

# URBAN LIBRARY ADMINISTRATORS CONSORTIUM (ULAC)

## MINUTES

Friday, March 25, 2022

10:00am via Zoom

Attendees: Randy Brough, Betsy Solon, Denise Van Zanten; Sylvie Brikiatis; Yvette Couser; Heather Rainier joined at 10:39; Michael York; Todd Fabian; Erin Matlin; Natalie Ducharme; Eric Stern; Christine Friese; Linda Pilla; Marti Fiske.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 10:06 am
2. Treasurer's Report – Betsy reported that the current balance is \$6113.87 (.08 interest). There were 3 new membership dues payments.
3. Association reports
  - a) NHSL –
    - Michael York reports that the State library is in the middle of the biennial budget process. Michael outlined the process.
    - Jim Weatherby, longtime van driver, retired. During his tenure he has driven over 1.2 million miles.
    - 5 year evaluation of LSTA funds will be submitted next week. The goals are to improve equity of service and to use technology to improve library services.
    - Has used ARPA fund to continue digitizing annual reports and other resources.
  - b) NHAIS – No report
  - c) NHLA – Denise reported that they working on updating website. Legislative update: HB 1529 - the sponsor of the bill encourage the committee to ITL it. Was voted down and is dead. HB 1033 was tabled (about using lobbyists) and is unlikely to go anywhere. NHLA has reviewed strategic plan and will post to the new website.
  - d) NELA – No report
  - e) ALA; PLA – No report
4. Old Business
  - Follow-up on any progress with challenging patron interactions – Have there been any changes in frequency or severity since last meeting? Problem patrons are starting to drop overall. Many of the biggest troublemakers have been trespassed. Portsmouth has had a spike in resistance to masks, but fewer behavioral issues.
  - Short discussion on reconsideration policies and how libraries are including programming into that. Some libraries are drafting separate programming policies with their own reconsideration forms. Others have incorporated programming into the reconsideration of materials policies. Nesmith and Concord both only allow requests for reconsideration to come from residents.

### New Business

- Discussion of ULAC Budget

- i. Discussed potential sponsorship of NELA/NHLA topic/speaker for Joint Fall Conference in Manchester – 2300.00 for budget based on membership. Expenses include fall conference, spring conference etc. Consider a program that ULAC will sponsor for NH Librarians. Proposals: Social Services in the library. Jessica Madore & Andrew Warner - Community Health Coordinator - Better Life Partners, Manchester and New England  
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It was decided that ULAC will budget \$100 for the Fall NELA conference, \$1000 for the spring 2023 NHLA conference and \$2500 for an ULAC sponsored, in person event for NH librarians. For a total of \$3600 for the next budget year.

- Planning of in-person ULAC meetings/outings during Spring & Summer –
  - Spring outing- Randy retirement celebration. Lake Winnepesaukee cruise on 6/10. Randy will check cruise schedules. Rain date 6/22.
  - Next meeting May 13<sup>th</sup> at Rodgers Memorial in Hudson @ 10am

**Meeting adjourned at 11:20am**