

NHLA - Reference and Adult Services Section
READS Executive Board
Local Government Center
Profile Room
Friday, August 16, 2013

Present: Deann Hunter, Cathy Vincevic, Carol Roberts, Kersten Matera, Katherine Dormody, Mary Cronin, Myra Emmons

Absent: Diane Mayr, Lori Fisher, Caitlin Andrews

Call to Order: President Cathy Vincevic called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

Approval of Minutes: Kersten Matera MOVED to accept minutes of the June 21, 2013 meeting with one correction, include date of next meeting (it was missing). MOTION passed.

During review of minutes, Board members tried out sample pens provided by Lori Fisher. Six out of seven preferred the Pilot style pen for the next READS pen.

Treasurer's Report: Deann Hunter presented income and expense report and balance sheet. There was little income since last report, 4 memberships. Expenses were notepads (should be enough to last through this fiscal year) and Award of Excellence postcard and postage. Katherine Dormody observed that the bottom line looks good. All agreed. Upcoming expenses include pens. Last time they were ordered in Oct. 2011, they cost \$331. As those present were not sure of cost of the chosen pen, it seems likely that it will be more expensive than the pen ordered in 2011. All agreed that it would be okay to go a bit over budget in order to get the selected pen.

Executive Board Reports

President's Report: Cathy Vincevic has been thinking about her presentation at the READS annual meeting in October. She plans to introduce herself, talk about READS' year, and introduce the Executive Board. Carol Roberts asked if Cathy Vincevic will send thank yous/acknowledgments to new members of programming committee. Cathy has not had a chance to get this done since Gordon-Nash Library has been so busy. Carol will resend list of names.

Vice President: Katherine Dormody had no report.

Membership: Kersten Matera mailed conference brochures to READS members who do not use email.

Programming: Carol Roberts is waiting for Franklin Pierce University to let her know what kind of document they need as proof of READS' tax exempt status. Deann will contact NHLA Treasurer Tim Sheehan to see if he can fax or scan the needed document. Franklin Pierce will need a 10%

deposit two weeks before conference. Registration closing date is October 4. Carol is still trying to touch base with Barbara Prince, NHLA's continuing education chair, to discuss the panel on Paraprofessionals planned for the October conference.

READS-to-Go: Diane Mayr was absent, but provided a written report. The bookplates that need to be ordered will be paid from Reads-to-Go line in this year's budget.

Past President: Myra Emmons reported she received one nomination for the Award for Excellence for a very deserving individual. A discussion followed about why so few nominations, despite plenty of publicity: timing, people are too busy? June 1 deadline is well before busy summer. Carol suggested including a nomination form in each conference packet. Mary will create an online version of the form and provide a link to include on the form. Myra will see about getting feedback from past Award recipients about "what getting award meant to me" to see if that may help encourage more nominations. Carol asked how the Award of Excellence is announced at the conference, Past President announces and presents award. The nominator usually attends the meeting.

Myra has contacted a number of people about running for READS Executive Board positions. She has found one definite candidate, who is interested in either the Vice President/President-Elect or Secretary position, and one who is considering. A few additional names were mentioned. Myra will get names to Mary for ballots by August 23.

Old Business

Roundtable Topics: Executive Board discussed whether to plan Pop-up Roundtables on two emerging topics: bringing issue of fairness of ebook pricing/availability for libraries to legislature, and providing public assistance with Healthcare.gov website. What is best way to provide info/talking points to librarians in New Hampshire? State Librarian Michael York sent an email to NHAIS-L this week about his taking ebook issue to legislature. Best approach may not be a Roundtable, but to offer READS as a resource for gathering librarians' collective input in some form: lists of resources for talking points? petition? letters? Mary will ask Michael York what kind of activity would be most helpful at this point. Someone mentioned the Overdrive ebookmobile's visit to NH next week, all felt that would be a great opportunity to provide some information for the public on the ebooks for libraries issue.

Elections: Already discussed.

Publicity: A new style pen was chosen at beginning of meeting.

New Business: Kersten asked how NHLA's relationship with Cornerstone was going. Cathy will let everyone know what she learns at next NHLA Board meeting. Kersten will ask Jenn Hinderer for an updated membership list. Kersten will send list to Mary to use for READS ballots.

Kersten asked how date was chosen for READS conference as it is the same week as the

NELA conference. A discussion followed about the various library conferences' typical schedules.

Kersten will be sending next READS newsletter on September 15. She would like material for newsletter by September 6. Mary will send information/reminder about election, Carol will send reminder to register for conference. Other content may be links for information on Affordable Care Act and ebooks for libraries.

Deann reminded everyone that annual reports will need to be written for the annual meeting. Everyone was asked to send them to Mary by October 11. Mary will provide to members in electronic form, as an email and as a link on the READS site. Carol will include the link to the Annual Reports on the conference agenda.

There are no Bylaws changes to go on the ballot this year. Myra will be Past President for another year. Cathy's term as interim President was for one year. Mary will continue as web coordinator, and will still attend Executive Board meetings. Katherine asked Mary to bring a list of web coordinator tasks to include on the planning calendar to the November meeting.

A discussion of NHLA's future followed. READS provides valuable professional development programming that gets good feedback. Other sections do, too. One question was whether sections will be asked to help with NHLA's budget shortfall; there was not much support for this among Board members. Will sections provide more programming? Carol asked if NHLA has considered teaming up with NELA for annual conference as Maine and Vermont Library Associations have done.

Next READS Executive Board meeting: Friday, November 15 at 9:30 am

Adjourn: Kersten Matera MOVED to adjourn the meeting, MOTION passed. Cathy Vincevic adjourned the meeting at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cronin
READS Secretary