

New Hampshire Library Trustees Association

Board of Directors Meeting via Webex

Wednesday, June 3, 2020, 10:00 am

Attending: Lara Berry, Deb Caplan, Anne Chant, Jan Clark, Nancy Court, Susan Gaudiello, Connie Kirwin, Rene Mallet, Conrad Moses, Katrinka Pellecchia, Bert Saul; Yvette Couser, NHLA liaison, Marcia McLaughlin, prospective board member; Excused: Mark Branoff (due to technical difficulties), Ed Moran, Marty Davis

Susan called the meeting to order at 10:00.

Motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting as amended (Anne/Connie). PASSED.

Motion to accept the May Treasurer's Report (Connie/Lara). PASSED.

NHLA Report. Yvette Couser filled in for Amy Lappin. NHLA has been also meeting virtually.

Governance. Marcia McLaughlin, Greenland trustee, was introduced to the board. MOTION: To elect Marcia McLaughlin to the board (Connie/Bert). PASSED. MOTION: To elect the following slate of officers for the next year: Katrinka Pellecchia, President; Anne Chant, Vice-President; Mark Branoff, Treasurer; Nancy Court, Secretary, Conrad Moses, Past President (Lara/Jan). PASSED.

Education. Grappone Center is holding Tuesday, May 11, 2021 for the Spring Conference; the deposit has been carried over. Education will need to decide if the number of workshops need to be pared back and also if Peter Pearson should again be the keynote speaker; obviously with a different topic – possibly an anti-racist topic, how NHLTA can make a difference? There is still the possibility of joining forces with NHLA; perhaps NHLTA should offer smaller training sessions that can also be accessed remotely instead of having one big conference? The virtual roundtables have been going well; people are attending who have never attended in-person meetings; there is a good balance of trustees and library directors. One hour is a good length. The next roundtable is Thursday, June 4. Liz Tentarelli and Susan will hold two Orientation sessions via Zoom on June 13 and June 16.

Communication. The summer newsletter is in the works. The Committee annual reports will be posted on the website. Connie made a request for a board member to help with Membership now that Marty is no longer on the board.

Old Business. The proposed partnership with United for Libraries has been stalled by the pandemic. Susan reported the annual vote results: 114 members (out of 1000) voted – the minutes of the 2019 meeting, the budget for 2020-21 and the slate of board members were approved. Seven members indicated a possible interest in volunteering.

New Business. There have been staff changes at NHMA – Judy Pearson's position was eliminated and Judith Fellowes and Ashley Methot are taking over her responsibilities. We're currently in a transition period. The meeting schedule was discussed – perhaps the board should continue meeting monthly via Zoom, meeting in-person in Concord on a quarterly basis – perhaps in September if NHMA is allowing groups in by then. Committees assignments were discussed: Lara and Nancy will co-chair Education; Anne agreed to be on Governance; Renee on Legislative; Marcia on Communications.

Motion to adjourn (Bert/Connie) PASSED. The next board meeting will be Wednesday, August 5 at 10 am, on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Katrinka Pellecchia