

New Hampshire Library Trustees Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 10:30 am

NHMA, 25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord NH

Attending: Lara Berry, Mark Branoff, Anne Chant, Jan Clark, Nancy Court, Susan Gaudiello, Connie Kirwin, Ed Moran, Conrad Moses, Katrinka Pellicchia, Bert Saul; Amy Lappin, NHLA liaison, Deb Caplan, prospective board member

Susan called the meeting to order at 10:30.

Motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting (Nancy/Anne). PASSED.

Motion to accept the January/February Treasurer's Report (Bert/Connie). PASSED. Mark mentioned that he had renewed the nhla.com domain, mainly to keep anyone else from getting it. Susan said she will meet the budget for conference sponsors. Connie said that NHLTA has 1008 members from 201 libraries. There was discussion on clarifying the Criteria for Scholarship awards and the process for approval. The budget will be approved at the April meeting.

NHLA Report. NHLA will be focusing on advocacy, more so than usual. They learned a lot planning the Candidate Forum (which unfortunately had to be cancelled). The NH legislative delegation is usually supportive of library issues. NHLA is also focused on the census; April 1 is Census Day. NHLA will hold their meetings in Hooksett after June. A Copyright First Responders workshop is scheduled for June; the NHLA Conference will be in October. Marty Davis has resigned from the NHLTA board due to health issues; the board will need to appoint a new liaison with NHLA.

Small Libraries Summit. Lara stated that there are 100 libraries in NH serving communities of less than 3000. People are passionate about small libraries, but no one wants to lead/organize the summit. Perhaps it would be better to come under the State Library, instead of being a volunteer-driven group. Summits with libraries serving communities less than 1500 and libraries serving communities of 1500-3000 usually meet alternate years, so that each group meets every other year. However, with the SLS falling through the cracks, it's now more like four years between meetings.

Governance. The board agreed there should be no increase in NHLTA dues this year. There are currently no amendments to the by-laws; in the coming year, there may be a few tweaks. There was discussion over whether to hire an attorney to look at our by-laws sometime in the fall, to advise on any restructuring so that NHLTA is current with non-profit regulations. Perhaps we could find someone to do this pro-bono?

Education. The committee did agree to raise the Annual Conference fees. Motion to approve the fee increase retroactively (Katrinka/Lara). PASSED. Lori Fisher had a scheduling conflict, so there have been some changes in the speaker lineup. Regional Meetings are scheduled in Madbury and Bristol in April. The coronavirus could affect scheduling – the board will decide at the April meeting, when we will still be within our 30-day window to cancel.

United for Libraries partnership. Bert has sent information to the board members regarding the online webinars and other resources. Motion to move forward with exploring the partnership at \$5000/year

for a two-year period (Lara/Katrinka). PASSED. Bert and Susan will work on this with Michael York and report to the board at the April meeting.

Motion to adjourn the business meeting (Jan/Nancy). Passed. Next board meeting is April 1.

Joint meeting with Governance Committee, 12:45 pm. Governance will continue to recruit (Deb Caplan is the latest proposed board member), but the board is facing the loss of five board members at the end of June. There was discussion regarding proposing a slate of officers: Mark is happy to continue as Treasurer; Katrinka had hoped that Marty would resume being Secretary, but his resignation put paid to that; there were several tentative offers to fill the role of Vice President, but no one (so far) is willing to be President.

Other issues discussed: in light managing with a smaller board, should we consider not having an Annual Conference, but instead have more regional meetings and orientations? Should we combine our Conference with NHLA? Would the partnership with UFL compensate for the lack of a Conference?

Respectfully submitted,
Katrinka Pellecchia