

NHLTA Education Committee Minutes

On Zoom
April 15, 2025

Present: Cliff Blake, Mark Branoff, Janet Hromjak, Connie Kirwin, Marcia McLaughlin, Sue Nieman, Jeanne Palleiko, Kathy Parenti, Katrinka Pellecchia, Ann Xavier. **Absent:** Cathy Harvey, Tammy Hooker, Conrad Moses, Sue Whitbeck.

Marcia McLaughlin, in Cathy Harvey's absence, called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

Minutes: Cliff Blake made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 18, 2025, and Mark Branoff seconded it. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Conference: Janet Hromjak gave an update.

- There are 263 registrations so far. The deadline will be extended by one day, but all registrations must be made online, and in by April 18th. This will allow any last minute registrations from participants at the NHLA Conference.
- Ashley will have room assignments by Friday, April 18th.
- Katrinka will submit everything to the printer on Monday, April 21st.
- Scripts have been sent to workshop introducers.
- Marcia will introduce the keynote and give basic conference information.
- Tammy, Jeanne and Janet will meet with hotel staff on May 1st to choose a date for the 2026 Conference, avoiding school vacation week.
- Mileage and honorariums for 2026 speakers will be determined.
- Ashley will send the 2025 Survey to conference participants on May 1st.
- Connie has received questions about the code to use when registering for the conference. Jeanne explained there are only 3 groups needing a code, Scholarship recipients, Board and Sponsors. She will respond to those who had asked.
- Cliff asked when Board members should arrive on May 1st. 7:00 A.M. at the Doubletree.

Marcia recognized the hard work of Janet Hromjak and Tammy Hooker in planning the upcoming conference with the title: **Co-Chairs Extraordinaire!** All were in agreement.

Regional Gatherings: Connie Kirwin gave an update.

- Chesterfield - April 9th. Very successful with 37 in attendance. The main topics of discussion were Policies, Bills in the Legislature and how libraries are affected. A request was made for a list of Bills signed into law to be sent to local Boards. It would help when local policies need to be amended. Marcia said that request will be addressed at a NHLTA Board Meeting.

- Newbury - May 12th. There are 34 registered with a capacity of 60. Jeanne and Connie will facilitate the gathering. Jeanne will ask the Trustee Chair to take photos.

Other: Marcia will update the membership list.

Adjournment: Marcia made a motion, seconded by Sue N. to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 AM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Nieman, Secretary
NHLTA Education Committee

*******REMINDER!!!!!! *Stuffing Party on Wednesday, April 30th at 10:00 AM at 25 Triangle Park, Concord.***