

READS Executive Board Meeting  
June 1, 2006  
10 Local Government Center, Concord, NH

President Sarah Leonardi called the meeting to order at 10:10am. In attendance were Steve Viggiano, Brian Hackert, Claudia Mayer, Diane Arrato Garish, Tricia Quinn, and Amy Thurber.

President Leonardi asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Tricia moved they be accepted with changes, Brian seconded, and the motion passed.

### **President's Report**

#### *Correspondence*

- Claudia Mayer, Eleanor Croteau, and Sarah Leonardi appeared in an article in the Smart Libraries newsletter. This article will reappear in the NHLA newsletter.

#### *READS Award of Excellence Update*

- A new postcard has been created to announce the award. It will be sent to members via the USPS and on the van to all libraries.

#### *NHLA Report*

- There was no NHLA meeting do to flooding.

#### *READS Interviews*

- Eleanor Croteau of Manchester City Library and Darcy Cofta of Rochester Public Library will hopefully be our first Interviews.

#### *Annual Business Meeting @ October Fall Conference*

- Sarah asked what would be discussed at this meeting. Claudia laid out the tentative schedule, including time to discuss the Books To GO Program. The Executive Board would like to wrap up bylaws changes and Tom Ladd will be asked to moderate the meeting. Board discussed what supplies would be needed for the meeting. Evaluation forms for the Roundtables will be sent out with Fall Conference Invitations. Diane and Brian will work on creating the evaluations and bring drafts to the August meeting.

#### *Nominating Committee and Elections*

- The positions of Vice President, and Treasurer need to be filled. Diane, Brian, and Steve all showed interest in continuing in their positions. Sarah would like to appoint a nominating committee of

3 people. Claudia will email Mary Algren, Amy will email Andrea Thorpe, Diane will email Pat Immen and Brian will email Paul Ericson as possible members of the nominating committee. Nominating Committee is charged with supplying two names for each position open and also welcome to suggest names for other READS committees.

### **Vice President/President-Elect's Report**

Claudia reported that the Programming Committee would be meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> to finalize plans for the Fall Conference. The Conference will take place on October 4, 2006. All speakers, refreshments and advertising are completed and ready to go. Claudia mentioned that the Executive Board meeting could take place at the Conference.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Tricia presented the Treasurer's Report. The total in bank for the year June 2005-2006 is \$6078.96 and the total income for the year June 2005-2006 is \$1700.00. As of April 2006, READS balance is \$6445.97. Diane will check on an outstanding Fall Conference 2005 reimbursement.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Membership*

Steve reported that he is still working on printing letters. Steve presented a graphical representation of READS members. The Board thanked Steve and discussed the findings.

#### *Publicity*

Brian sent out an announcement of the Award of Excellence to the NHLA newsletter and Granite State Libraries. Brian offered to work on list-serv.

#### *Public Relations*

Diane reported that the pens had arrived and that had cost a total of \$223.78 including a \$175.00 set up charge. Diane also ordered 400 pads for a total of \$285.00. Both of these bills have been paid. Diane will be responsible for bringing the pens and pads to the Fall Conference.

#### *Programming*

There was no programming report.

#### *Advisory Council*

Brian and Diane reported that the Advisory council discussed the importance of libraries to distribute information to towns on such topics as the Bird Flu.

## **Old Business**

### *READS Books to Go*

The Board discussed this program at length. Amy handed out a brainstorm of possible topics that need to be covered before starting the program. Sarah asked if there would be a committee and what the charge of that committee would be. Board decided to start the project with a small steering committee asking people who showed interest at the Book Discussion Round table to make up this group. Executive Board will approve all steering committee findings. Claudia will get the names of interested people and Amy will ask Heather Shumway for help. The steering committee will try to meet before the August Executive Board Meeting. Steering Committee will report at the Fall Conference on three objectives: names, purpose and mission. Brian made a motion to make Amy head of the Steering Committee for Books to Go. Steve seconded and the motion passed.

## **New Business**

- Sarah presented an ALA READS brochure as an idea for a membership drive. Sarah also shared a list of publications and discussed the Board creating a similar document to pass out to READS members.
- Claudia asked Sarah what she wanted in the flyer for the Fall Conference.
- Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian seconded and the meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Thurber