

New Hampshire Library Trustees Association

Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, June 2, 2021, 10:00 am

Attending: Conrad Moses, Katrinka Pellecchia, Mark Branoff, Renee Mallett, Marcia McLaughlin, John Stone, Tammy Hooker, Lori Fisher, Denise van Zanten, Lara Berry, Connie Kirwin

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

John made a motion to accept the minutes from the May meeting, with edits to the slate of directors to include the names. Marcia seconded the motion. PASSED.

Marcia asked if all the bills from the conference had been submitted. Mark said he believed some of the honorariums were still outstanding. Connie requested a list of the sponsors so they could be added to the website. Lara said Ashley had that list and the graphics for the logos.

Renee made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Conrad seconded the motion. PASSED.

State Library. Lori said the state library was now mask optional. She said the NHMA was recommending all group plan for in person meetings beginning on June 12. She reviewed the current status of the ARPA funding. Part of the money is being used to give all NH libraries membership to United for Libraries. She said she's had a personal membership for years and has found it very valuable.

NHLA Report. Denise said the full board would be meeting in person next week. Their assistant treasurer had retired unexpectedly. The NHLA is planning for an in-person conference on November 4th.

Lara asked if the small library conference would be revived. Denise said it was being added into the NHLA budget and was part of their strategic plan.

Education. An upcoming education committee meeting is planned to go over the virtual conference. Survey results and feedback indicate the first virtual conference was largely successful. Lori said she had presented at two conferences through Whova that week and that the NHLTA was the smoother of the two.

Some discussion followed on what information from the conference could and should be uploaded to the NHLTA website. The keynote address can be posted for one month. Lara said other materials and presentations did not have defined permission for posting online.

Katrinka made a motion to post the video of the keynote address for one month and whatever other handouts or power points for which permission could be given to also be posted online. Marcia seconded the motion. PASSED.

John said he would contact the presenters to get permission to post their sessions.

Governance. Katrinka introduced the officers for the upcoming fiscal year:

President- Marcia McLaughlin

Vice President- Anne Chant

Secretary- Renee Mallett

Treasurer- Mark Branoff

Past President- Katrinka Pellecchia

Conrad made a motion to accept as presented. John seconded the motion. PASSED.

New language for the scholarship instructions and applications was discussed, particularly the requirements of scholarship recipients to both be NH residents and to be employed in a NH library. Lara suggested this also include that they must be NHLTA members.

Further discussion followed on the deadlines for applications and whether it should be an online or paper process. Conrad suggested that the process other scholarships used should be researched.

Lara said hiring and retaining employees was a hot topic among library directors and trustees. She wondered if the NHLTA had a database with library salaries in the state. Connie said the state library kept these kinds of statistics. Katrinka thought it could be a good newsletter topic.

John made a motion to adjourn at 12:15 pm. Lara seconded. PASSED.

The next board meeting will be in August, though committees will still meet in July.

Respectfully submitted, Renee Mallett