

READS Annual Business Meeting  
READS Annual Fall Conference  
Local Government Center  
October 22, 2010

Call to Order: READS President Linda Taggart called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Linda Taggart introduced the READS Executive Board and READS Committee Chairs: Vice President/President Elect Gaye Kulvete Kurmas, Secretary Mary Cronin, Treasurer Deann Hunter, Public Relations Lori Fisher, Membership Emily Weiss, Programming Pam Gjettum, READS-to-Go Diane Mayr, Past President Amy Lapointe, Conference Liaison Caitlin Stevens. Linda invited any READS member interested in joining the Programming, Publicity, or Membership Committees to speak to an Executive Board member. Pam Gjettum, chair of the Programming Committee, asked attendees to fill out conference evaluations. Linda Taggart thanked the Programming Committee for putting together today's program.

A MOTION was made by Chris Hague to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2009 READS Annual Meeting with no changes or corrections. Motion was passed.

President's Report: Linda Taggart

Linda Taggart summarized her Annual Report, printed copies of which were handed out at the meeting.

- READS has 39 new members bring total number to 184.
- The Programming Committee responded to recession by presenting three spring roundtables on the theme "The Best of Times, the Worst of Times: Library Service in a Recession."
- READS sponsored three programs at the NHLA Spring Conference: "Read Any Good Books Lately?" reading recommendation program with READS-to-Go Committee, "Supervising Employees in Stressful Times", and when today's presenter Nanci Milone Hill was unable to come to the spring conference due to illness, Lori Fisher put together a substitute program on the high-interest topic of library volunteers and labor law.
- Linda noted that today's fall conference's set of three programs were planned to meet the need for programs for paraprofessionals. Linda asked for feedback and ideas on how to further involve paraprofessionals in READS.
- READS-to-Go committee now has 66 kits available.
- The READS Award of Excellence for 2009 was presented to Pamela Smith of the Howe Library. There are two nominees for the 2010 Award.
- Linda thanked the outgoing Executive Board members, Amy Lapointe and Pam Gjettum, and welcomed new member Erin Apostolos as Programming Chair.

Linda noted that the printed READS Annual Report handed out at today's meeting included annual reports from the Treasurer and Committee Chairs. She asked if there were questions about the Annual Report; there were none.

6th Annual READS Award of Excellence: Amy Lapointe

Amy thanked the Award Committee, past Past President Chris Hague, previous award winners Pam Smith, Michelle DuBreuil, and Ellen Knowlton, for their work on this year's award. She congratulated this year's two nominees, both role models for colleagues: Victoria Bullard and Lois Freeston. The winner of the 2010 READS Award of Excellence is Lois Freeston; her nominator described her as the "consummate reference librarian." Lois accepted the plaque with her name on it to hang at the Nesmith Library. Amy invited all to consider nominating a colleague for next year's award.

Old Business: Linda Taggart

None.

New Business: Linda Taggart

READS Election: Linda asked READS members at the meeting to be sure to pick up a ballot and vote for the open offices on next year's READS Executive Board. The Nominating Committee, Amy Lapointe, Caitlin Stevens, Emily Weiss, and Lori Fisher, nominated two READS members for open READS Executive Board offices: Pat Fickett for Vice President/ President elect and Deann Hunter, who will run again for Treasurer.

Bylaws Change: Gaye Kulvete Kurmas put the proposed Bylaws amendment on the floor. Gaye explained how the amendment to the Elections section of the Bylaws is to allow more flexibility in how elections are held and to give the Executive Board the ability to explore other options including electronic ballots. Gaye asked for questions and discussion, there were no comments offered. Claudia Mayer made a MOTION to approve the amendment to the READS Bylaws Article VII, Section 2. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: None at this time

Linda Taggart made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 1:11 pm. Motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Cronin  
READS Secretary