

**NHLTA Education Committee
January 20, 2026
10:00AM via Zoom**

Present: Cathy Harvey, Tammy Hooker, Janet Hromjak, Kathy Parenti, Katrinka Pellecchia, Ann Xavier. **Absent:** Mark Branoff, Marcia McLaughlin, Jeanne Palleiko, Renee Mallett, Sue Whitbeck. *Marcia will report for Connie and Katrinka.*

Cathy Harvey called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Minutes: Janet made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 16, 2025 as presented. Tammy seconded. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Conference: Janet and Tammy gave updates.

- Janet noted the A/V contract has been signed – company is Encore (estimate is \$1300 more than last year). Next year it will be \$9000.
- Ashley sent out workshop letters last week to the speakers.
- There were 7 scholarships last year; scholarship application period is 1/27/2026-02/24.2026.
- Tammy said to expect at least a \$2.00/per person increase for food.
- Janet has 2 cookie sponsors
- Cathy noted they are working hard to keep costs reasonable – a soup & salad bar equals the cost of a sit-down meal with chicken. They need to consider changes to the conference in the future – either every other year or increase the registration cost.
- Kathy noted it should be held in years opposite the NHLA conference.
- Cathy wanted all to think of conference options for next meeting and also who will be the conference committee

Survey:

- Tammy said there were 113 respondents so far with 2 more weeks to respond. A reminder email will go out.
- 29 respondents didn't attend the conference –
 - Too far
 - Conflict
 - Expense

- Too left leaning
- People like the workshops and would pay for them
- Tammy will find out how many people the survey was sent out to – Cathy felt 10% was a good response
- Katrinka said she needs room assignments asap as she gets copy to the printer 2 weeks before the conference
- Tammy noted the Doubletree is not as big a problem with regard to room assignments as Grappone (smaller rooms)

Gatherings:

- No gatherings have been set yet – Katrinka said they are usually in the spring (April-May is a good time)
- Look to set one up in April, in a different location from 2025's gatherings

Credit Union:

- Janet said she reached out to the contact to let them know we have applied to be members; she will follow up to see if they still want a table
- There is still no advertising policy – Katrinka said an advertising meeting is needed to discuss this.

New Business:

- Cathy said she would contact Connie and Katrinka to go to the State Library in February to clean out the NHLTA file cabinets.
- Katrinka noted Connie thought it might be a bad thing to get rid of the storage unit, in case the powers that be decide to close the state library and use it as offices. That wouldn't happen overnight.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Adjournment: Tammy made a motion, seconded by Kathy to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Nieman, Secretary
NHLTA Education Committee