



READS Executive Board Meeting

Friday, May 13, 2022 10:00AM

Board Members Present: Natalie Moser, Sue Harmon, Kersten Matera, Laura Pezone, Liz Ryan, Eileen Gilbert, Brianna Hemmah, Jane Martina, Alexa Moore

- Call to Order: 10:00 AM
- Interim Treasurer. Natalie will reach out to Mat Bose and Steve Viggiano to see if they might be interested. Kersten Matera also said she might be able to take on this role if neither were available.
- Acceptance of minutes from March 11, 2022: Motion to accept minutes as written made by Susan Harmon, seconded by Liz Ryan. Motion carries.
- Reports
 - [President, Natalie Moser](#)
 - Program proposals to NHLA/NELA
 - Book challenge panel.
 - Crafting program
 - NH Kitkeeper program proposal.
 - Laura Klain: initial response, waiting for follow-up.
 - Mark Glisson has gotten the reads@nhlibrain email to work.
 - [Vice President, Sue Harmon](#)
 - [Past President, Kersten Matera](#)
 - Possible chairs for READS-to-Go chair.
 - [Treasurer, Laura Pezone](#)
 - [Membership, Liz Ryan](#)
 - [Programming, Eileen Gilbert](#)
 - Having Laura Klain for August program instead of the NELA Conference.
 - Pursuing this option.
 - [READS-to-Go, Brianna Hemmah](#)
 - [Public Relations Chair, Jane Martina](#)
 - Putting a Canva template instead of a jpeg onto the repository for easier sharing.
 - [Website Coordinator, Alexa Moore](#)
- New Business
 - New website
 - Conference updates

- Nominating Committee updates
- READS Business meeting
- Old Business
 - Approve 2022 READS Calendar
 - Goodreads update
 - Going live with GoodReads
 - Having the remainder of the board join as moderators.
 - Membership renewal glitch
 - Spoke with Linda Pilla. Need to manually update status from lapsed to active if renewed prior to January, and there was some lag time to this update this year.
 - Low membership may be the result of lack of discounted events.
 - Offering programs free to members and a nominal fee for non-members.
- Adjourn
 - Next meeting: Friday, July 15, 2022 at 10 AM
 - Meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM.

READS President Report – May 2022

Attended the NHLA 4/12/22 Executive Board meeting.

- Section Business meetings will be scheduled as break-away sessions after the NHLA Annual meeting at the NELA/NHLA conference. More info to come.
- New website is live: <https://nhla.azurewebsites.net/> and Alexa will receive training from admins on maintaining the READS portion of the site.
- All @nhlibrarians emails stopped working in December and Mark Glisson is still trying to resolve.

Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Moser

READS Vice President Report: May 13, 2022

Reads Repository:

No New submissions

NELA Conference:

Met several times with the ad-hoc committee to work on program proposals. Took point for a program on Take-and-Make Adult crafts. Submitted proposal for an Innovation Station exhibition program that will showcase crafts along with Jane Martina, Michelle Bellavance, and Mary Ellen Carter.

Nominating Committee:

Worked with Kersten and Liz to brainstorm new talent for the VP position. Reached out to several colleagues for interest and recommendations.

Goodreads:

Continuing to add to the list!

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Harmon
READS Vice President

READS Past President Report – May 2022

As Chair of the Nominating Committee, I was in communication with the rest of the Committee (Liz and Sue) in an effort to select a nominee for the VP/President/Past President. We are excited that Brianna accepted our nomination and confident she will be great in that role.

Respectfully submitted,
Kersten Matera

Treasurer's Report

Balance 3/11/2022 **3,426.02**

Income:

Interest 0.06

Membership 160.00

Fall Program

Reimbursement

Spring Program

Overpayment

Reconciliation

Expenses :

Membership

Publicity

Fall Program

Annual Meeting

Award of Excellence

Program Support

Refund

Spring Program

NHLA

READS TO GO

Banking fees (bounced check)

Misc.

Balance 5/13/2022 **3,586.08**

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Pezone, Treasurer

READS Membership Report: May 13th, 2022

As of May 2nd, 2022, we have 150 active members, which is a big improvement from March. We also have a lot of new members: Five first-time members, and six members that are new to READS!

Twenty-eight members listed committees they would be interested in joining, and fourteen said that they would be interested in becoming an officer. This included some of our new READS members.

Newsletter

The last newsletter was sent out on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022. It was sent to 151 people, with 1 bounce.

It was opened by 81 recipients (53%) and had 20 clicks (9 %).

The next newsletter will go out on June 7th, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Ryan

READS Program Committee: May 2022

READS Roundtable

March 21 virtual: 2/3 of 28 registrants attended

April 4 in person Hooksett: 14 of 20 registrants attended

6 total responses to survey for both sessions, positive but not enthusiastic about the events; one request for future programming on librarian burnout

No READS fall conference planned. I responded to Deb Hoadley's email about how to ask for business meeting room at NELA, but then the way to make that happen changed, and I believe ended up in the hands of the ad-hoc programming committee.

The programming committee met last week to discuss a small event in August. Laura Klain (budtoblossom.net) is a life coach and former librarian in the Nashua area whose rate is \$200/hr program with a \$35 travel fee as applicable. She recently did a public program at Newbury Public Library. Nashua Public Library is in the middle of re-setting their yearly event calendar but said that they should have space for us in either their 30 or 40 person meeting spaces. They'll know by Friday. So, potential stress management program between August 15-18 at Nashua, costing up to \$235. The details and probably the registration should be ready for the next READS newsletter. The program is most probably a one-off and can be taken care of from the 2022-2023 program committee budget, unless a large portion is taken by the NELA events. The only regular event we have scheduled would be Roundtables next spring, which don't have to cost anything.

Reads-to-Go Report: 5/13/22

Kit Development

There are no kits that have been recently added.

Kits in the process of being added include: *Brooklyn* (Saint Anselm), *Varina* (Saint Anselm), *Interior Chinatown* (Saint Anselm), *I am Malala* (Saint Anselm), *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall* (Saint Anselm), *Underground Railroad* (Bath Public Library), and *Born a Crime* (Abbott Library).

Approved titles waiting for a host include: *Band of Sisters*, *Black Sun*, *City We Became*, *Hamnet*, *Leave the World Behind*, *Mexican Gothic*, *The Paper Palace*, *Personal Librarian*, *Project Hail Mary*, *Pull of the Stars*, *The Rose Code*, *Summer Seekers* and *The Vanishing Half*.

Approved titles not yet in paperback: *The Lincoln Highway* and *The Midnight Library*.

Reservation Statistics

There were 44 new kit reservations in March, and 25 in April.

The next READS-to-Go meeting is scheduled for June 6th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brianna Hemmah

Reads Public Relations Report: May 13, 2022

Newsletter:

- The April/May Newsletter was sent out on April 5, 2022. The next newsletter is scheduled to go out on June 7, 2022. Some potential topics for the upcoming newsletter include: READS Award of Excellence, READS Goodreads account, Book Challenge/Intellectual Freedom Editorial, Programming Database/READS Repository, or additional adult services highlights.
- Converted April/May Newsletter into a PDF for Alexa to post on the website.

Goodreads:

- Continued to add Wadleigh Memorial Library Staff Picks to the “Staff Picks Shelf” using the Appeal Terms and Language from Alexa’s Goodreads Guide.

NELA Conference:

- Met a few times with the ad-hoc committee to work on program proposals. Worked with Sue Harmon, Michelle Bellavance, and Mary Ellen Carter on an Adult Take & Make craft program proposal.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Martina
Public Relations Chair

Website Coordinator Report: May 13th, 2022

General Updates:

- Updated READS Executive Board Google Drive with March Meeting Minutes and April/May Newsletter
- Goodreads: Added RTG titles to the reads-to-go-kits shelf on Goodreads Group
- Reviewed Website Coordinator tasks on READS calendar
- Website:
 - Completed proposed structure of READs Website Must Haves with READs Board. Will use this document to help edit and update new website once access is granted.
 - Reached out to Amber Coughlin and Lisa Houde to RSVP for NHLA website training. Training not yet scheduled.

Program Database:

- We have 58 submissions, 2 more since our last meeting.
- Continuing to reach out to those who suggest programs on NHAIS list-serv and encourage them to complete the program recommendation form.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexa Moore