

New Hampshire Library Trustees Association

Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 10 am.

Attending: Deb Caplan, Rosemary D'arcy, Conrad Moses, Katrinka Pellecchia, Mark Branoff, Renee Mallett, Anne Chant, Tammy Hooker, Marcia McLaughlin, Lisa Houde, Connie Kirwin; Michael York, Kathryn Parenti; excused absence: Lara Berry.

Marcia called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

Renee made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting; Anne seconded. PASSED.

Conrad made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; Katrinka seconded. PASSED.

Mark said that three people had applied for scholarships to the Conference and they had been notified. He has sent the FY22-23 budget to committee heads; he still thinks there is some tinkering to do. Marcia, Connie, Conrad, Katrinka and Mark will stay on after the meeting to finalize the budget as it needs to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in May.

State Library. There was a luncheon honoring one of the van drivers who retired after 25 years and 1.2 million miles. Lori hosted a zoom webinar on Censorship (another is scheduled for May). The censorship issue is one of long-standing, but challenges have increased exponentially in the last few years. The best defense is a strong collection development policy. The State Library is in the middle of budget season, a long process as it has to be approved by the legislature, then sent to the governor before it's finally approved.

NHLA. Lisa had emailed her report to the board prior to the meeting. The website is still being worked on – the launch date has been pushed back. NHLA has requested ARPA funds in order to purchase four Meeting Owls to enable them to keep meeting remotely.

Education. As of today, 75 people have signed up for the conference. NHLTA will pay for part of Lucy Santos Green's travel. The May 9 conference prep meeting will be in the Pemigewasset Room Triangle Park, 10 -2 pm, lunch included. All board members should attend. Workshop introductions were assigned to board members. Notepads and bookmarks are being printed; Renee will get pens to have available; Marcia reminded anyone who wishes to stay over at Grappone the night before the conference to arrange that directly with Ashley.

Communications. Connie has had trouble with posting to the NHAIS list; she sent an email to the Coos County librarians, reminding them of the travel reimbursements available through the Edelman fund. Conrad has learned from Constant Contact that he can send out an email blast to the membership, as people give us their emails when they sign up to be a member of NHLTA.

Governance. Governance wishes to revise section B2.10, Exit Briefings of the Policy & Procedures Manual: Exit Briefings as follows:

Retiring board members will be asked to respond to an exit interview either in person, by phone, by on-line video conference, or by e-mail. If the briefing is conducted in person, at least two members of the Governance Committee will be present. If conducted by phone, on-line video conference, or e-mail, the briefing will be done by the Chair or designee and forwarded to the Governance Committee.

The committee met with Kathryn Parenti and would like to nominate her to the board. Motion to add Kathy to board was made by Anne and seconded by Tammy; PASSED. Kathy's name will be added to the slate of directors (to be voted on at the Annual Meeting): Marcia McLaughlin, Anne Chant, Renee Mallett, Rosemary D'Arcy, Debra Caplan, Tammy Hooker, Connie Kirwin, Kathryn Parenti.

Scholarships. Mark said that two scholarships applications had been received; he suggested that perhaps two scholarships could be awarded since there is money. The board agreed that the number of awards could vary depending on funds available.

The board discussed the email Lara had sent regarding keeping Google Services free for public libraries; it was agreed that more information was needed.

Next meetings:

May 4 board meeting via Zoom, 10 am

May 9 stuffing party, Triangle Park Drive, 11 am – 2 pm

May 10 conference, Grappone, 8 am

Respectfully submitted, Katrinka Pellecchia