

**READS Annual Fall Conference Business Meeting  
Thursday, October 5, 2006  
Local Government Center, Concord, NH**

President Sarah Leonardi called the meeting to order at 11:20am. Executive Board members in attendance were Steve Viggiano, Claudia Mayer, Diane Arrato Garish, Brian Hackert, Tricia Quinn, Heather Shumway, and Amy Thurber.

President Leonardi introduced the Executive Board members to the members at large.

**President's Report:**

After the success of the round table discussions titled "The Nuts and Bolts of Book Groups", the executive board has created a steering committee to launch a book club kit program. The board appointed Claudia Mayer and Amy Thurber to head this steering committee.

A published column is to appear in the NHLA Newsletter titled "On the job with . . ." This column will profile members of READS.

The 2005 READS award of excellence recipient, Eleanor Croteau was profile in ALA's TechSource, in an article titled "Smart Librarians."

The Board received many nominations for the 2006 READS award.

At the request of the general membership, the Executive Board spent time this year addressing the READS Bylaws and has several changes to propose. These changes include clarifying the nomination and election process as well as the role of elected officers versus committee chairs.

President Leonardi thanked the Executive Board for their hard work, Claudia Mayer and Amy Thurber for their willingness to take on the responsibility of the steering committee, Tricia Quinn for her guidance and wisdom as she finishes her term as Treasurer, and the libraries in Hooksett, Hanover, and Rye as well as the Local Government Center, for the use of their facilities. President Leonardi also thanked Past President Heather Shumway for all of her hard work during her term on the executive board.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Tricia Quinn, READS Treasurer reported that READS has plenty of funds in the bank and that the Fall Conference and the Roundtables broke even as planned and expected.

Treasurer Quinn reported that the total income for year June 2005 through June 2006 was \$1733.15 and the Total Expenses were \$2040.96. Bank accounts as of June 30, 2006 were Savings \$6767.91, and Checking \$-656.01 for a total in READS accounts of \$6113.56 on June 30, 2006.

**Review of Minutes:**

Amy Thurber, Secretary asked the membership to review the minutes from the 2005 Annual Meeting. Pam Gjetum, Program Committee Chair, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Tricia Quinn of Rye seconded. The motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Bylaws**

President Leonardi presented the bylaw revisions to the general membership. Deb Ross of Laconia made a motion to approve the changes to the bylaws, Sharon Taylor of Exeter seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership**

Steve Viggiano reported that the membership committee tried to recruit more members from the general NHLA membership. Letters were sent to new and returning members of NHLA. Members were also recruited at the round tables. In order to plan effective programming, the membership committee plotted the locations of all READS members on a map, which will help determine the best locations for future programs.

**Programming**

Pam Gjetum reported that the program titled "The Nuts and Bolts of Book Discussions" was quite successful. The round table discussions took place at three locations (Hanover, Hooksett, and Rye) and had a total of 69 attendants. The program focused on the details of running a book group and after the morning sessions, attendants were encouraged to stay to take part in a book discussion. The Hanover attendants had the special treat of the author attending the discussion.

**Public Relations**

Diane Arrato Garish reported that the Public Relations committee really took off in 2006. An investment was made in a banner to be used at conferences and meetings to advertise READS, gel pens in our

signature green color and additional READS note pads were purchased to distribute to members and nonmembers at various activities and events. Garvish stated that it is the goal of the Public Relations Committee “to keep READS in the libraries’ eye and to make the statewide community aware of our

continued support of Reference and Adult Services professionals and non professionals both.” Garvish announced that the second READS award for excellence has been awarded and that there were 10 nominations. Garvish also reported that the Public Relations Committee has been working to keep the READS website as useful and up-to-date as possible as part of their work to keep READS visible.

#### **Publicity**

Brian Hackert reported on several forms of promotion that the publicity committee is using including the NHAIS list-serv and the Granite State Libraries publication, which they used to promote the Roundtables, the READS Award of Excellence, and the Fall Program. The Goals of the Publicity Committee in 2007 are to recruit more members, to submit more and have more press releases published and to continue the tradition of national recognition that has been started with ALA article of Eleanor Croteau.

#### **Nominating Committee**

Past President Heather Shumway announced the nominations for the executive board. The nominees are Chris Hague of Weare for Vice-President and Lois Freedman of the Nesmith Library for Treasurer.

#### **New Business:**

##### **READS-TO-GO Steering Committee**

Claudia Mayer and Amy Thurber reported that the steering committee has met once and has made great headway towards the kick off of the READS-TO-GO program. The steering committee and executive board hope to unveil the READS-TO-GO Book Club Kits at the 2007 NHLA Spring Conference. Mayer and Thurber asked the general membership to fill out a brief survey to help the steering committee continue the planning process.

##### **Ballot Distribution and Open Elections**

The general membership was encouraged to fill out their ballots before leaving the conference and were also told that ballots could be sent to the Local Government Center (LGC) van stop.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Thurber  
READS Secretary