

CLNH Executive Board Meeting
Friday, November 30, 2018 10:30 a.m.
Virtual Meeting
Minutes compiled by Moriah Churchill-Calkins

In Attendance: Letty Soule (Immediate Past President/ Wadleigh Memorial Library), Sam Lucius (President/ Wiggin Memorial Library), Azra Karabegovic (Vice-President/President Elect/ Minot Sleeper Library), Moriah Churchill-Calkins (Secretary/Richards Free Library), Molly Pevna (Treasurer/Website Editor/Hudson Rodgers Memorial Library) Deborah Dutcher (NH State Library), Grace LaRoche (NERTCL/NELA Liaison/Bedford Public Library) Susan D. Laun (Membership Chair/ Portsmouth Public Library)

Not present: Amber Coughlin (Center for the Book Liaison/ Lebanon Public Libraries), Lisa Houde (Great Stone Face Committee Liaison)

Quorum achieved

Call to Order: 10:44

Reports:

Secretary's Report: Sam moved to approve August minutes as submitted, Letty seconded. Sam moved to approve the September minutes, and Grace seconded.

Action Items: We will wait to follow up with our plan to create an official declaration that we pledge to pay for the State Youth Services Coordinator to attend our conferences until after the NHLA resolves a parallel situation.

Treasurer's Report: Welcome, Molly! So far there is little to report. Molly has been trained by David and everything is deposited except for one late conference check. Official spreadsheet to follow soon. Molly has been in touch with Debbie about the Bruins Grant money being late.

Action Items: Debbie will send the Bruins the invoice for the SRP manuals.

Conference Committee:

Conference recap from October: Letty sent out a survey to the attendees, and sent us the PDF of the survey results. Largely due to the last minute location change, there were some hiccups that were reflected in the comments. There were some technical problems, and some seating positioning problems, and one of the speakers was not ideal. Learning points include: panels can help because they offer more variety. We need to continue to be careful to choose a central, more traditional venue, hopefully with a stage. Manchester or Concord are probably the most likely options. The theme will be the SRP theme, which will be Medieval fairytales. The NHLA/CLNH spring conference theme is "Cozy Up to Your Community."

The KBA showcase reviews weren't bad. We need to work on having a more diverse roster, with some new performers. Deb already has a list of librarians for the Selection Committee, but the difficulty is in reaching more KBA performer applicants, since the application is already quite simple. The call for applicants goes onto our website and through the NH Arts Council. We should also add a call out to our listserve to ask for librarians to contact their favorite performers and encourage them to apply. It would be a wonderful way for librarians to help promote their

favorite performers.

The tentative date for the 2019 Fall Conference is Thursday October 24th, the week just after NELA's conference on the 20th. The Association of Rural Libraries, ARSL, will have their fall conference in Burlington, which is the first New England location in a long time, so rural librarians may attend that. The NHLA fall business meeting will be the first Thursday in November.

Action Items: Azra will look into facilitating a ride-sharing platform.

Letty will begin to reach out to the Grappone Center and work on venue options.

Sam will ask about getting access to the 5 Year Plan document.

Put out a call for proposals from members

Work on networking ideas; including a post conference meetup, possibly a connection with the Concord Young Professionals. Molly thought of the coffee shop, True Brew as a possible location for a post-conference meetup. Concord also has a Speak Easy.

Sam will send us the map she made of where everyone who came to our last conference came from.

Great Stone Face Chair Report: Sarah Hydorn will be here later

Membership Chair Report: Susan is still waiting for four outstanding conference registration fees that have not been paid. One person was sick, which is probably why that has not been paid, but our policy is that you can send a substitute, but you don't get refunded for not coming. In fact, no refunds are issued even if the conference is cancelled due to bad weather. We will see if Susan can get to the bottom of the issues before considering the implementation of a payment deadline in order to get into the conference.

Action Items: Susan will call up the members and make sure the right people hear about the issue.

Summer Reading/CSLP Report: Deb reported that everyone should have their manuals or access to them! There are still a few leftovers. Deb is part of the Rules of Use committee, and told us that CSLP is going to own the artwork now, so the rules will be a little more permissive. Since next year's theme is "Universe of Stories" StarNet will be an excellent resource to make use of this year.

NERTCL Representative Report: Grace reported that NERTCL is holding a one day conference on Friday, March 29 at Nevins Library in Methuen, MA, with the theme of "Transform our Communities, Transform our World." There will be content about preschools that are part of libraries, among other things. The save the dates are sent, but content is still in process.

NHLA/CLNH website: Sam has website access, but Molly still needs website access, and Azra would like access as well. Molly has agreed to take on the role of the website coordinator, as inherited from David.

Action Items: Sam will talk to Marilyn about website access for the others.

Facebook: Azra brought up that the CLNH Facebook page does not seem to be administered by current CLNH officers. Deb was able to report that Letty and Diane Mayor are admins, and several other past people are editors.

Action Items: Letty will try to add us as editors.

Old Business:

The CLNH Fall Conference recap was discussed during the Conference Committee's report.

NHLA Spring Conference: The NHLA Spring Conference will be May 9th and 10th in Meredith. Unfortunately Committee hasn't been able to meet since August, and will not meet again until January. Letty has been in contact with the conference chairs in order to plan a room for the Great Stone Face Tea on Friday the 10th. The schedule is not complete, but it is possible that there is an issue with the scheduling of the tea, and Letty and Sam will continue to work to resolve this. Our CLNH roundtable and business meeting are also scheduled for Friday the 10th. There is an open call out for proposals! Members are invited to send Sam an email with proposals to take to the meeting.

Action Items: Letty will confirm with NHLA whether the GSF tea is the only thing left in the last session from 4-5:00, and Sam will ask about it at the meeting and gather any proposals.

New Business:

Welcome New Officers: Welcome Molly and Azra! We are so excited to have you! If you need things, we will try to help you!

Action Items: Add our new officers to the emergency contact list.

Updates from NHLA fall conference and Business meeting: Jodi Grey's Implicit Bias workshop was excellent. The panel with Lisa Houde, who wrote on book on programming with gay and transgender teens was also excellent. They talked about Drag Queen Storytimes.

Librarian of the Year Award timeline:

Should we wait and save the presentation of the award for fall? We discussed keeping the timeline we have had, and just sitting on the presentation until fall. We will think about this and decide next meeting.

Sam moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:59am, and Mo seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:59 am.