

NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NHMA, Concord, NH
JANUARY 7, 2015

Present: Moran, Webster, Moses, Snelling, Davis, Branoff, Simpson, Knight, Kirwin, Larochele, Lord, Gaudiello, Hallenbeck, Michael York, State Library Liaison

Absent: Edelmann

Excused: Martineau

Guest: Amy Lapointe; Library Director, Amherst Town Library and president of NHLA

Meeting called to order by President Moran, at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes: MOTION (Gaudiello/Knight) Minutes of October 1, 2014 approved **PASSED**

Treasurer's report: Reports for Oct. Nov. and Dec. emailed. The 2014 Mildred P. McKay Annual Report for the NH Charitable Foundation was prepared and filed. NHLTA received a gift of \$1000 from Barker Foundation. **MOTION:** (Simpson/Larochele) that we accept the gift of \$1000 from Barker Foundation. **PASSED**

MOTION: (Moses/Lord) to accept the Treasurer's reports. **PASSED**

Committee Reports:

Education: Gaudiello report emailed.

- There are three orientation workshops scheduled; Sat. April 18 at the Hooksett Public Library, Wed. April 22 and Thurs. June 11, both at NHMA in Concord. All workshops will be from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- Hallenbeck presented an overview of conference speakers and topics. Norman Jacknis is the keynote speaker. Maureen Sullivan will be presenting a workshop. Ron Lamarre will give a session on “Designing the Library of the Future.” Lisa Hussy will be discussing “Hiring a Director for the Future.” Two possible additions; George Needham and David Weinberger, internet design. “Rising to the Challenge” could be a possible theme for the conference.

Newsletter: Kirwin reported that the newsletter has been mailed.

Tech Bits: Hallenbeck discussed “info exchange” and proposed a NHLTA Listserv.

Governance: Webster report emailed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Retreat summary: Kirwin presented changes to liability disclaimers on NHLTA website; completed by January 2015 deadline:

Ask Us Page: *Please note: assistance, information, and best practices from the NHLTA Board of Directors should not be considered legal advice, contact an attorney. Neither the individual director nor the NHLTA shall be held liable for any action taken as a result of the information provided.*

Contact Us/Board page: *The NHLTA Board of Directors comprises many years of library trustee experience on the local level. The directors are willing to share their knowledge and will guide you in the right direction. Contact the [Director](#) nearest you.*

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Manual page: *The mission of the NHLTA is to educate library trustees to be knowledgeable and effective at the local level. The Library Trustee Manual was compiled as a resource for your use. The information provided should not be considered legal advice.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Revised Mission Statement: “The NHLTA assists Trustees to be knowledgeable and effective in order to serve, improve and promote NH Public Libraries.” **MOTION:** (Simpson/Gaudiello) to accept the new mission statement. **PASSED** Gaudiello questioned whether this change needs to be reported to any NH state agency.
2. Pending Drug Free Zone legislation which could potentially affect libraries is in committee. Moran will monitor and report back to the board.
3. Hallenbeck will be sending out a “Vision Values” questionnaire to be filled out and returned quickly as it is for reporting at the February meeting.
4. Last NHLTA award presentation (**Doug Bencks**, Durham Public Library) date is pending.

STATE LIBRARY – Michael York: issued two proclamations from the Governor: the Carpenter Memorial library centennial celebration in Manchester and the new Abbott Library in Sunapee. The State Library is working on their budget. They need to upgrade their computer system. Marie Harris is leaving the Advisory Board of the Center for Book. NHLTA needs to find a Board Director or Trustee to accept this position. David Simpson volunteered. **MOTION:** (Gaudiello/Hallenbeck) nominated David Simpson for Advisory Board. **PASSED** (FYI: if anyone is interested: website for the Center for the Book: <http://www.nh.gov/nhsl/bookcenter/about/advisory.html>)

Meeting Adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Snelling
Secretary

Next meeting February 4, 2015 at NHMA
February Hospitality: Susan Gaudiello and Adele Knight

MOTIONS:

- Minutes of October 1, 2014 approved.
- Accept the Treasurer’s reports.
- Accept the gift of \$1000 from Parker Foundation.
- Accept the new mission statement
- Nominate David Simpson for Center for Book Group.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Moran will report monitor and report on Drug Free Zone legislation
- Hallenbeck will be sending out a “Vision Values” questionnaire to be filled out and returned quickly for reporting at the February meeting.