

**New Hampshire Library Association Executive Board**  
**Online meeting**  
**August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**2:00pm**

Members Present: Mindy Atwood (past-president), Rachel Baker (vice-president), Sheryl Bass (treasurer), Denise van Zanten (legislative), Angela Brown (Technical Services chair), Corinne Chronopoulos (secretary), Kersten Matera (Bylaws Chair), Mark Glisson (ITS co-chairs), Lisa Jose (Wild Apricot administrator) Melissa Mannon (EDI), Julie Lantner (ALA rep), Chandra Boudreau (Center for the Book), Nicole Gauvreau (YALS); Conrad Moses (NHLTA), Tess Kimsey (Sustainability) Rebecca Searles (CLNH), Brianna- Hemmah, Jennifer Toth (NHSLMA), Lauren Rettig, Linda Pilla, Carlos Pearman, Julia Spokane (Para-Librarians)

Call to order at 2:02pm

Approve Agenda: **Motion** to approve agenda made by Mindy Atwood, seconded by Sheryl Bass. Poll of the Board. Motion carries.

Approve June 11, 2024 minutes: **Motion** to approve June minutes as written by Sheryl Bass seconded by Angela Brown. Poll of the Board. Motion carries.

**Treasurer's report:**

Sheryl reported that the bookkeeper was not able to provide the end of the month (July) report due to a late deposit. NHLA's Total assets as of June 31, 2024, were \$ \$290,140.93. The amount in black as of June 30,2024 is \$145.42.

Sheryl will clarify the Financial Policy and Procedure policy to better reflect the levels of approval necessary for purchases across all sections.

**Motion** to approve Treasurer report by Julie Lanter seconded by Mark Glisson. Poll of the Board. Motion carries.

**President's Report:** Mindy held the meeting; Deb is out for medical reasons.

**Vice-President Report:** Rachel reported about the NHLTA conference and her work with NHLTA. She shared details of the November Business meeting and Conference. Cassie Gillespie will be the morning speaker and Ty Gagne will present in the afternoon.

**Past President Report:** Mindy clarified that NHLA is sponsoring Cassie Gillespie's professional development opportunities. She will use her first session to understand the roles and responsibilities that we have as library professionals. She will contour her subsequent sessions to reflect industry specifics. Mindy welcomed Jennifer Toth from the NH School Library Association.

**NH State Library Report:** Mike reported the election activity in Concord at this time. He explained the construction and maintenance of the State Library Building. There is interest by some legislators about our membership to the American Library Association. Our dues are around \$2500.00 per year and we have been members for 108 years. Mike asks that if your library is an institutional member, please let him know for personal knowledge, it will not be reported. ALA is a

valuable membership for the State Library to have for cost saving reasons and grant eligibility. Mike is retiring in December.

### **Section Reports:**

**The Nominating Committee** is looking for nominations for the Geisel Award and Emerging Leaders Award. Oct 4 is the deadline for nominations. We are looking for a vice-president/president elect. The slate of officers can go out more than 60 days before our election.

**Conference Committee:** Mindy clarified that Rachel is working on the Fall Conference as the VP. The Vice chairs of each section are responsible for being a part of the planning of the Spring conference.

### **Old Business:**

**Granite State Comicon Volunteer:** Nicole thanks those who have volunteered already. Some slots are still available.

**Website- members-only portal:** Mindy opened the floor for conversation concerning interest in pursuing a member-only portal. READS discussed this during their meeting and are not inclined to get more involved with a members-only portal. Their concern is making more work for volunteers. YALS discussed it but there was very little conversation or interest. Lisa Jose noted that section content leaders can add member only content through Wild Apricot already. Mindy clarified that she is not aware of additional costs through Piper Mountain. Kersten asked for clarification for the reasoning behind the initial movement towards having such a portal. Mindy said that it primarily revolved around discussion brought about in the Strategic Planning process that would shine a light on the importance of membership. Jennifer said that it has been mentioned at the NH School Library Association and they have similar conversations. Julia Lanter suggested supporting a class on Wild Apricot. Lisa suggested that we re-phase Wild Apricot as membership software.

**New Business:** October 30, 2-6pm State Library Retirement Party. Planning will happen by the State Library by the Administrative Assistant. Information is forthcoming.

**Strategic Planning Discussion:** Strategic Planning Discussion revolved around Advocacy training. The discussion touched upon Legislation understanding and training and our goals as an organization. The discussion then touched on how we support membership in NHLA.

Meeting adjourned at 3:47pm motion to adjourn by Sheryl and seconded by Nicole