

READS Annual Conference Business Meeting
Friday, October 24, 2008
Local Government Center, Concord, NH

1. Call to order: President Chris Hague called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Review of minutes: A MOTION was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2007 business meeting as amended. Passed unanimously.
3. President's report: Chris Hague
Chris announced that the executive board reports were distributed in our packets today. It's not too early to start thinking about nominations for next year's READS Award of Excellence. Chris acknowledged the success of the READS-To-Go committee's work. One of READS' goals is includes reaching out to small libraries in the state. If there is a time for librarians in small libraries to meet with Chris, let her know. Check the READS website and the NHLA blog to keep up to date with READS events and news. The biggest role for READS this year has been programming. Tentative programs for the 2009 NHLA spring conference include a recap of today's program on dealing with people with disabilities and assertiveness training. Chris has finished updating the READS handbook, and she encouraged the membership to look for it soon on the READS website. Chris acknowledged the hard work of outgoing executive board members Steve Viggiano, Victoria Lang, and Lois Freeston.
4. Treasurer's Report: Lois Freeston
Lois reported that our balance as of the end of June, 2008 is \$3,565.26.
5. The following committee reports were distributed:
Past President - Claudia Mayer
READS-To-Go - Diane Mayr
Programming - Victoria Lang. Victoria announced that the Programming Committee is in need of a new chairperson. Contact Victoria at the Holderness Library if you are interested in filling this position.
Publicity/PR - Diane Arrato Gavrish
Membership - Steve Viggiano. Steve announced that the new Membership Committee chairperson is Emily Weiss of Bedford Public Library.
6. Fourth annual presentation of the Award of Excellence.
In Academy Award-like fashion, Claudia Mayer and Chris Hague presented our nominees:
Diane Mayr, Nesmith Library, Windham
Michelle Bergeron, Manchester City Library
Michelle DuBreuil, Gordon-Nash Library, New Hampton
Patricia Walker, Nichols Memorial Library, Kingston

And the winner is.... Michelle DuBreuil. Congratulations Michelle!

7. Old Business - none
8. New Business

The executive board recommended the following change to Article II: Objective of the bylaws:

Old Version

Article II: Objective.

The objective of the Reference and Adult Services Section is to disseminate information pertaining to work in reference, circulation, technical services, interlibrary loan, and adult programming. Discussions, workshops, and other types of information formats will be used.

New Version

Article II: Objective.

The objective of the Reference and Adult Services Section is to disseminate information and advocate for matters pertaining to work in

- reference
- adult services
- circulation
- technical services
- interlibrary loan
- readers' advisory
- collection development
- adult programming.

Discussions, workshops, and other types of informal formats will be used to educate, empower and provide opportunities for collaboration.

A MOTION was made and seconded to accept the revised Article II: Objective of the bylaws. Passed unanimously.

Ballot: Claudia Mayer announced the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates:

Linda Taggart, Nashua Public Library, Vice President/President Elect

Deann Hunter, Laconia Public Library, Treasurer

Ballots were distributed. Members who are not present will have ballots mailed to them.

A MOTION was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marija Sanderling
Secretary