

## **NHLTA JOB DESCRIPTION**

# **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

The Legislative Committee exists as a standing committee, pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the Bylaws. The President of the Board shall appoint a board member to chair the committee, who will recruit other members to serve on the committee. The Committee shall meet as necessary and appropriate. A majority of the Committee members, present and voting, shall constitute a quorum.

The primary purpose of the Committee is to oversee the advocacy activities of NHLTA, including recommending positions on state legislative proposals affecting public libraries.

### **Committee Charter:**

The Legislative Committee is charged to develop a program for providing input and influence to the state legislative process. Positions on specific bills are developed by the committee and presented to the full Board for approval.

### **Specific Responsibilities:**

- Review the impact of the NH RSAs relating to Libraries; identify laws that should be amended to benefit libraries, and recommend potential legislation for consideration by the NHLTA Board.
- Identify pending legislation that might impact public libraries, research the potential impact and recommend positions and advocacy actions.
- Coordinate any advocacy initiatives, including testimony at public hearings and communications with individual legislators.
- Represent the interests of NH libraries during the legislative process, by serving as a resource to legislators, state officials and library advocates.
- Coordinate legislative activities with the NHLA Advocacy Committee, the NH State Library and other organizations as appropriate.
- Communicate important legislative issues to NHLTA members.
- Monitor library-related legal cases statewide for potential impact.

The Legislative Committee **shall not** have the power to:

1. Initiate legislation on behalf of NHLTA without Board approval.