

NHLTA Education Committee Meeting

January 21, 2025

Present: Marcia McLaughlin, president NHLTA, Cathy Harvey, education committee chair, Connie Kirwin, Tammy Hooker, Conrad Moses, Janet Hromjak, Jeanne Palleiko, Katrinka Pellechia, Mark Branoff, Renee Mallett

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Cathy Harvey

Approval of Minutes

Katrinka suggested that an “and” be changed to “an”. Janet Hromjak motioned to accept the minutes as amended and Jeanne Palleiko seconded her motion. It passed unanimously and the minutes were approved as amended.

Conference

Tammy Hooker reported that “Save the Date” notices went out today with general scholarship information. Coos county notices went out separately with an explanation of the travel grant. In the future, notices can be scheduled to go out automatically through Wild Apricot

Janet Hromjak reported that 19 RFP’s were submitted for the conference for speakers. The conference committee narrowed that to 15. Brodie will do a legislative update at two different sessions due to popularity. The conference will begin at 7:30-8:00 but NHLTA can get into the venue as early as 6:00 AM for set up. The conference will end at 3:45 PM.

Janet Hromjak will send her excel sheet and the timeline sheet to Katrinka Pellechia concerning workshops, sponsors, etc.

Thank you acceptance RFP letters and no thank you for this year’s conference but please submit again next year will be sent out by Ashley Methot this week

The plated meal choice is a chicken dish or a vegan/vegetarian plate. Dessert is Opera Cake which is chocolate. There will be a small dessert and tea break in the afternoon as well

Jeanne Palleiko asked for quotes on prices. Tammy Hooker will send them

Tammy Hooker will send Connie Kirwin the “save the date” announcement, scholarship information and the Coos County travel grant to be placed on the website. Connie Kirwin will remove the 2024 sponsors from the website. Tammy Hooker will also send the same information to Rene Mallett to be placed on Facebook.

At the present time there are 8 workshop sponsors and 16 exhibit tables. Tammy Hooker and Janet Hromjak will meet with Ashely Methot to determine where to put the exhibitors in the room. Workshop speakers are promised a link on our website to their website through June, 2024. The total amount of money brought in by sponsors is \$10, 050.00 with a possible \$200.00 more to come.

Workshops

It was decided that Trustee 101 by Marcia McLaughlin would be a good workshop to hold at a later date.

Names have been submitted to Cathy Harvey of two individuals who might be willing to present workshops later in the year. Cathy Harvey will reach out to these individuals concerning the focus of their presentations and bring the information back to the education committee. The workshops, if accepted by the education committee, will be scheduled around the Trustee 101 workshop.

Regional Gatherings

Cathy Harvey talked with the Director of Chesterfield NH Library, Clai Lasher-Sommers and no spring date has been chosen but a possible date of April was discussed. Cathy Harvey will work with Clai Lasher Sommers, set the date in early April and will send the date to Connie Kirwin to begin the publicity process.

Other Business

- Trustee 101, 2025 was sent to Library Trustee Chairs and Library Directors as a way of connecting with local boards.
- Discussion of future legislation that directly affects libraries was discussed.
- The NHLTA table at the NHLA conference on April 17-18 in Meredith needs a volunteer. Marcia McLaughlin will ask for volunteers at the full NHLTA board meeting

Next meeting is February 18th via zoom.

Marcia McLaughlin motioned the meeting be adjourned. Janet Hromjak seconded it and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Harvey

Future agenda items:

1. Chesterfield Regional Gathering on April 9th (date has been set)
2. Volunteers are needed to write up intro scripts for the conference workshop speakers.