

New Hampshire Library Trustees Association

Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 10:00 am

Attending: Deb Caplan, Connie Kirwin, Conrad Moses, Katrinka Pellecchia, Mark Branoff, Renee Mallett, Lara Berry, Tammy Hooker, Anne Girard

Katrinka called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

Tammy made a motion to accept the minutes from the August meeting. Connie seconded the motion. PASSED.

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

The board discussed the quarantine protocols required by libraries that are choosing to take part in the ILL program. Libraries that are not taking part in the program are returning books but are not borrowing.

The winners of the annual NHLTA Awards were announced. Anne will be sending out letters to notify the following winners, with a press release to follow:

Lillian Edelmann Trustee of the Year: *Sally Miller*, Thayer Trustee, Keene Public Library

Library of the Year: *Wadleigh Memorial Library*, Milford

Library Director of the Year: (two awards)

Corinne Chronopoulos, Peterborough Town Library

Julie Perrin, Jaffrey Public Library

Sue Palmatier Award for Outstanding Support by a "Friends of the Library" Group: *Friends of the Library of Windham*

Dorothy M. Little Award: *Lori Fisher*, New Hampshire State Library

Education. Lara said plans are moving ahead for a virtual conference on March 12th and 13th. This virtual conference will feature the same number of sessions and there is hope that it could be more accessible for some trustees who cannot normally attend. Many of the presenters from the canceled conference are being utilized for the upcoming one.

Katrinka asked if the roundtables and conference sessions could be recorded and posted on the NHLTA website. Conrad asked if there was a limit on the number of people who could attend a given session. Lara said they are exploring other conference platforms that will allow for more attendees and multiple sessions.

Communication. The deadline for anything to be added to the newsletter is Monday.

Membership. 26 new members, representing five additional libraries, have joined in July and August. If anyone has ideas on recruiting new members, they should email Katrinka or Anne.

Old Business. Lara shared the results of a REALM study that tested how long Covid-19 can live on library materials. The current thinking is that it can survive for 5 days on the pages of books and longer on covers. In response her library has increased the quarantine time for returned materials.

New Business. Connie suggested a general, non-candidate specific, mention of the upcoming election and the importance of voting on the NHLTA website. Mark felt this would put the association's non-profit status at risk. Deb thought a non-partisan mention for the sake of education and not endorsement was fine. Renee concurred saying that it was one of the functions of libraries to promote the democratic process. An informal consensus showed overall board agreement that a reminder to contact your library for local voting information was appropriate and warranted.

Renee made a motion to adjourn at 11:06am. Connie seconded. PASSED.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, November 4th at 10 am, on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Renee Mallett