

## **NHLTA EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**December 17, 2024**

**Present:** Marcia McLaughlin, Cathy Harvey, Janet Hromjak, Tammy Hooker, Mark Branoff, Jeanne Palleiko, Connie Kirwin

**Absent:** Conrad Moses, Kathy Parenti, Renee Mallett, Debra Ackerman

Chair Cathy Harvey called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Correct the date of the previous meeting minutes to November 19; correct the header to NHLTA. Marcia moved the minutes to be approved as corrected, Janet seconded. Motion carried.

### **Annual Conference**

Tammy - stated that there have been 17 RFPs received. They are to be reviewed by Cathy H. and Jeanne. There was discussion about changes which appear to be occurring at NHMA. Brodie had submitted an RFP for a presentation about legislative tracking and policy but there seems to be some confusion about his availability now that he is an employee of NHMA. It was suggested that an appeal could be made to Margaret Byrnes if denied. Jeanne asked if there was someone at NHMA who could do the session on RSAs now that Natch is no longer an employee.

Janet – reported that Dtech is no longer going to have a table but will still do a workshop. There are currently eight workshop sponsors and 14 tables.

Connie inquired about finalizing the communication about conference scholarships and the Edelman grant for Coos County libraries. Tammy said a save the date teaser will be sent out January 20 by Ashley. After discussion it was decided to have two separate sends – one to all libraries re the conference scholarship and a second to Coos County libraries re conference scholarships and travel reimbursement through the Edelman fund.

Marcia is adding expending the Edelman funds to the January board meeting agenda.

### **Report on Regional Gatherings**

Cathy Harvey stated that she had talked to the Director at her Chesterfield library about a gathering and it was suggested by the committee that June would be a good time and wouldn't conflict with the conference.

## **Staying In Touch**

Cathy brought up discussion of how to connect with potential candidates for the library trustee position. She suggested visiting libraries near where a board member lives. There was also discussion about getting information into the hands of potential candidates before they run or are elected. The information could be disseminated through the trustee board chair who should know who a potential candidate is. Cathy volunteered to write something which could be sent to the chair and be included with the Trustee 101 handout. She will send it to the board for review.

Motion to adjourn made by Janet, seconded by Jeanne. Motion carried.

Next meeting – January 21, 2025 at 10 a.m. via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia McLaughlin