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READS Annual Conference Business Meeting
Friday, October 23, 2009
Local Government Center, Concord, NH

1. Call to order: Amy Lapointe called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.
2. Amy commended the efforts of the READS Programming Committee members for their excellent work.
3. Review of minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 24, 2008 meeting as amended. Passed unanimously.
4. Financial Report: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Financial Report. Passed unanimously.
5. President's Report: Amy Lapointe
Amy talked about the accomplishments of READS over the past year. READS completed and assembled the READS Handbook. We added and revised content to the website. We weeded out the archives of old READS files and got them in good working order. We had an energetic program year with the Managing in Tough Times spring roundtables, 5 programs at the NHLA spring conference, and this year's annual conference: Marketing on a Shoe String. The READS-To-Go Committee added kits and a blog. We have 35 new and 156 returning members.
6. Amy conducted an informal poll: Would the members prefer to see a flyer on NHAIS as apposed to having a paper flyer mailed? Some prefer electronic communication; others find electronic communication difficult and prefer paper.
7. Fifth annual presentation of the Award of Excellence: Chris Hague
The nominees for this year's READS Award of Excellence are:
Sharon Duffy, Grafton Public Library Trustee
Lois Freeston, Head of Reference and ILL, Assistant Director Nesmith Library in Windham
Pamela Smith, Head of Technical Services and Systems Librarian, Howe Library in Hanover
Meryl Zusman, Acquisitions Librarian and Webmaster, Derry Public Library

And the winner is... Pamela Smith. Congratulations Pamela!
8. Amy Lapointe recognized the efforts of outgoing board members. Chris Hague has done a great job in keeping the needs of small libraries in the loop; Marija Sanderling has produced good minutes of the meetings; Diane Arrato Gavrish kept us in supply of public relations materials such as pads, pens, etc. Lori Fisher from the Baker Free Library in Bow is taking Diane's place as Chair of the Public Relations Committee.
9. Ballot: The Nominating Committee's slate of candidates is as follows:
Gaye Kulvete, Hollis Social Library, Vice President/President Elect
Mary Cronin, Madison Library, Secretary.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 1:02 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marija Sanderling
Secretary