



New Hampshire Library Association Fall Business Meeting
Tuesday November 9th 2023
Business Meeting at 9:30 am
Common Man, Plymouth NH

Members present: Lee Ann Allen, Mindy Atwood, Rachel Baker, Sheryl Bass, Andrea Bouchard, Chandra Boudreau, Holly Brown, Donna Bunker, Karen Burbank, Kaitlin Camidge, Corinne Chronopoulos, Michelle Cole, Amber Coughlin, Candace Cousins, Elizabeth Crooker, Betsy Damon, Jessica Delangie, Sam Diggins, Beryl Donovan, Vivica Duffield, Justine Fafara, Hope Garner, Katy Gautsch, Mark Glisson, Susan Harmon, Patty Hayward, Deb Hoadley, Rebecca Kasten, Diane Kizerian, Amy Kraemer, Julia Lanter, Amy Lapointe, Amy Lappin, Audra Lewis, Christopher Libby, Carrie Loring, Katherine Marino, Kersten Matera, Anne Meyers, Tanya Moesel, Alexandra Osterhoudt, Carlos Pearman, Wendy Pelletier, Linda Pilla, Heather Rainier, Tanya Ricker, Judtih Russell, Victoria Sandin, Susan Skinner, Christine Slater, Julie Spokane, Sarah St. Martin, Eric Stern, Denise van Zanten, Michael York
Others Present: Dorothy Stoltz

Call to order and approval of agenda, approval of minutes from 2022 Fall Business Meeting Meeting called to order at 9:31 AM
Motion to approve the Agenda. Heather Rainier, Amber Coughlin seconds.
There was not a confirmed quorum so the Fall Business 2022 Minutes and Bylaws will be approved by electronic vote.

President Report:

Mindy Atwood thanked Denise van Zanten for her assistance in 2023. She gave a brief overview of the progress made on the update to the NHLA strategic plan and encouraged all to participate in the survey. Mindy welcomed NHLA new President Deb Hoadley.

Mindy also spoke on the complexity of serving as librarians in the current time. She encouraged all to rely on each other as support systems and enjoy company with other librarians who understand the challenges we are facing. Librarians are stronger together.

Past President Report:

Denise van Zanten announced new officers.
Corinne Chronopoulos- Secretary
Rachel Baker- Vice President
Julie Lanter- ALA Representative
Justine- NELA Representative

Denise will continue on as co-chair of the Legislative committee.

VP President Report:

Deb Hoadley reports on the survey for the strategic plan and encouraged members to take the survey.

Spring conference was a great success. Next spring conference will be in April of 2025.

Treasurer's Report

NHLA met fiscal goals for FY23, ending with a budget surplus of \$12,673.92. This is largely due to our very successful Spring Conference.

Wipfli performed our annual review and projected that we have enough funds to sustain ourselves for three years without any new income.

Our total assets for FY23 were \$272,671. Our total assets for FY22 were \$249,049.

We are in good standing for FY24.

Sheryl Bass has been our Treasurer-Elect all year and will be taking over as Treasurer in December.

Membership Report

Linda Pilla reported 554 active members.

Membership will probably not grow too much based on the number of library positions in the state.

State Library Report

Mindy Atwood delivered the report on behalf of Michael York.

On November 8th, the State Library hosted the Governor at the state library for breakfast. State library staff were able to talk about the work done in public libraries throughout the state. For example, over 5,000 reference questions were answered by public librarians.

Michael is working with representatives to request funds to pursue a study of moving some of the materials in the state library to a newly built facility offsite with climate control. The stewardship of these materials that need better housing is a priority for Michael York.

Interlibrary loan services are 338,000 miles covered by the van drivers. Mindy thanked the van drivers for their hard work. Reminder to thank and appreciate these folks when they visit the library.

Recognition of Paralibrarian Certificates

Heather Ranier shared two new Katie Andre in Milford and Nik Beauchemin in Peterborough. Any questions about hosting or teaching a class, please check in with Paralibrarian co-chairs.

Mindy Atwood recognized Paralibrarian section for regrouping in 2023 and doing very hard work to reboot the section.

Recognition of Scholarship Recipients

The committee awarded the Rosalie Norris grant to Amanda Alwyn of the Laconia Public Library for study at Valdosta State University, Kelly Montagano of the Durham Public Library for study at San Jose State University Christina Finemore, of the Maxfield Public library for study at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, and Natalie Moser of the Laconia Public Library for study at Valdosta State University

New Business

Denise and Deb gave an overview of the current LSRs being watched by NHLA. State Reps put forward LSRs and there are over 900 of them this term. It is an unprecedented year for LSRs related to library.

Mindy and Denise are working together to discuss the pros and cons of these bills and preparing for a formal statement on each from NHLA. NHLA has always championed local control.

The Legislative committee will continue to follow these LSRs through the process and report information to the membership when it is clear which ones will be moving forward.

Membership is encouraged to reach out the NHLA leadership, ask questions, and understand that NHLA Presidents will sometimes have to make statements and act quickly when things develop. See link under legislative committee page for up to date information.

<https://www.nhlibrarians.org/Pages/Index/225420/advocacy-legislative-homepage>

Denise encouraged everyone to get involved – know your legislators and don't wait to make those connections.

Member in audience asked about the lobbyist.

Mindy explained that the NHLA lobbyist tracks the LSRs that are related to libraries and sometimes schools. She keeps the legislative schedule through the season and updates NHLA weekly on where the LSRs process. The NHLA lobbyist knows the legislators and can make connections as needed.

Mindy stressed that librarians need to hold the middle and make sure libraries remain the space where everyone stays comfortable.

New Business:

Beryl Donovan spoke about trying to organize a list of libraries that are nonprofits or privately funded libraries. For example, securing benefit packages for library staff without having access to same resources as municipal libraries.

Beryl has a list going but is looking for anyone working in a private non-profit library who wants to join this group.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM. Amy Lappin, Mark Glisson seconds. Motion carried.

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