

New Hampshire Library Trustees Association

Board of Directors Meeting - via ZOOM

Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 10 am.

Attending: Marcia McLaughlin, Anne Chant, Deb Caplan, Mark Branoff, Kathryn Parenti, Connie Kirwin, Conrad Moses, Rosemary D'Arcy, Deb Hoadley - NHLA VP, Tammy Hooker, Renee Mallett

Absent: Michael York - State Librarian

Marcia called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

Introduction: Marcia introduced Cathy Harvey of Spofford, NH. She has been a trustee for several years and has been chair for the last two years. She has been involved with many other local boards in her community as well as being a state representative for the last seven years.

Minutes: There was a brief discussion regarding what should be included in the final draft of the minutes and it was determined the minutes should be posted online as presented. The discussion was tabled until the September 6, 2023 meeting.

Connie made the motion to accept the June 7, 2023 minutes as presented. Conrad seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. PASSED.

Treasurer's Report: Mark submitted reports for June (the end of the fiscal year) and July (the beginning of the next fiscal year). In June, the check from TD Bank was deposited for their conference exhibit fee. Tom Ladd's invoice (travel expenses, fee and printing costs) from the NHLA Board retreat was submitted and reimbursed.

Rosemary made the motion to accept the June 2023 treasurer's report. Deb C. seconded. All were in favor with none opposed. PASSED.

In the July report it was noted that the USPS fees for bulk mailings had increased again, as they had over the past several years.

Rosemary made the motion to accept the July 2023 treasurer's report. Anne seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. PASSED

The Scholarship Committee will be meeting soon to discuss the fall \$1000 scholarship applications.

State Library: No report.

NHLA: Deb H. stated the executive board will be meeting in August with the new officers. They will be forming a new Strategic Plan task force to work on the next 2 year plan. In December there will be an orientation of new officers and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion training. She had gone to the ALA conference in Chicago recently and will be attending the ALA chapter leadership meeting with Tracy Hall of ALA. There are 2 states and 2 caucuses pulling out of ALA due to some miscommunication issues: Montana, Idaho, Pennsylvania Freedom Caucus and the Illinois Freedom Caucus. They are trying to clarify and rectify the situation. These are the same states that want book bans and jailing librarians for not taking certain books off the shelves. Rosemary asked what the NHLTA could do to support this. Deb H. said they are working on what the messaging will be and will report back in September. She thought NHLTA support would be good. Conrad also noted NHLA is moving from gotomeeting to Zoom - the cost would change from \$100 to \$18 annually.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education Committee: Rosemary, as the new chair, thanked Katrinka and Michelle for stepping up at the Trustee Orientation in June as Marcia had travel difficulties and could not attend. It was rather successful, according to the survey responses. Some things that could be improved upon were room acoustics and microphone use by the presenters. Perhaps board members could be facilitators and repeat the questions or walk around with a microphone for more clarity. Marcia noted the meeting owl could be used as well. The Annual Conference subcommittee met and have come up with a theme and a keynote speaker. There will be another Trustee Orientation in October. Several people have already signed up for the regional meeting in Peterborough in September.

Communications: Connie noted Conrad had sent out an email blast regarding the regional meeting in Peterborough yesterday. They will send out notification of the October 23 Orientation session next week.

Governance: Anne said they met June 20th and interviewed Cathy Harvey and Carol Boynton. Carol will be on the Communication and Legislative committees, has experience in publishing and hopefully will be able to help with the newsletter. Cathy was a long time member of CASA, spent 6 years on her local trustee board (plus many more), has been chair for 2 years and was a music teacher for 43 years. She is a city and state representative who writes and reads RSA's, and has done fundraising and grant writing. The Governance board recommends Cathy to be a member of the Board of Directors. Conrad asked what area she represented. Cathy replied she represented Chesterfield, Hillsdale and West Moreland for the past 7 years. There was a short discussion regarding conflicts of interest. Connie stated they had a state representative on the board several years ago who felt it wasn't. Cathy felt there would be no conflict as well as she is not on a municipality committee - she's on the Fish and Game committee. She's been submitting clarification bills regarding library RSA's, to make them more easily understood.

Marcia asked for a motion to recommend Cathy to the board. Rosemary made the motion. Anne seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. PASSED.

Newsletter: Marcia noted Katrinka said the deadline for the next newsletter was September 1. If anyone had previously agreed to submit articles, please get in touch with Katrinka.

OLD BUSINESS:

Regional Meetings: Webster Library, June 10 - 1:30-3:30 - Connie said it was a great group, great discussions and people seemed pleased.

Peterborough Library - September 21, 10-11:30 - coordinated by Deb C. who said everyone was aware at the library and wondered who was supposed to do snacks and beverages - it hadn't been discussed yet. Marcia said it was usually the library or the Friends who provided that. She will be absent due to a prior commitment but it would be a great opportunity to meet other trustees. She will bring notepads, etc. to the September meeting for Deb C. to bring to the regional meeting. Deb C. would have an accurate headcount closer to the meeting date.

Facebook Update: Renee said she's been busy but has been posting regularly. She had posted about groups leaving the ALA recently.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Mark said he had gotten a message from Ashley Methot regarding a meeting about AMS. Rosemary said it would be this Friday, August 4, at 2:15, via Zoom. This meeting is to look at Wild Apricot and they all felt Mark should be present as he would be able to access reports, etc. Rosemary thought it would be a good idea to look at the information sent along before the meeting.

Next meeting: The September 6, 2023 meeting is in person, 25 Triangle Park Dr., Concord 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, with lunch provided. Succession planning will be the major focus.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Parenti