

READS Annual Fall Conference Business Meeting
Friday, October 26, 2007
Local Government Center, Concord, NH

President Claudia Mayer called the meeting to order at 11:55am. Executive Board members in attendance were Sarah Leonardi, Steve Viggiano, Diane Arrato Gavrish, Lois Freeston, Chris Hague, Amy Thurber. President Mayer introduced the Executive Board members to the members at large.

Review of Minutes

Amy Thurber, Secretary asked the membership to review the minutes from the 2006 Annual Meeting. Pam Gjettum, Program Committee Chair, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Tom Ladd, New Hampshire State Library, seconded. The motion passed.

President's Report

President Mayer thanked the outgoing members of the Executive Board, Sarah Leonardi and Amy Thurber and the Programming Committee, Pam Gjettum and Marion Blackstear for their years of service.

President Mayer listed and discussed the progress made on the 4 goals for 2007.

1. The creation of READS-TO-GO.
2. Development of the READS Executive Board Handbook, a work in progress.
3. Redesign of the READS website, a work in progress with the assistance of Steve Butzel, Nashua Public Library
4. The creation of an organizational plan for READS archives.

President Mayer thanked the Peterborough, Portsmouth and Plymouth libraries for hosting the 2007 round tables, and the Local Government Center for providing a place for READS programs and meetings to take place.

Treasurer's Report

The report was received and put on file.

Lois thanked the membership for their financial support of READS-TO-GO, and thanked Carl Heidenblad, Nesmith Library, Windham and the NHLA for helping to streamline the budgeting process.

Committee Reports

Membership

Steve Viggiano reported that READS has added 56 new members for a total of 176 members. Steve announced that he could use help with mailings. If any libraries have volunteers for the task, please contact him.

Public Relations

Diane Arrato Gavrish reported that the committee has expanded its promotion of the section because this is the 20th anniversary of the creation of READS. Diane also mentioned that Janet Angus, the first President of READS was in attendance today. In 2007 Public Relations and Promotion were combined into one committee. Diane also reported that the committee has been working on the website and that they are always looking for volunteers.

Programming

Pam Gjettum reported that the Annual Meeting 2006 program, State Library Databases, had 97 attendees. The Spring Roundtables were titled "Ups and Downs in Libraryland" and attendees played a Chutes and Ladders style game to discuss and discover what the career of Librarian is really like. 13 people attended the Portsmouth roundtable, 15 people attended the Peterborough

roundtable, and 18 people attended the Plymouth roundtable. 99 people registered for today's meeting. Pam asked for interested members to join the Programming committee.

Nominating

Past President, Sarah Leonardi announced the nominations for the Executive Board. The nominees are Amy Lapointe for Vice President and Marija Sanderling for Secretary.

READS-TO-GO

Diane Mayr reported that 34 bags have been claimed. In order for READS-TO-GO to maintain its' goal of providing kits of popular titles available statewide, the standing committee feels it will need to seek hosts for a minimum of 5 new RTG kits per year.

Diane asked the membership to ask their Libraries and Friends Groups if they might be interested in hosting a bag. Diane also thanked all libraries for hosting bags and for their patience with the process. Mary Russell, State Library, was also thanked for her assistance in adding all the bags to the NHU-PAC. A survey is coming for hosting libraries and attendees were asked for title suggestions.

Award of Excellence

Past President, Sarah Leonardi announced that Ellen Knowlton of the Merrimack Public Library is the winner of the third annual READS Award of Excellence.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Rollinsford Library has officially become the 235 library in New Hampshire. Congratulations were wished to Rollinsford for all their hard work.

Members were reminded that nominating ballots were in their packets and could be left in the box at the registration desk.

Chris Hague was introduced as READS President for 2008. Chris mentioned that she wants to hear from the membership so our strong organization can keep getting stronger.

President Mayer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Leonardi made a motion and Diane Gilson seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.