

EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2017-18

During the past year the Education Committee focused much of its energy on responding to the often-heard desire from trustees to have a forum to network and discuss shared issues. The Education Committee and the NHLTA Board reached out to trustees and libraries, proposing a series of regional meetings. The proposals were well received and resulted in 11 regional meetings held from July 2017 to May 2018. The regional meetings took place in Wilmot, Durham, Epsom (two), Hudson (two), Moultonborough, Kingston, Warner, Holderness, and Marlborough. All were well attended and positively received. NHLTA Directors helped coordinate and facilitate these meetings and at least one or two NHLTA Directors attended each meeting. The Education Committee plans to continue facilitating these meetings in 2018-19.

Another new initiative for the Education Committee was the production of a webinar. Terry Knowles, Assistant Director of Charitable Trusts, NH Attorney General's Office, graciously agreed to present her popular workshop "The Other Money" as a webinar. NHLTA Directors Liz Tentarelli and Susan Gaudiello worked with Ms. Knowles and produced the webinar at NHMA. It is available through the NHLTA website and has been well received, particularly by those trustees and library staff unable to attend the NHLTA conferences. Additional topics are being considered for another webinar in the upcoming year.

In addition to the Regional Meetings and the webinar, the Education Committee hosted two Orientation workshops for new trustees, with material presented by Liz Tentarelli and Susan Gaudiello. The fall workshop was held at Gorham Public Library and attracted 23 participants from 15 libraries. This workshop also served as a refresher for seasoned trustees. The Orientation workshop was again presented in April in Hooksett. The workshop reached maximum capacity and was valuable for new trustees, especially those recently elected.

Much of the committee's time and effort throughout the year was devoted to planning and organizing the 2018 Spring Conference and Annual Meeting. The conference, with the theme of Refresh & Refocus, featured 15 workshops presented over three sessions. Speakers included local and regional experts; Kimberly Bolan, a recognized Library Journal "Mover & Shaker" and the president of Kimberly Bolan and Associates (KBA) presented the keynote address, 21st Century Library Services and Transformation. The sponsorship program again raised funds to help support the event, allowing NHLTA to keep registration fees at the same level as last year. NHLTA values the support of these sponsors and thanks them for their participation. Attendance was strong, with more than 300 people participating in the conference. The anticipation of a large attendance prompted the committee to move the conference from Concord to the Manchester Downtown Hotel this year. The committee will use participant responses to the post-conference survey in planning the 2019 conference.

Education Committee members are: Janice Clark and Liz Tentarelli, Co-Chairs; Mark Branoff, Debra Caplan, Mary Castelli, Ed Moran, Conrad Moses, Bert Saul, Dee Santoso, Carol Snelling and Susan Gaudiello, NHLTA President, ex-officio.

– Janice Clark