

NHLTA Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 5, 2021

10:00 am – 11:30 pm

Via Zoom

1. Call to Order – Marcia introduced new NHLA liaison, Lisa Houde from Rye Public Library
2. Attendance: Marcia McLaughlin, Katrinka Pellecchia, Susan Bartlett, Anne Chant, Mark Branoff, Deb Caplan, Rosemary D’Arcy, Lara Berry, Connie Kirwin, Conrad Moses, Denise van Zanten, Lisa Houde.
3. Acceptance of Minutes from December 2021. Katrinka moved to accept minutes as amended, Deb Seconded Motion. Minutes Accepted
4. Treasurer’s Report - Mark Branoff
 - Report filed
 - Does not have the printing invoice for the winter newsletter so it is not included in report, expects to receive the invoice in January and so it will appear in the report then.
 - Talked with NHCF rep about the annual report they filed jointly, grant we will receive in February will be at least we received last year, if not more. We will have scholarship
 - Need to set next deadline for scholarships
 - Katrinka moved to accept, Anne seconded motion. Treasurer’s Report Accepted
5. State Library Report – Michael York/Lori Fisher
 - Still spending ARPA money – second round – sending out money,
 - Getting grant packages submitted, Governor and council approved all grants
 - Interlibrary loan virtual call: 76 people attended this meeting regarding the logistics of the van service, issues, the importance of the service to rural libraries.
 - Professional development for librarians and trustees – Primex and NHMA, on revising personnel policies
 - Submitted proposal to governor and council 2-part workshop through NH Listens for help with facilitation of group conversations.
6. NHLA Report – Conrad Moses (NHLA Liaison)
 - Report Filed
 - NH Legislative overview – no virtual option to participate unless a state of emergency is declared. Bill is in committee
 - HB1529 Discussion re : Background checks for all Library Volunteers and presenters. Motion : Lara moved to oppose the HB1529 bill put in link for minutes background checks. Rosemary seconded motion
 - Discussion
 - Motion passed

6. Committee Reports

Education – Annual Conference - Deb/Rosemary

- Discussion regarding the pros and cons of deciding when to make the decision to go forward with an in-person annual meeting or to post-pone. Board decided to proceed with in-person conference as scheduled, rather than delay the decision.
- David Paige has agreed to do the keynote and offer a concurrent session
- Discussion regarding having a session on censorship, and the importance of having a Person of Color as a presenter on diversity issues in libraries. Rosemary and Deb will decide how the block is structured.

Workshop and Roundtable procedures – report filed.

- Connie: board approves policies and accepts procedures
- Procedures for Roundtables accepted (Missing – who offered the motion, who seconded) SB

Communication Committee: Connie

- No report from communications – the winter newsletter is out
- Connie mentioned that we need approved procedures for conference for manual
- Next meeting: Thursday, January 27, at 10:00 am. Zoom.

7. Old Business

- No old business.

8. New Business

- Is the NHLTA going to support remote meeting bills?
Should we support legislation, which allows all public officials to meet virtually, and have these meetings be available to the public?
Katrinka moved to support virtual possibilities for meetings, Rule 91A. Deb seconded. Motion Passed, one abstention
- Marcia - Need 3 new directors
- Executed contract with NHMA – duplication underneath “Virtual webinars” has been corrected

Rosemary moved to adjourn. Anne seconded

Meeting adjourned

Susan Bartlett
Secretary

Next meeting – February 2, 2022 – 10:00 am, via Zoom