

## **CHILIS Committee Reports**

### **March 7, 2013**

#### **Secretaries Report, Allison Steele:**

Fall Business Meeting Minutes attached.

#### **Great Stone Face Committee Report, Luci Albertson and Sarah Hydorn:**

The committee has been working diligently on creating a new list of approximately 20 nominees for school year 2013-2014. The GSF Award spans grades 4-6, and maintains a standard of excellence in writing and kid appeal. We strive for a variety of genres, reading levels and gender interest. The list will be finalized at our April meeting and revealed to everyone at the NHSLMA Conference in May. The conference will be held in Whitefield this year on May 16-17, and special accommodations will be made for CHILIS members wishing to attend on Thursday, May 16 for the afternoon session. Bookmarks with the new list, as well as posters and rubber stamps, will be available for purchase at that time. Outside of the conference, Catherine Ryan (Danforth - NEC in Henniker) is the contact person for ordering these items. E-mail: [c\\_ryan16@yahoo.com](mailto:c_ryan16@yahoo.com). The new list and booktalks will appear on our Web site after the conference.

April is voting month. Ballots can be downloaded from the CHILIS Web site...voting tallies need to be received by Sarah Hydorn in Amherst ([shydorn@amherst.lib.nh.us](mailto:shydorn@amherst.lib.nh.us)) by the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline in order to be counted in the final vote. The Great Stone Face Award winner for 2013 will be announced at NHSLMA, and subsequently posted on our Web page. Last year's winner was BIG NATE, by Lincoln Peirce. It is notable that this year's Newbery Award went to one of our current GSF candidates, THE ONE AND ONLY IVAN, by Katherine Applegate.

The GSF Committee is always open to new members. We meet on the second Friday of the month at 1:00pm at the Bedford Public Library. School librarians are welcome, as well. It is important to be available to attend at least a few meetings during the September-April period in order to participate fully and have a say in the final selections for the list.

Respectfully submitted,

Luci Albertson & Sarah Hydorn, Co-chairs

#### **Isinglass Teen Read Committee Report, Amy Inglis:**

The Isinglass Teen Read committee will be selecting 15 books this upcoming year for nominated titles, rather than the 20 previously found on our lists. The nominees will be announced at the May school librarians conference, May 17<sup>th</sup>, and will be posted on our website shortly thereafter. <http://www.barringtonlibrary.com/barrington/isinglass.asp> The committee will also have

a new Chair as of May of this year. We welcome Yvette Couser, of the Merrimack Public Library, to this position. After May 2012, all questions concerning joining the committee, improvements to the award, or other issues around the award, should be sent to her attention at [Yvette@merrimack.lib.nh.us](mailto:Yvette@merrimack.lib.nh.us). Suggestions for the list may be sent year round through the link on our webpage. As the outgoing Chair, I would like to thank all the librarians who work so hard each year to craft this list. They read hundreds of titles suggested by teens and whittle them down to the top choices for students to read and vote on. I hope even more folks will join this group of dedicated teen advocates to create strong future lists for the middle grade readers of New Hampshire.

**Membership Report, Patty Falconer:**

As of February 22, 2013, the CHILIS membership stands at 146 members. Fourteen new members joined our group in 2013. New memberships and renewals are still being accepted for this year. A welcome packet will be sent out to new members that will include a coupon for raffle tickets for the fall conference. We also hope to promote participation in leadership roles among all of our members.

**NERTCL (New England Roundtable for Teen and Children's Librarians), Amber Coughlin:**

NERTCL strives to provide professional development opportunities for librarians across the region by organizing conferences and workshops on topics relevant to those serving children and young adults. The NERTCL Board is made up of librarians from all over New England. NERTCL sponsors the youth programming piece of fall NELA conferences, and organizes Spring Standalone Conferences on alternate years.

The 2013 NELA conference will take place in Portland, Maine this October. Melissa Sweet, author of *Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade*, among other titles, will speak at this year's author luncheon. Proposed sessions for this year's fall conference include topics such as Advocacy for Children and Teens, Fostering Family Engagement, Apps for Children and Children's Librarians, Skyping with Authors, and Foreign Language Collection Development, and more.

**Summer Reading Program Committee Report, Ann Hoey:**

After the CHILIS Fall Conference in 2012, several librarians joined the committee. The SRP Committee now includes the following: Jessie Ahlgren, Luci Albertson, Barb Ballou, Gail Drucker, Patty Falconer, Kelly Finemore, Mary Glavin, Letty Goerner, Ann Hoey, Karyn Isleb, Betsy Martel, Tanya Robbins, Pam Stauffacher, Allison Steele and Debra Thouin.

The committee met a few times last year and also reviewed via email artwork in progress for the CSLP summer reading program.

A set of four manuals (early literacy, children, teens and adults) and a printed catalog were distributed at the CHILIS Fall Conference in October. Libraries that did not receive their manuals at the conference

were asked to send a van slip to Ann Hoey, and she sent them along on the van during the winter months. Some libraries have still not claimed their manuals.

The SRP Committee met next in November to choose the 2013 Kids, Books and the Arts Roster. Showcase presentations by these 10 Roster artists take place at the March Conference. Also at the March conference, the SRP Committee will be presenting a program on the nuts and bolts of Summer Reading.

In April, Ann Hoey and Gail Zachariah will attend the annual meeting of CSLP to choose slogans for 2015 and the theme for 2016 as well as discuss other issues related to the national summer reading program.

The Summer Reading Program evaluation form will be an online form this year (to be completed online). The SRP Committee will still offer a raffle as an incentive to complete and return evaluation form.

Finally, the NH summer reading committee donated several books related to "Dig into Reading" along with a puppet and note cards to the NH Public TV Auction.

Ann Hoey, Committee Chair

**Treasure's Report, Ann Hoey:**

As of February 28, we had \$24,619.03. This does not include the food expenses for the CHILIS Spring Conference.

Jenny Stevens has moved out of state and is no longer on the CHILIS Board. Deborah Thouin from the Minot Sleeper library in Bristol has taken her place as the CHILIS treasurer. She will take over the Treasurer duties after our Board meeting in April.

**CHILIS Fall Conference Business Meeting**  
**Minutes -- DRAFT**  
**October 18, 2012, Best Western, Hampton, NH**

Kathy Tracy called the meeting to order. After a short period to review the secretary's minutes which had been distributed both electronically and physically, Luci Albertson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Lisa Michaud seconded the motion; all were in favor.

After a short period to review the treasurer's report, Lisa Michaud made a motion to accept the report as presented and all were in favor.

A vote was held to determine whether CHILIS should continue with the CSLP and all were in favor of continuing. Barb Ballou presented results of the survey returned after the summer reading program.

A fundraising committee was proposed with the following parameters: it would be ad hoc and meet periodically in person but mostly online to allow for the greatest participation possible. A paper was passed for names of people interested, though it was specified that putting one's name to the paper did not guarantee that person's involvement but simply signified interest.

Ann Hoey presented information and requested help with the CHILIS SRP committee, explaining that the commitment was less now due to our involvement with the CSLP.

Amy Lappin presented the new slate of officers and asked for nominations from the floor, though none were made:

President: Gail Zachariah (Keene Public Library)

Vice President: Kristin Readel (Stephenson Memorial Library)

Treasurer: Jenny Stevens (Meredith Public Library)

Secretary: Allison Steele (Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library)

Past-President: Kathy Tracy (Tracy Memorial Library)

Our website coordinator will be Nancy Lang (Dunbarton Public Library) and our NERTCL representative will be Amber Coughlin (Lebanon Libraries).

Lisa Michaud, as acting secretary, cast one ballot to accept the slate of officers and all were in favor.

Kathy Tracy was thanked for her work and accomplishments.

Kathy Tracy moved to close the business meeting, Kristin Readel seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Michaud