

CHILIS Executive Board Meeting  
Friday, November 17th, 2017  
Local Government Center, Concord, NH  
Minutes compiled by Moriah Churchill

**In Attendance:**

In attendance: Letty Goerner (President/ Wadleigh Memorial Library), Sam Lucius (Vice-President/President-Elect/ Wiggin Memorial Library), David Basora (Treasurer, Intellectual Freedom Liaison/ Manchester City Library), Moriah Churchill (Secretary/Richards Free Library)

**Quorum achieved**

Not Present: Amber Coughlin (Immediate Past President/ Lebanon Public Libraries), Grace LaRochelle (NERTCL/NELA Liaison/ Hooksett Library), Susan D. Laun (Membership Chair/ Portsmouth Public Library)

**Call to Order: 10:46 am**

**REPORTS:**

**Secretary's Report:** Previous minutes accepted without amendment; Letty moved to approve minutes, Sam seconded.

**Conference committee:** Letty reported from Amber's email. The feedback from the fall 2017 CHILIS Conference was discussed. The consensus was that Saroj Ghoting was a great presenter that people found valuable, although it was an unusual conference, with one all-day speaker being both more intense than we are used to and more expensive. Comments from members included satisfaction with the location, and requests for more networking time. The board discussed including more structured networking time at future conferences. It was also discussed whether a lunch time speaker or a networking lunch would be better value for members, since we have such variety amongst our members' needs.

Few comments came back about switching the KBA showcase to the fall beginning in 2018. The showcase remains very important to some librarians and superfluous to others. Amber's information reports that we can expect some new performers amongst the mix this year for 2018 and 2019.

Comments from members also provided several name suggestions to replace CHILIS, including: CHILINH, Wonder Women of New Hampshire, and CLNH—Children's Librarians of New Hampshire. We are going to take some exploratory steps to see if CLNH will work and talk about it next time.

**Action Items:**

- Exec board members will research acronym CLNH for acceptability.
- Amber is working on settling on a location for the spring conference out of a couple of possibilities.

**Treasurer's report:**

Please see the attached Treasurer's report pdf, submitted by Judith G. Russell via email. On her behalf, David reported that we are still really healthy financially, although the recent conference was one of our more expensive conferences in recent years and did run over budget, due to both the speaker, Saroj Ghoting, and the venue being expensive. It was discussed that although we are happy with this conference and it turned out to be worth it, we can't afford to hold expensive conferences every time.

Raffles: The board spent time discussing the raffle.

- Raffle coupons for new members is a good idea, but we only got back five of them, so maybe we need a better format or method. Ideas for improvement include putting a red sticker on new members' name tags so we don't have to awkwardly ask everyone if it's their first year, and handing out a brochure with important information they might need.
- We only made 110\$ off raffle this year after expenses, but we take the point of view that the raffle is for enjoyment and to build connections with and among members, and not so much in order to raise money.
- We discussed that the reasons we made less money on the raffle, and ways to improve, including:
- Giving up on raffling off the 1000 Books B4 Kindergarten bags, raffle table placement in relation to the main meeting room, sticking to 3 conference-specific raffles, including award winning books and any books mentioned by the speakers.

**Great Stone Face Committee** reported no news.

NELA NHLA/CHILIS website, although Judy was not present, we reviewed that:

The new email list for the Executive Board is updated on line, and there are several action items:

**Action Items:**

- David will volunteer for Website Editor
- Judy will add more of Amber's annual report to the conference post on the blog.
- Letty will keep up with NHLA for website plans. We made sure there is a CHILIS representative involved.
- David will get continue to be in touch with Judy about the website.

**Summer Reading Report:** The summer reading packets are all sent. Amber sent out a spreadsheet for people to report problems and it does not seem that many people are reporting any problems.

**NERCTL Representative Report:**

Jordan Miller Award will be announced this month

The NERCTL Spring meeting will be Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> at Northern Essex Community College in Haverill.

**New Business:**

**CHILIS Scholarship application**

The application is still available online under conferences> resources> forms>scholarship application.

We budgeted \$1,500 for scholarships and the Librarian of the Year award, (which this year was spent out of last year's budget.) We haven't gotten many applicants.

Applicant Kristen Murphy is asking for \$500 to defray expenses for a Library Marketing Services course. Sam proposed asking her if she wants to teach some of the course content to paraprofessionals because this idea sounds so interesting and exciting. This workshop is optional and not conditional to her application being funded.

David moved to approve her application, Letty seconded it.

**Action Items:**

- We need to update the application "send to" information
- Sam will email Deb, figure out way of moving the idea of a Marketing Services workshop forward.
- David will contact Kristen Murphy and figure out how to send her the money, and will mention the idea of presenting the information.
- David will look up whether the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners past presenter about Library Marketing services would come to New Hampshire.

**Spring Conference:** The conference will be May 17<sup>th</sup>

The Great Stone Face Tea will happen in the afternoon.

We are interested in bringing a speaker to talk about diversity accessibility and inclusion.

The spring conference ought to be more broken up and include more breaks.

We have a few options lefts for where the conference might be held with inquiries in place, including Pat's Peak.

We are interested in a lunch presenter if we can afford it, or otherwise scheduling a more structured networking event. Assigning tables based on library position and population size might make for more targeted conversation, but assigned seats can make people feel like

children. Instead we could invite people who want to talk about certain topics, to certain areas of the room. Either way, we should find a way to make lunch more of a networking event.

Spring 2018 Raffle ideas:

Diversity inclusion speaker books

Awards book: Caldecott, Coretta Scott King, etc.

Ladybug award books

**Adjourn:**

Letty moves to adjourn, Sam seconds

Next meeting: December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30