

NHLTA Education Committee Minutes – Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Present: Rosemary D'Arcy, Deb Caplan, Pat Pustell, Dee Santoso, Janet Hromjak, Mark Branoff, Connie Kirwin, Marcia McLaughlin, Katrinka Pellechia, Cathy Harvey

Absent: Conrad Moses, Renee Mallett, Anne Chant, Renee Mallet, Kathy Parenti, Ashley Methot, Michelle Elbert

1. Minutes of December 6, 2023: Deb made a motion to approve the minutes. Dee seconded. The motion passed.
2. 2024 Annual Conference
 - a. Katrinka stated that the copy deadline for conference materials was February 23
 - b. Rosemary reported that Michelle and Marcia would present a session on Trustee Basics. She stressed emphasis on Right-To-Know laws, RSAs. Cathy Harvey suggested that information also be included about how a library board fits in with the other boards in a town, especially autonomy.
 - c. Rosemary and Deb would meet this week to discuss the session they will present.
 - d. Bobbi Slosser will revise her RFP to present on technology so as to not conflict with Nick Tanzi on AI.
 - e. Discussion on possibilities on architect/build presenters. There will be one session at a minimum. Suggestions were SMP, Placeworks, Dore & Whittier.
 - f. Katrinka suggested Katherine Heck as a possible presenter for a money roundtable. Connie suggested that Katherine might be better approached to do a session than a roundtable.
 - g. Mindy Atwood is doing a session on intellectual freedom – possibly book banning.
 - h. H. Mark commented that the planned plated lunch is more costly than a buffet. Deb explained that there was only one hour allotted for lunch, and it wasn't possible to do a buffet in that time constraint. She and Rosemary are working with Ashley to keep within budget.
3. 20 24 Workshops and Regional Meetings – schedule and planning
 - a. Gatherings: They are social in nature, allowing trustees from area libraries an opportunity to meet and share.
 - May 13, 2024 at Weeks Public Library, Greenland, for Seacoast area. Marcia facilitating.
 - Cathy Harvey has offered the Chesterfield Library, maybe May. Connie will work with Cathy.

- Pat Pustell will host at the Ossipee Public Library, late April. She will work with People in her area.
 - Kathy Parenti had offered to host at the Wadleigh Memorial Library for the Milford area. Janet said they discussed September/October.
 - Connie stated that a questionnaire is usually sent out prior to the gathering. The responses are used to begin or guide discussion.
- b. Discussion about a Budget workshop:
- Suggested presenters – Marcia-Adam Schlager, Director, Weeks Public Library; Rosemary-Brittant Durgin; Katrinka-Katherine Heck.
 - Katrinka suggested both finances and budgeting be covered.
 - Cathy Harvey concurred and suggested basic materials at the beginning and Then perhaps in the final hour open to questions on other things.
 - Connie suggested including questions NHLTA has received on the website and Listserv.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:50, motion made by Janet Hromjak and seconded by Pat Pustell.

Next meeting – Tuesday, March 19 – 10 a.m. via Zoom