

**NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
Local Government Center, Concord, NH  
FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Present: Knight, Webster, Jones, Moses, Snelling, Edelmann, Theoharous, Kirwin, Meserve, Hallenbeck, Gilbert, Burchstead

Excused: Solon, Cotter, York

Guest: Susan Gaudiello, Chair of the Barrington Public Library Trustees

Meeting called to order by President, Adele Knight at 10:05 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MOTION (Edelmann/Meserve) Minutes of January 4, 2012 be accepted as printed. PASSED

MOTION (Edelmann/Meserve) Treasurer's report of January 31, 2012 accepted and filed for audit. PASSED

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Center for the Book:*** The report of the work done by the Center for 2008-2011 was given to all directors.

***Communication:*** Reminder of the March deadline for the Spring issue of the Newsletter

***Education:***

- Emailed report, eliminate the material concerning the SERESC meeting.
- Burchstead has made contact with 3 van companies who can bring trustees to the Conference from the North Country for \$25.00 per person. MOTION (Gilbert/Edelmann). The vans chartered for the Annual Conference be approved and each participant will make their \$25.00 check to NHLTA. PASSED

***Fundraising:*** Burchstead has applied to TD Bank for a grant of \$1500.00 to cover the Keynote Speaker and session providers. PASSED

***Governance:*** Emailed report

***NHLA:*** Emailed report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Regional Meetings - Guidelines emailed
  - Mary Farwell of Hooksett Library is planning a meeting
  - Four meetings throughout the state is our goal. \$600.00 estimated cost of food and mileage. Steps to setting up a meeting will be on the web
2. Interviewing Libraries
  - Two interviews from Webster, Snelling and Kirwin posted on the website, Antrim's Festival of Trees
  - Knight interviewed Peterborough about their unique fundraising effort

3. Library Visits
  - An email has been sent to all with a list of questions that could be asked.
  - Meserve reported a library visit to Rye Library
4. Budget
  - Discussion was held concerning lobbyist representation.
  - NHLTA cannot campaign or endorse a person. Maybe we could “piggyback” with another similar organization
  - Vendors and sponsors are needed for Conference 2013

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Legislation
  - Emails have been sent concerning HB 1556 (abolishing the Arts Council)
  - Contacts need to be made to representatives—phone calls and written letters
  - Invite trustees to hearing, Feb.7, 1 pm at Legislative Office Building (LOB) 202, preserve Charitable Trust
  - Ways & Means Committee, Stephen Stepanek, PO Box 1015, Milford, 03055-1015
  - Theoharous offered to write the appeal for advocacy support for HB 1556
  - Hallenbeck has send an email blast to the membership re: HB 1556
2. Database Policy: MOTION (Webster/Hallenbeck) Table further discussion on release of data base list to all members until March 2012 meeting. PASSED with one negative vote
3. Betsy’s survey report will take place in the future
4. By-law Change
  - How we elect officers to the Association
  - Why elect for a two year term? Why elect by all trustees at Annual Meeting?
  - Theoharous suggested that we have biographies of new director nominees
  - Annual Meeting elects trustees to be directors.
  - NHLTA at the first meeting after the annual meeting can elect officers.
  - Governance committee will discuss this bylaw change at the Feb. 23 meeting.
5. SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD will be presented on February 19, 2 pm in Littleton. All are welcome

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara W Jones, Secretary

### **MOTIONS**

Minutes  
Treasurer’s report  
Conference vans  
Database

### **ACTIONS**

Vans  
TD Bank  
Feb.7, 1 pm, LOB 202  
By-Law change