Emerson Greenaway Award is going to Keith Michael Fiels for all his work with ALA and MLA. He will be at the banquet at conference to accept it.

NELA's financials are with the accountant to file all appropriate paperwork for the organization.

Bob Scheier is collecting information from the sections to start working on the 2019 budget.

NHLA Spring Conference:

The next meeting of the committee will be on November 5th at Mill Falls. I plan on connecting with vendors at the NELA Conference to try and sign up some for our conference. Request for proposals has been opened.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. van Zanten

NHLA Representative to NELA



Center for the Book Report for the NHLA Board October 2018

On August 16, Mary Russell announced that the NH Writers' Project will be responsible for the 2019 NH Literary Awards. The Center for the Book will not be involved in the event.

Also in August, I heard from a NH librarian who is interested in getting involved with the Center. At this time, the only volunteering opportunity is judging Letters about Literature submissions.

The 2019 Letters about Literature program guidelines were just announced. This year the NH State Library will partner with Franklin Pierce University to coordinate the program. The Library of Congress has moved the program online. More information is available on the Center for the Book blog: <http://nhbookcenter.blogspot.com/2018/10/letters-about-literature-2019.html>

The Center for the Book blog also features weekly book reviews written by Felicia Martin and Rebecca Stockbridge.

The Ladybug Picture Book Award 2018 Voting Guide is available here: <https://www.nh.gov/nhsl/bookcenter/programs/documents/2018ladybugvoterguide.pdf>

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 8 at 4 p.m. at the State Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Weiss

NHLA Liaison to the Center for the Book

10/2/18