

New Hampshire Library Trustees Association- FINAL

Board of Directors Meeting - via ZOOM

Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 10 am.

Attending: Marcia McLaughlin, Katrinka Pellecchia, Mark Branoff, Kathryn Parenti, Connie Kirwin, Tammy Hooker, Conrad Moses, Rosemary D'Arcy, Deb Hoadley - NHLA VP

Absent: Anne Chant, Deb Caplan, Renee Mallett, Michael York - State Librarian

Marcia called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

Minutes: Two corrections - In the Treasurer's report, the word "trustee" was changed to NHLTA; In the NLA section, "Hoadly" was changed to "Hoadley". Connie moved to accept the minutes as amended; Tammy seconded. All in favor - PASSED.

Treasurer's Report: Monthly report for January was reviewed. Mark noted there was a lot of accounting activity in January. He's only received one check for a workshop at the May conference (Edmund Construction Co.). He also hasn't received the newsletter invoice. There was a change in the technology line - NHLTA.com was renewed for another year through Network Solutions. NHLTA.org is renewed through Go Daddy. He wasn't sure how easy it would be to have both .com and .org go through Go Daddy but it would cost less than Network Solutions. There was a discussion regarding .net but NHLTA hasn't been using that for several years. There was a discussion regarding the website and the domain name, which are two different entities and are handled differently. Marcia thought it would be a good idea to ask someone at Go Daddy about adding .com.

Mark also noted the NH Charitable Fund sent an email stating the grant rate will likely be \$500 less than last year due to the market downturn last year; he will get a report later this month. Whatever money received will go into the scholarship fund. There was some discussion on scholarship recipients; they will be revealed at a later date due to some class registration issues.

Conrad moved to accept the January treasurer's report; Tammy seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. PASSED.

State Library: Nothing to report as Michael York was absent.

NHLA: Deb Hoadley, NHLA Vice President, stated the officers meeting was last month and they talked about HB72. They also talked about trouble recruiting personnel which are due to staff shortages, vacations, people not being very involved during Covid. They discussed working on a strategic plan that covers 2 years, social media, digital collections and their mission statement. The February meeting is the time for chair changes and they have put together a leadership symposium and have gotten a consultant to lead it. It is an immersive training program for newer librarians. The spring conference is May 4-5 at Mills Falls and they are hoping to get registrations sent out this week. Their next meeting is February 14.

Education Committee - Annual Conference Update: Rosemary stated she was notified by Ashley yesterday that all speakers have committed and most have submitted their information so they are ready to start promoting the conference. They've been going back and forth with non-profits who are unhappy having to pay for a table. There was some discussion on how to word an invitation to make the table fee more palatable. Rosemary, Ashley, Pat Purcell (of the education committee) and Deb will be meeting Friday to discuss this. Deb H. noted non-profits do charge fees to help libraries, to go to their conferences. She thought letting them know a meal is included and they are getting a discount would be helpful. Connie noted the NHLTA has had a table at the NHMA conference and had to pay, even though they are a non-profit. It was noted the non-profits also have an option to submit materials for display as well.

Communications: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: Katrinka said the deadline for copy was March 3, 2023. Anne and Renee have committed to submitting articles and the conference will be featured.

OLD BUSINESS:

Facebook Update: Renee was absent but Marcia noted Renee had been posting a lot of interesting things.

House Bill 72: Marcia had stated she had conversations with Representative Katherine Harvey regarding issues she'd been having at her library (she is also a trustee). She was the person who submitted the bill and she eventually agreed to amend her bill to amend RSA 202-A:15: "The librarian shall be appointed by the board of library trustees for a term of office agreed to at the time of employment". and until a successor is appointed and qualified" - removing the last line. Marcia stated she attended the brief hearing where the amendment was made.

NEW BUSINESS: Conference recommendation from the Education Committee: The Education Committee recommends the following registration fees for the Annual Conference May 90, 2023: \$25 sponsors, \$50 NHLTA members, \$75 non-members. Katrinka said this was something new - a sponsor wanted to send someone to the conference; the above recommended fees reflect this. She noted this was only for a workshop sponsor. If someone buys a table, the conference registration is included as well as 2 lunches. A premier sponsor gets 2 registrations and 2 lunches. They would have to register to get a name tag and select the sections they want to attend - that way they are counted; there would be a check box for sponsors. Marcia asked for a vote. Katrinka made the motion to accept the recommendations of the Education Committee; Connie seconded. All were in favor with none opposed. PASSED.

Connie wanted Rosemary to make sure Ashley gets the new information for the registration form.

HB 647: Marcia noted this showed up on the listserv and in essence, would strip immunity from elected officials of the expenses of prosecution, etc. She noted the board voted by email to not support this and Connie sent the letter to the appropriate committees. Rosemary noted some trustees have directors and officers insurance and wondered if this would override that. Conrad noted the judicial committee is meeting either February 8 or 9. Marcia noted NHMA will attend as this would change all case law on immunity. Mark noted it would affect elected trustees but might not affect appointed trustees. Connie advised him to read the NHMA legal bulletin for details.

OTHER BUSINESS: none.

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 am. Tammy made the motion; Katrinka seconded. All in favor. PASSED.

Next meeting:

The March 1, 2023 meeting is via Zoom at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Parenti