

New Hampshire Library Trustees Association

Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, August 5th, 2020, 10:00 am

Attending: Deb Caplan, Connie Kirwin, Conrad Moses, Katrinka Pellecchia, Marcia McLaughlin, Mark Branoff, Amy Lappin, Renee Mallett, Lara Berry. Prospective board members: John Stone and Tammy Hooker. Excused: Anne Chant.

Katrinka called the meeting to order at 10:00. Prospective board members John Stone and Tammy Hooker gave brief introductions about themselves.

Connie made a motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting as amended (add Renee Mallett to those attending, note the technical issues faced by Mark). Marcia seconded the motion. PASSED.

Nancy Court has resigned from the board and from the Education Committee. Before resigning she had sent out the code of ethics forms that need to be signed by board members. Those who have not yet sent theirs back have been asked to hold them for the time being until the board can meet in person.

Connie made a motion to appoint Renee Mallett as secretary of the board. Deb seconded the motion. PASSED.

Renee Mallett made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, as emailed by Mark. Connie seconded the motion. PASSED.

Lara Berry joined the meeting at 10:18am.

NHLA Report. Amy said a DEI committee has been created by NHLA. They are looking for members. Conrad will liaison.

Governance. Tammy and John have been interviewed by the Governance Committee, who have recommended they both join the board.

Marcia motioned to appoint Tammy and John to the board. Connie seconded. PASSED.

Communication. Connie said the emailed invoices had some issues. She will send out a second round of renewal notices as we are currently down 18 libraries/80 members. Mark suggested that considering the email issues, and the Wi-Fi problems faced by some libraries, the notices be sent via snail mail. He said it would be possible to pick up the mailed responses.

Old Business. Katrinka shared the responses to a survey about the annual conference. Most members indicated they would not feel comfortable attending in person. A Zoom style conference was the least likely to be attended by members.

Some discussion followed on the ability to get a refund from the Grappone Center or to move to a later date. Katrinka said it was unclear right now if a refund was possible. Katrinka said we might be able to still hold the talks and to livestream them or record them for those interested. Conrad said the presenters and staff might not be comfortable with that option.

Lara said she did not want to plan an in-person component just to unplan it later. She said the Education Committee would talk about options more but that she would like direction from the board.

Marcia motioned that the Spring 2021 Conference be held virtually. Connie seconded the motion. Lara thanked the board. PASSED.

New Business. Marcia volunteered to serve on the education committee. Lara said the next Ed. Meeting would be held at 11:30 on August 19th.

Connie said she would send out a chart showing which members served on which committees. She also suggested that the board pursue a refund for the canceled conference date as soon as possible as it would be harder to get the longer we waited.

Conrad asked about any board action on a DEI initiative. Lara said the Education Committee would continue to talk about ideas and that the newsletter piece by Renee was a good starting point. Connie suggested that DEI continue to be brought up in the newsletter to keep it at the forefront.

Marcia made a motion to adjourn at 11:00am. John seconded PASSED. The next board meeting will be Wednesday, September 2nd at 10 am, on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Renee Mallett