

**NHLTA Education Committee Meeting  
Via Zoom  
June 17, 2025**

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

**Chair Cathy Harvey called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.**

**Minutes:** Marcia made a motion, seconded by Mark to approve the Minutes of May 20, 2025 as written. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Trustees Orientation:** August 5, 2025 at 10:00 at Triangle Park. Marcia stated that she and Kathy P. will meet via zoom to discuss the Power Point presentation. Bottled water will be provided. Attendees will be told to bring a brown bag lunch.

**Regional Gatherings:** Gatherings are scheduled for September 9, 2025 at Minot-Sleeper Library in Bristol and on October 25, 2025 in Barrington.

**Friends of the Library Gathering:** Hooksett Public Library on September 27, 2025 from 10AM - 12. Jeanne agreed to be the facilitator. Topics were discussed, including Funding, Relationships with Trustees, Organization/Trustees as Friends?, Projects, Growing membership/recruitment. They will be sent out with registration which will be on the NHLTA website to determine preferences. Connie has the information needed for publicity on the event schedule and will see that it goes out at the appropriate time.

**Annual Conference:** Jeanne reported for the Conference Committee. Because of the cost of food (\$78.75 for chicken; \$70.88 for pasta this year), an increase in conference registration fees was discussed. Jeanne made a motion to increase the fees to \$75 for NHLTA members and \$90 for non-members. Connie seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. A Board vote will taken via e-mail to approve the increase since there is no meeting in July. (ALA membership will also be voted upon in the same e-mail.)

Jeanne presented thoughts to be as cost effective as possible for the 2026 conference and asked Ed. Committee to consider them.

- 1) A plan to compensate presenters: they would be offered one of three choices: an honorarium of \$50 or lunch paid or mileage. They must choose one.
- 2) That the NHLTA Board should pay something for their registration. She suggested that the Conference Chairs not be required to pay a registration fee.

3). Exhibitors who want an extra ticket would be charged \$60. (An increase from the present \$40.)

4) Parking to remain free.

**Other:** Marcia is exploring ways of streamlining NHLTA, to attract more participation, as our Strategic Plan will be an upcoming topic. She asked if members felt it was necessary for the Ed. Committee to have a meeting every month. After discussion, Cathy made a motion not to meet in July. Jeanne seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed. Further discussion will continue at future meetings.

Cathy reported on legislative bills. HB 10, which is the “Parental Bill of Rights” was signed by the Governor. HS 666, which deals with violations of confidentiality and restitution payments, died in Committee of Conference. Connie has developed a chart to communicate the status of bills.

**Adjournment:** Marcia made a motion, seconded by Connie to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

**The next meeting of the Education Committee is August 19, 2025 via Zoom at 10:00 AM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Marcia McLaughlin  
Sue Nieman, Secretary