

Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom – Minutes
Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 9 am

Attending: Ann Xavier, Cathy Harvey, Jeanne Palleiko, Katrinka Pellecchia, Renee Mallett, Tammy Hooker, Marcia McLaughlin, Connie Kirwin; Mindy Atwood, Sheryl Bass. Absent: Kathryn Parenti, Sue Whitbeck

Marcia called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Jeanne made a motion to accept the minutes from the May meeting; Katrinka seconded. PASSED.

Jeanne made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; Connie seconded. PASSED.

Jeanne noted that the hotel bill had been paid and checks had been sent to the Passport winners. Dues will not be sent out until after the new fiscal year (July 1) which means that our income and expenses will now line up better – we also need a physical address so checks can be sent. She said that Vanessa Blais, trustee chair at the Manchester City Library will take over Tammy's role in helping with scholarships, she may be interested in joining the board at some future date. The committee has added a request for transcripts to the scholarship requirements, in order for the committee to see where they are in their studies. A scholarship for the summer term was awarded to Angela Hurshman, head of IT Services at the Rodgers Library in Hudson. Angela is studying at the University of North Texas. Jeanne will open a separate account for the Coos County scholarships at TD Bank, putting them in a nine-month CD where it can earn a little more interest.

State Library. Mindy reported that the library is wrapping up their fiscal year and is in the process of hiring for two positions. There is a committee of library directors who will work on the Survey with the UNH Survey Center (mentioned during her keynote address at the conference); the goal is to send it out in early January. There is no need to go out for bid, UNH has no political affiliations and the opportunity to tack onto an omnibus survey is not readily available elsewhere. Mindy will be heading to Washington DC, where IMLS will be discussing how libraries can help celebrate America 250.

NHLA. Sheryl mentioned that she had gotten nice feedback regarding the NHLTA conference. NHLA is tracking the trespassing bill and the regulation of school materials. For their fall business meeting, the speakers will discuss how librarians can advocate without crossing the line into activism. Thursday is the last legislative session.

Education. The committee will do a conference debriefing at their next meeting. Tammy reported that so far they've received 98 evaluations, mostly positive with the usual complaints regarding food. The donation button on the registration form brought in \$800; there are some potential volunteers who filled out forms. Mindy mentioned that Linda Tilla is retiring as director of the Rodgers Library in Hudson and mentioned that she could be interested in volunteering for the conference.

Communications. The next regional gatherings will be in Center Harbor on June 24 and at the Daland Library in Mont Vernon on October 16. Katrinka has been in contact with a potential volunteer for the website (James McGinness, Amherst Library trustee). There was discussion that perhaps he could take over the ListServ, Connie will check with Conrad. Jeanne reported that Rodney Wise has been working on the website transition to Wild Apricot, approximately 600 files have been transferred with more to go. Nhlta.wildapricot.org. Connie announced that Katrinka will be taking over as chair of the Communications Committee. Marcia reminded committee chairs that their annual reports are due July 1. Katrinka reminded the board that the copy deadline for the summer newsletter is June 5.

Marcia stated the committee who was doing the search for an events planner agreed to hire Kalenna G. She attended the conference and jumped right in and helped. We are inching closer to cutting the umbilical cord with NHMA: 1) we still need to finish the website conversion and 2) we need to know about continuing to use the Triangle Park address. We can continue with NHMA until the end of this year if necessary. Marcia reminded committee chairs that their annual reports are due July 1.

Election of Officers. Connie made a motion to accept the slate for the 2026-27 year: Marcia McLaughlin, President; Cathy Harvey, Vice President; Jeanne Palleiko, Treasurer; Kathryn Parenti, Secretary; Katrinka Pellecchia, Past President. Tammy seconded; motion passed.

Marcia asked if the October board meeting could be moved to October 14 as she and Jeanne will be traveling. Jeanne will organize conference attendees by library – there were attendees from 120 libraries. Marcia mentioned that the Dublin Public Library is celebrating 125 years on July 25, 2026. The board thanked Tammy for serving on the board and as co-chair of the conference for the past two years and wished her well on her move to Indiana. There will be no board meeting in July.

Motion to adjourn at 10:03: Tammy; Renee seconded; passed.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 5, 9 am via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Katrinka Pellecchia