

READS Executive Board
Local Government Center
Friday, November 13, 2009
9:30 a.m.

Present: Amy Lapointe, Chris Hague, Deann Hunter, Mary Cronin, Gaye Kulvete, Lori Fisher, Linda Taggart, Emily Weiss, Diane Mayr, Marija Sanderling

Call to order: Amy Lapointe called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Introductions were made for new members.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2009 meeting. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Deann Hunter

Deann distributed the budget. We made approximately \$1600 gross income from the conference. Deann is still waiting for outstanding conference bills to be paid before reporting on net income. A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Passed unanimously.

President's report: Amy Lapointe

Amy attended the NHLA executive board meetings in September and October. They decided to keep the fall conference registration cost at \$30 for members and cover any cost overruns from the treasury. NHEMA and NHLA have decided not to revert back to having a joint spring conference. Planning is underway for the spring conference, May 13-14 at Attitash. There is not a Chair yet for the 2011 Conference Committee. The NHLA lobbyist is retiring. A committee was formed to interview and recommend a new lobbyist. Steve Butzel is assembling an RFP to hire a firm to create a new NHLA website using a content management system.

Vice President's Report: Linda Taggart

Linda attended the NHLA fall conference. The program was well attended. Michael York talked about moving toward an open source ILS for at least a few libraries in 2010. Carl Heidenblad would like to meet with the treasurers of each of the sections in the near future. There is now a master calendar on the NHLA website. If anyone wants anything posted let Linda know.

We may need to propose a bylaws change. According to the bylaws the READS Vice President is supposed to attend NHLA conference committee meetings. We currently have Caitlin Stevens as our liaison to the conference committee. Ideally the READS Programming Committee chair would be the natural position for this.

Public Relations Report: Lori Fisher

Lori had nothing to report at this time.

Membership Report: Emily Weiss

READS currently has 191 members. The READS listserv hasn't gone anywhere yet, and Emily has been hesitant to push the state library too much because she knows

they're undergoing changes. Emily will set up a yahoo list in the meantime. As Emily updates the membership database she is including van drop information so she can make labels. She also distributed a pie chart of READS members by region. The largest group, the Southeast region, represents 50% of the membership.

Program Committee Report: Pam Gjettum (absent)

Attendance for the Annual Conference was good. Members of the executive board heard good things about the presentations.

READS-To-Go Report: Diane Mayr

The RTG blog is up and running. Five new kits have been added; two more are in the works.

Past President's Report: Chris Hague

After the nomination of the READS Award of Excellence, the awards committee revisited the language to make sure it was clear. The award winner will get her NHLA and READS memberships paid for. Chris suggests we document how this is to happen e.g., money, paper transfer, etc.

Old Business

Postage and delivery options: Amy informally polled the members at the annual conference and discovered that most people were open to electronic communication. Approximately 9% of our membership is from the North Country which does not have access to broadband. Emily will make sure to include an opt-in option to receive paper mailings on future membership forms.

New Business

Jon Kinnaman asked Amy if we want to post photos on the NH Librarians Flickr page, whether we want our own Flickr account, or just post them on our website. The board decided we should put photos on the website and/or blog as a matter of record, but we could also reproduce them on the NH Librarians Flickr page. Lori will be responsible for uploading the photos.

Amy received an email from the vice president of the Maine Library Association who expressed interest in forming a READS-like group in Maine. Amy is not able to do this before she goes on maternity leave and asked if anyone else would take this on. Linda Taggart is willing to be the point person for the librarian and will direct her to others when Linda can't answer questions.

NHAIS Representative from READS: Diane Arrato Gavrish was our de facto representative before her resignation from the board. NHAIS meets approximately every other month. Lori stepped up to the plate for this. She will ask Darlene Reinhard whether this can be a shared position so that various members of the READS executive board can attend depending on geographic convenience.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to reimburse Diane Mayr \$30.34 to register two domain names for READS-To-Go for the year. Passed unanimously.

The group discussed the following possible program ideas for the next NHLA Spring conference:

Billy Brown on conflict resolution

Beyond Google

Print reference sources vs. electronic sources

Print periodicals vs. online versions - how do we handle print versions of magazines available online only?

The future of publishing

Favorite book discussion books

Book discussion tips and techniques

Social networking

Open source software

Disorderly conduct and disgruntled patrons - either 'verbal judo' or have a lawyer and police officer discuss what our legal rights as managers are.

Changing of the Guard

Ballots have been counted. Mary Cronin received 59 votes; Gaye Kulvete received 55 votes; no write-in votes.

Proposed 2010 meeting dates - all meetings to start at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted and will meet at the Local Government Center in Concord:

January 22

February 19

April 23

June 11

August 13

October 8 (preparation of conference materials)

November 12 (9:30)

Program Committee: We need regular reports from the Program committee; we also need someone to attend the executive board meetings or, at the very least, minutes from their meetings. And we need all the bills from the annual meeting so they can be paid. This has been part of an ongoing discussion.

Adjournment: 11:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marija Sanderling
Secretary