

READS Annual Business Meeting
READS Fall Conference
Heritage Commons, Plymouth State University, Plymouth, NH
October 26, 2012

[Programming Chair Erin Apostolos welcomed about 130 people to the fall conference.]

Call to Order: READS President Myra Emmons called the Annual Meeting to order at 9:31 am.

Myra Emmons introduced the READS Executive Board and Committee Chairs: Vice President/President-Elect Tara Thomas (absent), Secretary Mary Cronin, Treasurer Deann Hunter, Past President Pat Fickett, Public Relations Chair Lori Fisher, Membership Chair Kersten Matera, Programming Chairs Erin Apostolos, and Carol Roberts, READS-to-Go Chair Diane Mayr, and NHLA Conference Liaison Caitlin Andrews.

Election Results: Myra Emmons announced the election results. Two candidates ran unopposed. Myra welcomed Katherine Dormody to the READS Executive Board as the new Vice President/President-Elect, and Deann Hunter, who was re-elected for another term as Treasurer.

Myra Emmons asked members in attendance to review the minutes from the October 7, 2011 Annual Meeting. Lori Fisher MOVED to accept the minutes as written. MOTION passed.

Myra Emmons noted that the READS Annual Reports of the Executive Board and Committees were sent to members via email and on the READS website prior to today's meeting. Myra selected a few highlights from the report to mention: Thanks to Membership Chair Kersten Matera, two newsletters were sent to members in 2012. Members liked the new email format for the newsletters. Three Spring Roundtables were held, one was in conjunction with the North Country Coop meeting. Myra hopes that partnerships with regional coops can be included in future programming. One Pop-Up Roundtable, "Digital Foothills," was held as a lead-in for topics that were presented at the NHLA "Digital Summit" meeting. With the help of NHLA, there are now 97 Reads-to-Go kits available for book groups to borrow.

New Business:

Bylaws: Myra Emmons invited members present to review two proposed Bylaws changes, which were shown on screen. First presented were the changes to Article II:

ARTICLE II. Objective.

The objective of the Reference and Adult Services Section is to disseminate information and advocate for matters pertaining to work in

- reference
- adult services

- circulation
- technical services
- interlibrary loan
- readers' advisory
- collection development ~~and~~
- adult programming

In addition to an annual conference, various Discussions, workshops, and other types of informal formats will be used to educate, empower and provide opportunities for collaboration.

Pat Fickett MOVED to adopt the changes as presented. MOTION passed unanimously.

Myra presented the proposed changes to Article IV:

ARTICLE IV. Officers.
Section 3.

The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

A. The President shall conduct all meetings and, with the advice of the Executive Board, shall appoint any special committees as necessary. The President shall be an ex-officio member of each committee, voting only in the case of a tie. The president shall represent the Reference and Adult Services Section to the NHLA Executive Board. *The President shall ensure fiscal oversight of the annual budget in cooperation with the Executive Board.*

B. The Vice-President/President-Elect shall assume the responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President. Vice-President/President-Elect shall serve as parliamentarian and shall coordinate all bylaw revisions.

C. The Secretary shall notify all Executive Board members of Board meetings, shall keep minutes of all general membership and Executive Board meetings and forward these to the Reference and Adult Services Section President.

D. The Treasurer shall keep and report all necessary and proper financial records, and shall work with the NHLA Treasurer to manage READS finances. *The Treasurer shall draft and submit an annual budget for approval to the Executive Board. The Treasurer will forward the approved budget to the NHLA Treasurer.*

Deb Ross MOVED to adopt the changes to Article IV. MOTION passed unanimously.

Seeing no other business, Myra Emmons adjourned the meeting at 9:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cronin
READS Secretary