

NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2020 10:30 am

NHMA, 25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord, NH

Present: Lara Berry, Mark Branoff, Nancy Court, Marty Davis, Susan Gaudiello, Connie Kirwin, Ed Moran, Conrad Moses, Katrinka Pellecchia, Bert Saul; Michael York, Eric Anderson; Excused: Anne Chant

Susan called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M. Prospective board member Eric Anderson, a trustee from Bow was introduced.

Secretary's Report: MOTION: (Jan/Ed) to accept the minutes of the November meeting. PASSED.

Treasurer's report: MOTION: (Katrinka/Jan) to accept the Treasurer's reports for November and December 2019. PASSED.

State Library Report: Michael York said that an email concerning the January 11 Candidate event would be sent out later in the day. The new ILL system is working, although some small libraries have been over-whelmed with requests (confirmed by Lara Berry) and they are trying to adjust the algorithms. The State Library is working with the director of the Concord Library on the Digital Public Library of America project – all the major cultural institutions in the state are on board with it.

Old Business: Upcoming Legislation. The two bills in the Legislature will be discussed in Committee on January 15. There was discussion on NHLTA taking positions on the two bills. MOTION: (Katrinka/Lara) to oppose the bill requiring criminal background checks (LSR 2020-2400). Susan will draft a statement regarding the board's opposition to this unnecessary legislation. The board discussed the bill requesting a probationary period for library employees. While a survey showed that approximately 70% of membership seems to be in favor, the board saw pluses/minuses and opted to choose no position at this time while continuing to monitor the progress of the bill. Nancy, Susan, Bert and Jan said they would attend the committee hearing. **ListServe.** Bert has been exploring options to the ListServ, but they seem to be expensive and require more administration. It seems best to stick with the ListServ, which is finally up and running. It was agreed that it could be re-branded so that more will utilize it; the Communications Committee will discuss. **United for Libraries.** Bert has done initial research, the board needs to decide if membership is something to pursue. Perhaps it would be better if libraries joined at the individual level?

Committee Reports:

- Governance: the Committee is continuing their efforts to recruit board members.
- Education: The Committee will be meeting after the board meeting. So far, \$4050 in

sponsorships has been raised for the Spring Conference. The contract with NHMA is being fine-tuned (language regarding webinars).

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 4

Hospitality: Mark, Lara

Respectfully submitted,
Katrinka Pellecchia