

New Hampshire Library Association Executive Board
Online meeting
April 9, 2024
2:00pm

Members Present: Deb Hoadley (President), Mindy Atwood (Past-President), Rachel Baker (Vice-President), Sheryl Bass (Treasurer and ULAC), Denise van Zanten (Legislative Chair), Angela Brown (Technical Services Chair), Corinne Chronopoulos (Secretary), Kersten Matera (Bylaws Chair), Mark Glisson and Mathew Bose (ITS Co-chairs), Lisa Jose (Wild Apricot Administrator) Lauren Rettig (Intellectual Freedom), Julie Lanter (ALA Councilor), Yvette Couser (webmaster), Justine Fafara (NELA Rep), Nicole Gauvreau (YALS); Conrad Moses (NHLTA), Tess Kimsey (Sustainability) Rebecca Searles (CLNH), Brianna Hemmah (READS), Julie Spokane (Paralibrarian), Linda Pilla (Membership), Carlos Pearman (Scholarship), Chandra Boudreau (Center for the Book), Scott Campbell (Social Media)

Others Present: Michale York

Call to order at 2:04pm

Approve Agenda: **Motion** to approve agenda made by Mat Bose, seconded by Mark Glisson. Poll of the Board. Motion carries.

Approve February 13, 2023, minutes. **Motion** to approve February minutes as amended by Nicole Gauvreau seconded by Justine Farrara. Poll of the Board. Motion carries.

Secretary's Report:

On March 4th, 2024 Deb Hoadley made the motion to accept the NHLA Strategic Plan for 2024-2025 by email. Kersten Matera seconded. Voting was conducted by electronic vote and was unanimous. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

Sheryl is gathering information from section and committee chairs to guide the budget process for FY 2025. She would like all information by April 19, 2024. She is also looking for a new accountant firm.

Motion to approve Treasurer report by Mindy Atwood seconded by Brianna Hemmah. Poll of the Board. Motion carries.

President's Report:

Deb attended PLA and had a great conference. She continues to work closely with Denise van Zanten and Mindy Atwood on legislation committee issues.

Vice-President Report:

Rachel attended NHLTA meeting and reviewed their strategic plan and current legislation.

Past President Report:

Nominating Committee has been formed. These folks work on creating a slate of officers and nominations for the Ann Geisel Award.

Mindy shared an idea for an emerging leader type of award. The award would give an opportunity for colleagues to be recognized and to highlight upcoming leaders for the NH library community. She will work with the Nominating Committee to create a draft of qualifications and criteria and will present this to the Executive Board at the June meeting.

Deb Hoadley and Corinne Chronopoulos both gave positive feedback for the idea. Corinne mentioned that an emerging leader doesn't need to be a young person or "40 under 40" type award. Nicole Gauvreau mentioned it should be all library staff and not a focus on directors. Sheryl Bass mentioned this could be another boost to membership and NHLA values to the library community.

Scott Campbell commented about idea for an award in Michael Sullivan's honor, such as a "maverick award" for somebody who was innovative or created something new.

Several commented that NHLA membership shouldn't be a requirement because of smaller libraires and the limited budgets to cover membership.

As an aside, Lisa Jose shared that she had questions from sections who wanted to offer free membership opportunities, and she reminded everyone to bring that type of request to the EB to make a transparent decision around free membership opportunities.

Section Reports

State Library:

Michael York shared the status of legislation season. House bills are in the Senate and Senate bills are headed to the House. State Library is in the middle of their budget process and preparing their proposal for the Governor to be presented in November. A part of that proposal is to build a storage facility that can house the valuable and important materials currently at the State Library that need special care. The need for such a facility has been known for decades but the age and condition of the current State Library facility is starting to accelerate the support for the new facility.

Mindy Atwood shared that she is working on some learning pathways for different library job types. She is gathering the excellent resources already available via the State Library and creating Libguides with these resources so a new person to a role can make their way through the learning path. She would appreciate feedback so she can add and edit resources.

Legislative:

Denise Van Zanten thanked Mindy Atwood and Deb Hoadley for helping to provide information to the Senate Bill 523. SB523 - relative to the regulation of public school library materials- is still in process. NHLA opposes SB523. NHLA has always supported local control for our duly elected school boards and opposed legislation that conflicts with a local community board's ability to adopt school library policies that are a best fit for their communities.

Two bills were withdrawn by their sponsor after conversations with NHLA: HB1373 (relative to library collection development policies) and HB1378 (relative to private right to action for public and school library employees).

****See full Legislative report for detail on the remaining Senate and House Bills being followed closely by NHLA Legislative committee and NHLA lobbyist.**

Technical Services:

Angela Brown shared that the Technical Services section is giving a free presentation about creating a Library of Things and working with some outside presenters from Maine and other libraries. It was unclear if it was okay for Tech Services section to open registration to other groups outside NHLA or if there should be membership restrictions.

Mat Bose shared that ITS section has opened programs to others and has not had issues.

Lisa Jose mentioned they could do an optional donation using Wild Apricot.

Deb Hoadley asked all sections to use Wild Apricot for events to track registration and who attends. Resource sharing across state lines could be a good thing and it would be interesting to know how many folks come from outside NHLA.

Brianna Hemmah mentioned that READS had requests from other states to use READS-to-GO, and the READS Board declined at this time.

Sustainability:

Tess Kimley shared the Sustainability Pledge and Venue Survey with incorporated changes from previous feedback given by the EB. The board was asked to take a final look and give feedback as soon as possible so it may be finalized at the June meeting. The pledge and survey will be used as a planning tool in 2025.

Julie Spokane asked if the data collected from venues would be shared with sections so that venues are not asked to fill it out more than once or if they need to update their answers, etc.

New Business

Nicole Gauvreau brought forward an email from Scott Proulx, co-owner of Double Midnight Comics and organizer of the Granite State Comicon (Sept 21 & 22 in Manchester). They would like to promote libraries at the event as they have done in other states and asked if NH libraries wanted to get involved. Nicole was wondering if the EB wanted to consider responding to his email and if we are interested in participating?

Denise commented that in the past NHLA has had a table at similar events (NHMA) and thinks it's a great idea and worth participating.

Julia Lanter mentioned that ALA sections had been invited to participate on a panel discussion about challenged graphic novels and maybe there could be something similar here.

Yvette Couser commented positively on the Granite State Comicon and said it was a great group of people to reach and connect with about the mission of libraries.

Brianna Hemmah said vendor tables are around \$350 per day based on the website.

Deb Hoadley asked Nicole Gauvreau to respond and ask them what options are available for NHLA, including a panel discussion or having a table. If NHLA participates it would also be great if NH libraries help them promote the event.

Old Business:

NH School & Media Library Association (NHSML) had their conference and will be doing an electronic vote to join NHLA. Next steps are in the works to complete the merger. Deb, Mindy and Denise will be meeting on April 12 with the NHSMLA President and Vice-President.

Strategic Plan Update: Deb Hoadley reviewed the three pillars of the plan, Professional Development, Advocacy, and Sustainability and Organizational Growth. She asked everyone to think about how the plan will relate to their section and committee. Could there be professional development opportunities that align with the strategic plan during section conferences? Deb would like to have a longer discussion in June with the EB about how committee and sections can apply focus to the areas outlined in the strategic plan.

Wild Apricot – Deb Hoadley reminded everyone to use Wild Apricot for their section events. This is an important tool to capture attendance. Lisa Jose is available to help with any questions.

Website- Deb Hoadley has heard feedback about whether there should be a members-only portal to the NHLA website. Our members could then have access to specific information that we may not want to be viewable to the general public.

Mindy Atwood stated that a member-only portal could be another value-add to the membership. There could be opportunity to have more involved membership using this tool.

Nicole Gauvreau mentioned this could be helpful for simple things like sharing contact lists for committees and boards in a way that would not make this information public.

Yvette offered to ask Dale at Piper Webs to understand if a members-only portal could be possible.

Mat Bose mentioned some of the drawbacks of locking things down in terms of keeping things transparent and how much might really be gained?

Lisa Jose suggested an alternative in using Wild Apricot for members-only materials. Members would log in and have access based on how things are set up. Full webpages can be built, resources shared, and it would be easily managed.

Deb Hoadley will put this back on agenda, and asked everyone to think about what resources or information would sections want to have available to members only.

Motion to adjourn. **Motion** to approve by Angela Brown, seconded by Mark Glisson. Poll of the Board. Motion carries.

Next Meetings:

June 11, 2024 – in-person meeting to be held at Hookset Public library at the same time 2-4pm. Notify Deb Hoadley if you cannot attend.

August 13, 2024

October 8, 2024

December 10, 2024—In-person transition meeting, please plan accordingly (place TBD)

Action Items:

- Mindy Atwood to discuss her idea of Emerging Leader with the nominating committee and create a draft of qualifications and criteria.
- Executive Board members complete final review of sustainability pledge and venue survey. Send feedback to Tess Kimley.
- Nicole Gauvreau to respond to Granite Comicon and ask how NHLA might participate.
- All review strategic plan focus areas with their committees and sections and be ready to discuss how they could support the plan in their work and conferences at the June EB meeting.
- All to think about what resources or information sections might want to have available to members only if a members-only access point should be created.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Chronopoulos
NHLA Secretary

Attachment: Formal Reports

NHLA Past-President Report
April 4, 2024

2/23- attended ULAC meeting
3/4- attended IFC meeting
3/19- attended NHLA Officers Meeting
3/27- attended Legislative Committee meeting
4/1- attended IFC meeting
4/4- attended EDI meeting

Legislative Committee

Proofread email to New Hampshire senators regarding SB 523 and HB 1311

Nominating Committee

I put out a call to the NHLA Executive Board, looking for people to serve on the Nominating Committee. Thank you to the following people who have agreed to serve on the committee:

Sheryl Bass
Angela Brown
Mark Glisson
Ashely Miller
Julie Spokane

Respectfully submitted,
Mindy Atwood
2024 NHLA Past-President

NHLA President & Conference Committee Report
Executive Board Meeting - April 9, 2024

1. Attended via Zoom with NELA President along with other association presidents from ME, MA, RI and VT. Items discussed were: Upcoming legislation and concerns; membership and budget concerns coming out of the pandemic; EveryLibrary's Library Advocacy & Funding Virtual Conference on July 24-26th (\$255); and a State Chapter Update to all our members to be held in early summer.
2. Attended a virtual Legislative Committee meeting on March 6. Also corresponded with Denise and Mindy regarding a letter that went to all 24 Senators opposing SB523 and upcoming HB1311.
3. Answered questions from NHSLMA regarding their move to become a Section of NHLA. There will be a meeting to discuss this transition with the NHSLMA President and Vice President on April 12. Mindy and Denise will also be attending, as they have been working closely with them over the past year and a half.

Respectfully submitted,

-Deb
Deb Hoadley
NHLA President & Conference Chair

NHLA Treasurer's Report

March 31, 2024

Sheryl Bass, NHLA Treasurer

Financial Report

Please find attached a copy of:

- NHLA's March 2024 Profit & Loss Statement
- NHLA's Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2024
- FY24 Income and Expenses as of March 31, 2024

NHLA's total assets as of March 31, 2024, were \$288,386.17.

Below is a listing of cash held by each account as of March 31, 2024:

NHLA checking	\$3,802.08
NHLA savings – non-interest	\$48,943.84
NHLA savings	\$101,477.62
CLNH	\$17,611.36
READS	\$3,666.72
PARALIB	\$10,333.92
ULAC	\$7,640.40
YALS	\$6,212.46
ITS	\$2,243.23
WINCHELL LOAN (revolving fund)	\$28,748.55
NORRIS (scholarship)	\$196.06
MACDONALD FUND (continuing ed/professional development)	\$19,668.02

NHLA Vice President Report
April 9, 2024

4/3/24 - attended NHLTA meeting and reviewed Strategic Plan work and gave a brief update and information on Senate Bill 523 and HB 1311.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Baker
2024 NHLA Vice President

Bylaws Committee

April 9, 2024

Section/Committee Name or Logo: Bylaws Committee

Current Board members: Kersten Matera (Chair), Brittney Bergholm, Elizabeth Bolton, Yvette Couser, Alyssa Jobin, Eric Stern

Upcoming Activities/Programs/Events:

Deb reached out to the Bylaws Committee regarding electronic voting for members of the Board to vote on accepting the Strategic Plan. NHLA's Bylaws and Robert's Rules are not 100% clear if a motion and second to that motion are needed to call a vote in this situation.

- **According to our Bylaws:**

"The President may call for a question, discussion and vote through electronic means. Any electronic discussion and/or electronic vote shall be recorded by the Board secretary and be documented as Board minutes. Electronic voting shall require the minimum of 10 voting members."

- **According to Robert's Rules:**

Ratifying/accepting reports are "main motions", which would imply a required motion and second, however there is also a clause in the introduction of business section stating, "There are many other cases in the ordinary routine of business where the formality of a motion is dispensed with... or the chair may put the question without waiting for a motion."

The Past President weighed in that we've called for a motion and second in the past to approve Bylaw changes and the minutes. Accordingly, NHLA's President called for a motion and a second before sending out a vote for the Board to accept the Strategic Plan.

Income/Expenses and Balance of Account:

Other News:

Respectfully submitted,

Kersten Matera

Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) 04/09/24

Current Board members: Sarah Ballard, Lauren Rettig, Julia Lanter, Nicole Gavreau, Cheryl Rasmussen, John Barrett, Felicia Martin, Matthew Gunby, Mindy Atwood, Vicky Sandin, Becky White

Upcoming Activities/Programs/Events:

- IF Manual Book Discussion Meeting: May 6th @ 3pm to discuss Part I, Sections 3 & 4
- Spring Newsletter submissions for May 10th
- Sharing poster project for National Library Outreach Day on April 10th

Other News:

- Website update: Resource Highlight - Book Resumes
- Website update: webinars for March and April
- Sarah and Lauren completed a survey for American Library Association Intellectual Freedom Round Table (ALA IFRT)
- Sarah responded to the Doctoral student at The University of Illinois research with the Public Libraries' Response to Challenges.

NHLA – Information Technology Section (ITS)

Current Board members: Mark Glisson & Mat Bose (Co-chairs), Steve Viggiano (Treasurer)

Upcoming Activities/Programs/Events:

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 29th at 10:30 am – In-person (Nashua Public Library) & virtual option. Agenda is yet to be set but will include an overview of Nashua Public Library's technology.

Income/Expenses and Balance of Account:

Account balance: \$2,058.21

No recent expenditures, continued income based on membership dues

Other News:

Last meeting was held on Wednesday, March 27th at 10:30 am at the Weeks Public Library in Greenland, NH. There were approximately 15 people in attendance (6 in-person). The group received an overview of the library's technology (i.e. A/V system, public PCs, teen room, maker lab, etc.) and discussed recent technology news & developments at our libraries (i.e. best practices for storing passwords/user accounts, working with vendors, technology at our libraries, etc.).

NH COUNCILOR Report May 5, 2024

Current Board member: Julia Lanter, Exeter Public Library. Please email Julia anytime with your ALA questions: exeterpljal@gmail.com. For anonymous questions email nhweddingsinger@gmail.com

Upcoming Activities/Programs/Events: ALA Annual in San Diego, CA June 27 -July

Official 2024 Schedule

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Virtual Membership Meeting
11:00 am-12:00 pm, CST

Monday, June 24, 2024

Virtual Budget Analysis & Review Committee (BARC)/Finance & Audit Subcommittee Meeting
11:00 am - 1:30 pm CT

Virtual Planning & Budget Assembly (PBA), Division Leadership, & BARC Meeting
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm CT

Annual Conference Schedule

Friday, June 28, 2024

ALA Executive Board Meeting
9:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday, June 29, 2024

Council Orientation Meeting
8:30 am-9:30 am

ALA-APA Council Meeting*
9:30 am-10:00 am

ALA Council I*
10:00 am-12:00 pm

ALA Governance Institute/Strategic Leadership Workshop
12:30 pm-2:30 pm

Sunday, June 30, 2024

ALA Council II*
9:00 am-11:30 am

Monday, July 1, 2024

ALA Council III*
9:00 am-11:30 am

ALA Executive Board Meeting II
1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Section/Committee Name: Center for the Book

Current Board members:

Selma Naccach-Hoff (2023 Chair State Librarian Appointee), Dan Szczesny(2023 Vice Chair State Librarian Appointee), Michael York (New Hampshire State Librarian), Sarah L. Stewart (Commissioner, NH Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources), Frank Edelblut (Commissioner, NH Dept. of Education), Alexandria Peary (New Hampshire Poet Laureate), David Elliott (State Librarian Appointee), Michael Haley Goldman (NH Humanities), Moriah Churchill-Calkins (Children's Librarians of New Hampshire), Chandra Boudreau (New Hampshire Library Association), Rachel Hill (New Hampshire School Library Media Association), Don Kimball (Poetry Society of New Hampshire), Paul Jenkins (Libraries Committee, NH College and University Council)

Upcoming Activities/Programs/Events:

Other News:

The 2024 nominees for the Ladybug Picture Book Award are:

- *100 Mighty Dragons All Named Broccoli* by David LaRochelle and Lian Cho
- *A is For Axolotl* by Catherine Macorol
- *Bears are best!* by Joan Holub and Laurie Keller
- *Beneath* by Cori Doerrfeld
- *Big* by Vashti Harrison
- *Gibberish* by Young Vo
- *I am a Tornado* by Drew Beckmeyer
- *The Mermaid with No Tail* by Jessica Long and Airin O'Callaghan
- *Once Upon A Book* by Grace Lin and Kate Messner

Voting will occur in November by New Hampshire Children.

The Ladybug Winner for 2023 was *Noodle and the No Bones Day* by Jonathan Graziano and Dan Tavis

EDI Committee

April, 2023

Section/Committee Name or Logo: EDI

Current members: Melissa Mannon (Chair), Anne-Jung Matthews (Secretary), Yvette Couser (Webpage), Lara Berry (newsletter), Kaitlin Camidge, Cathy Walter, Sarah Greene, Katie Hamilton, Cathryn F. Czajkowski, Mindy Atwood

Upcoming Activities/Programs/Events:

- The EDI Committee postponed their April meeting until the 11th due to the bad weather on the 4th.

To attend: meet.google.com/bgs-bpkt-ahc

Dial-in: (US) +1 929-277-9859

PIN: 711 617 498#

- We are continuing to work on the webpage and newsletter
- 21 people have signed up for the James McKim online workshop scheduled for May 28 at 10. This workshop is for NHLA members only and not everyone who signed up is a member. Melissa will get an updated list of members and send notes out to those who need to join or renew to attend the workshop. The link for participation will be sent to attendees in May. To register
<https://nhla.azurewebsites.net/Pages/Index/225198/edi-committee-home-page>

Other News: Melissa and several other NH Librarians have been asked to talk about books by diverse and emerging authors on NHPR's "Check This Out" program. Jessica Hunt of NHPR contacted Melissa as chair of the EDI group. The librarians will participate in the program on April 25 at 11.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Mannon

Membership Chair's Report – April 2024

Level	Total	Active	Renewal overdue	Lapsed	Pending			New in last	
					New	Renewal	Level change	7 days	30 days
Business Membership	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
First Time Member	146	80	60	57	7	2	-	-	7
Library Run by 1 Person	17	12	5	5	-	-	-	-	-
Lifetime Member	41	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retired Librarian	8	5	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
Salary \$25,000 - \$50,000	203	134	68	67	2	-	-	-	-
Salary \$50,000-\$75,000	133	93	41	39	-	1	-	-	-
Salary over \$75,000	52	42	10	10	-	-	-	-	-
Salary under \$25,000	109	69	40	39	1	-	-	-	-
Trustee/Friend/Student	36	16	18	20	-	-	-	-	-
Unemployed Librarian	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	745	492	245	240	10	3	-	-	7

Notes & Issues

We have seen a slight increase in the number of members so far this year. There is no Spring Conference scheduled, so that “bump” in numbers will probably not occur. As always, there have been a few renewals for “first time members.” This mostly occurs when a library reuses a generic email address and the current staff member moves on to a different job. I think it’s inevitable we’ll see a few of these each year.

ALA Member Value memberships are available for people taking classes to gain their Master’s in Library Science. These memberships begin and end according to the individual’s joining date. Typically, I extend these membership, if necessary, so that they don’t expire before the end of our membership year.

Finally, just a request for sections and committees. Will the Chair of each committee verify that their own membership is up-to-date and that the people serving on their committees have renewed their memberships for 2024? Thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Pilla – NHLA Membership Chair



READS President Report

April 9, 2024

Current Board Members: Brianna Hemmah, President; Jane Martina, Vice President; Susan Harmon, Past President; Sarah Frost, Secretary; Tanya Griffith, Treasurer; Liz Ryan, Membership Chair; Eileen Gilbert, Programming Chair; Martha Simmons, Reads-to-Go Chair; Stephanie Rinehart-Joseph, Public Relations Chair; Alexa Moore, Website Coordinator.

Upcoming Activities/Programs/Events:

- The READS Roundtable topic is “Working Together”.
 - Thursday, April 4th at 10 am - virtual. Postponed due to power outages; new date pending.
 - Thursday, April 11th at 10 am - in-person at Conway Public Library.
 - Thursday, April 18th at 10 am - in-person at Nesmith Library.
- The READS Award of Excellence nomination form has been posted to the NHLA website.
- The Next READS Board Meeting will be held on Friday, May 10th at 10 am - virtual.

Income/Expenses and Balance of Account:

Interest: \$0.06

Membership: \$210.00

Other Income: \$50

Expenses: \$521.60

Balance: \$3,290.36

Other News:

- READS has been operating at a net loss for years. The READS Board voted to moderately increase the fee to our Fall Conference and push out the date on some of the material expense related to READS-to-Go in a bid to begin rectifying the situation.
- At the request of the Paralibrarians section, the READS Board agreed to sponsor upcoming sessions of the popular Book Repair Workshop, beginning in the Fall of 2024.
- The READS Newsletter went out on Tuesday, April 2nd.
- The READS-to-Go Committee recently added 2 kits to NH KitKeeper.
- We will be adding graphic design templates, resources, and best practices to the READS Repository.
- READS currently has 129 active members. There has been a disconcerting number of lapsed memberships.

Respectfully submitted,

Brianna Hemmah
READS President

NHLA Scholarship Committee Report, April 2024

Current Board members:

- Carlos Pearman, Chair
- Tom Ladd
- Sarah Leonardi
- Becky White

Spring 2024 award applications

The committee received one application for its April 1, 2024 deadline. Due to scheduling conflicts, the committee will review and discuss the application through email over this week and will submit its decision digitally.

Outstanding Loans

Committee chair Pearman will send out balance verification letters to past Winchell Loan awardees this week. Current balances owed are below:

- Effat (Arefe) Koushki: \$6,000
- Samantha Milnes: \$750

Respectfully submitted by Carlos Pearman, Committee Chair

NHLA Sustainability Committee Report

April 2024



Current Sustainability Committee members: Tess Kimsey/Manchester (Chair); Brittany Durgin/Moultonborough (secretary); Nancy Ladd/Warner; Mary Cronin/Tamworth; Michelle Baker/Newton; Jenny Devost/Merrimack

Web Page: [Sustainability Committee | New Hampshire Library Association](#)

The committee met March 4 and April 1 to review suggestions for the Sustainability Pledge and Venue Survey, as well as plan for upcoming newsletters and programs.

Upcoming Activities/Programs/Events:

- Sustainability and Conferences:
 - The committee has put together an optional sustainability pledge NHLA members can take when signing up to attend a conference. We hope this will inspire attendees to be mindful of their impact at the conference, and beyond. We would like those who take the pledge to have some form of indicator on their name tag, either printed directly on it, or a sticker of sorts. View an updated draft of the pledge here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19NREchPKKXFO3T-pnQkrePt1e-TauD8GG85UgwVURPc/edit?usp=sharing>

Many thanks to committee member Brittany Durgin/Moultonborough for drafting these!

- Newsletter:
 - Our [March newsletter](#) featured an article on resource sharing within libraries by committee member Brittany Durgin.
 - We hoped to collect [programming ideas for Earth Day](#) and publish them in our next newsletter, but have only gotten [three](#) so far.
 - Planning Plastic Free July newsletter
- Programming:
 - Bi-monthly Sustainability Chat: Informal book club-like

discussion based around an article or chapter of a book. Still early in the planning stages, and may be an opportunity to potentially partner with other sections and committees if anyone is interested.

- August is NH Eats Local Month

Our next meeting will be [Monday May 6 at 11](#) on Zoom if anyone wishes to attend.

Income/Expenses and Balance of Account: N/A

Suggested Reading:

Year of No Garbage by Eve Schaub

Respectfully submitted,

Tess Kimsesy

Sustainability Committee Chair

NHLA Legislative Report April 2024

Two bills were withdrawn by their sponsor after conversations with NHLA: HB 1373 (relative to library collection development policies) and HB 1378 (relative to private right to action for public and school library employees).

House Bill 1308- relative to parent access to children's library records DONE FOR SEASON

NHLA opposes HB 1308. Public libraries do not act in loco parentis with regards to library usage. Libraries do not keep comprehensive records regarding use of library materials or services. Requiring libraries to provide access to records related to the use of library services, including materials that have been viewed in electronic form, puts an undue burden on libraries.

More importantly, because public libraries are not privy to custodial information, they have no way of knowing who has legal rights to information about library patrons' and/or their library records and who does not. As such, libraries could unknowingly reveal contact or borrowing information to parents who should not have that information. This represents a safety concern for children and liability concern for libraries and their staff. **Bill heard at hearing on January 30th, NHLA, NHSLMA and ACLU all sent opposition statements. Librarians, Trustees, and ACLU all testified against it. NHLA also sent a follow up letter to the committee asking for bill to be ITL'd (Inexpedient to Legislate) and gave them more info about the logistics of administering this bill based on questions we heard at the hearing. Executive Session and vote is scheduled for February 13th at 2 pm.**

At Executive Session on 2/13/24 bill was amended and then the vote was 13 to 2 ITL. HB1308 voted ITL by full house on March 7th.

House Bill 1311- relative to school district collection development and reconsideration policies. GOING TO CROSSOVER

NHLA opposes House Bill 1311. NHLA has always supported local control for our duly elected school boards and opposed legislation that conflicts with a local community board's ability to adopt school library policies that are a best fit for their communities. Further, this bill does not clearly outline the consequences for libraries that do not comply by adopting a collection development policy. This lack of clarity could lead to uncertainty and possible legal challenges. **Assigned to the House Education Committee. NHSLMA is in support of this bill, we are not as we have been consistent about local control. NHSLMA is not yet a section of NHLA. Executive Session was scheduled for February 7th at 9:30 am but committee adjourned before finishing their docket of bills. As of the time of this report I don't have an update on when it will be voted on.**

Executive Session held on 2/20/24 and vote was 10 to 10 Ought to Pass- going to house floor vote. HB1311 approved on House Floor March 14th. Not expected to make it through Senate after crossover

House Bill 1342- relative to the licensing of electronic literary materials by libraries- DONE

NHLA opposes HB 1342. Given the small size of the electronic materials market in New Hampshire there are two possible outcomes if this bill is enacted:

- the Association of American Publishers may sue the State of New Hampshire as it has other states who have tried to pass similar legislation (New York, Maryland), and/or

-publishers will refuse to sell to New Hampshire libraries thus denying our residents access to new digital content going forward. **Bill was heard at the House Municipal and County Government Committee on 1/9/24. NHLA submitted our opposition letter. Committee voted it Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL) at the Executive Session on January 30th vote was 19-0.**

Senate Bill 523 - relative to the regulation of public school library materials. Still in process

NHLA opposes Senate Bill 523. NHLA has always supported local control for our duly elected school boards and opposed legislation that conflicts with a local community board's ability to adopt school library policies that are a best fit for their communities. **Hearing was rescheduled to February 5th with the Senate Education Committee. This bill includes a rating request to publishers. NHLA opposed this bill but did not testify. NHSLMA said they would be filing an opposition letter. ACLU opposed this bill. Bill came out of committee totally amended on a 3 to 2 vote ought to pass. NHLA is going to send a letter to Senators about logistical issues with the rewritten bill and reinforce our local control stance as bill is due to have full Senate vote on April 4th Will report when I know the outcome.**

House Bill 1419- relative to prohibiting obscene or harmful sexual materials in schools- DONE

This bill is very similar to SB523. It had its public hearing at the House Education Committee on January 18th. NHLA opposed this bill but did not testify. ACLU opposed this bill. Executive Session on January 31st and it came out of committee without a report as the vote was 10-10.

On February 15th it was voted to table, then it was pulled from table and the vote was 187 to 162 to indefinitely postpone which kills the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise van Zanten

NHLA Legislative Chair

Section/Committee Name or Logo: NHLA Paralibrarian Section

Current Board members: Heather Rainier, Interstate Liasson; Cyndi Burnham, Past President; Julie Spokane, President; Katie Ondre, Vice President; Pam MacDonald, Treasurer; Amanda Alwyn, Webmaster, Carla Ferreira, Certification Review Committee Chairperson; Hope Garner, Education Committee Chairperson; General Board Members Anne Meyers, Cheryl Ingerson, Mary Ann Shea, Lee Ann Chase, Edmund Lowe, Patrick Lord (first time attendee), Stephanie Binette (first time attendee).

Activities/Programs/Events

We have formed a subcommittee to perform a review of our Bylaws and our Certification Application as soon as the mini-conference is over. We have found a few items that need to be updated. We also discovered that during COVID, we were issuing Certificates without the proper signatures, per our Bylaws. We will be re-issuing and will be asking former NHLA Presidents from 2020 to sign the Certificates, in accordance with our Bylaws.

We held a "Preparing Your Paralibrarian Certification Application" workshop on Wednesday, March 13 in Hooksett. It was well attended with 17 attendees and 2 of the attendees have expressed interest in Board openings.

Upcoming Activities/Programs/Events: Scheduled for this Spring

Intro to Cataloging

Intro to Technical Services Function and Workflow (only class not at capacity)

Book Repair Workshop

Mini-Conference Planning is well underway and will occur Friday, April 12 at the Audubon Center in Concord. Mindy Atwood and Heather Rainier will be speaking on "**Libraries Are For Everyone: Accommodations in the Library for Increased Access**". We are currently at 35 registrants, as of 3/27/24.

We discussed having the Mini-Conference bi-annually, with some form of informal meet and greet on the alternate year, as a way to stay in touch with the membership.

Certifications

We have awarded a Level 3 and a Level 1 Certification at our last Board Meeting.

Income/Expenses and Balance of Account:

Total Income FY 2024	\$1,760.54
Total Expenses FY 2024	\$1,167.40
Balance as of 1/31/24	\$9,073.76

Other News:

The following Board/Committee Positions are still open. Secretary, Membership/Newsletter Chair, Webmaster, however we have two people who would like to step forward. We are hopeful they will attend our next Board meeting on May 1, 2024

Respectfully Submitted: Julie Spokane, President, March 27, 2024

Technical Services Committee Report

04/05/24

Current Board members: Angela Brown, Chair ; Martha Simmons, Website Coordinator

Upcoming Activities/Programs/Events:

- Next meeting is April 23rd, 2024 at 2pm via Zoom.
- Library of Things presentation on May 28, 2024 via Zoom. Martha Simmons from Hooksett and Nicholas Gagnon from Dover will be the presenters.

Income/Expenses and Balance of Account: N/A

Other News: A committee member asked if the Maine Library of Things Mutual Aid Group could be invited to the committee's LOT presentation in May. I would like to know if it's okay to invite outside groups to NHLA sponsored free presentations.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Brown

Angela Brown
TS Committee Chair

ULAC

Report for NHLA Executive Board

04/09/24

Current Board members:

Sheryl Bass, Chair, Erin Matlin, (Co-Chair), Heather Rainier (Treasurer)

Upcoming Activities/Programs/Events:

- ULAC is scheduled to meet virtually on Friday, April 27th, 10am via Zoom.
- Several ULAC members will be traveling to the Harvard Kennedy School of Law in Cambridge, MA on May 3, 2024 for a tour of the Widener Library (Harvard's main library) and a lunch discussion about the role libraries play in upholding and supporting democracy.

Income/Expenses and Balance of Account:

At the March ULAC meeting, the current balance was reported to be \$6,840.28.

Other News:

ULAC met in-person at the State of NH Library on Friday, February 23rd and then met again at the Rochester Public Library on Friday, March 22nd. At the State Library in February, Eric Stern announced that he was stepping down as ULAC Chair and asked for volunteers to step up into leadership positions. I volunteered to become Chair and Erin Matlin of the Londonderry Public Library offered to serve as cochair. Heather Rainier of the Hooksett Public Library will continue as ULAC Treasurer. The group additionally discussed the status of introduced legislation that affects public libraries, the use of Narcan by library staff, discussed the role that libraries play in municipal elections, and the existence of policies involving library security cameras. Mindy Atwood, who was at the meeting, highlighted information Julia Lanter shared regarding the results of the Every Library Institute January 24 Survey Results— [Parent Perceptions of Book Bans, Materials Selection, and Reading in School Libraries and Public Libraries 2024: Final Report](#).

At the March meeting, after updates from the NH State Library and associations, the group discussed onboarding best practices including tips and techniques in the onboarding process. Emergency preparedness planning was also a hot topic of conversation, and it was suggested that ULAC explore the possibility of hosting a disaster planning speaker in the future. Speaker and date TBD. The May 3rd trip to the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in Cambridge to discuss the role that libraries play in supporting democracy was fleshed out a little more fully. The group was treated by Library Director Marie Lejeune to a tour of the newly reorganized Rochester Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Bass, ULAC Chair

Wild Apricot Database Administrator Report (4/9/24)

Database Admin: Lisa Jose

Upcoming Activities/Programs/Events: N/A

Income/Expenses and Balance of Account: N/A

Other News:

- Answered incoming emails re: assigning new admins access (for sections/chairs) and removed/designated accordingly
- Continued as liaison between Treasurer, Membership Chair, and Bookkeeper
- Redirected CLNH Membership Chair to NHLA Secretary for Google drive access
- Answered NHSLMA's questions re: future Wild Apricot admin access
- Answered YALS President's question re: possibility of waiving section fees for liaison
- Answered Membership Chair's questions regarding merging of accounts & refunds
- Waiting on one replacement check for 2023 Fall Conference registration
- Assisted Paralibrarian rep with adjusting workshop registrations from one event to another

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Jose

Wild Apricot Database Administrator

NHLA Website Coordinator
Report for Executive Board
April 9, 2024

Activities: I continue to make changes and updates to the NHLA website as requested. Recent updates have included scholarship information to the Scholarship Committee page and information about James McKim's workshop on the EDI page. All Section meetings have been added to the calendar.

There is a sample tab showing the separation of the Advocacy & Legislation committee, and these pages can be restructured when the Committees are ready.

I sent some suggested library pictures to Dale to replace the banner picture; he said these would work and I will need to remind him to find time to make the changes.

Income/Expense: n/a

Other News:

Respectfully submitted,

Yvette Couser, Website Coordinator



YALS President Report

April 9, 2024

Current Board Members:

Nicole Gauvreau (president), Kim Baker (vice-president), MaryJo Siergiej (past president), Stacey Desrosiers (treasurer), Nicole "Nikki" Rheume (secretary), Chandra Boudreau (teen awards chair), Krista Bordeleau (media/website chair)

Upcoming Activities/Programs/Events:

Next meeting: May 23rd at 10 a.m. (virtual)

Income, Expense, and Account Balance (as of February 2023):

Interest: \$0.09

Membership dues: \$455.00

Expenses: \$0

Up to \$144 to be spent on Go to Meeting

Balance: \$6197.41

Other News:

- Teen Librarian of the Year Award created and accepting nominations
- YALS to create YALS book club kits (similar to READS-to-Go)
 - acquiring additional quotes for bags
 - three libraries have committed to book kits
- YALS vice-president (Kim Baker) is spearheading the creation of a YALS strategic plan
- YALS and CLNH must meet to determine payment of dues for Liaison board member
- Planning for 2024 conference has begun
- Flume and Isinglass titles to be announced at CLNH conference in May
- YALS is interested in the email the NHLA Exec Board received regarding Granite State Comicon

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Gauvreau

YALS President