

READS Annual Business Meeting
READS Fall Conference
Grappone Center, Concord, NH
October 7, 2011

[Programming Chair Erin Apostolos welcomed about 120 attendees to the fall conference.]

Call to Order: READS President Pat Fickett called the Annual Meeting to order at 9:35 am.

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

Election Results: Linda Taggart announced results of the READS election. Mary Cronin was on ballot unopposed and will continue serving as Secretary. There were two candidates for Vice President/President-Elect, Tara Thomas of the Conway Public Library and Christine Sharbrough of the Derry Public Public Library; Tara Thomas received more votes and was congratulated on her election to the READS Executive Board.

Pat Fickett invited members to review the Annual Reports from the Executive Board and Committee Chairs, and highlighted some of the items listed in her President's Annual Report.

Pat Fickett asked members in attendance to review the minutes from the October 22, 2010 Annual Meeting. Chris Hague MOVED to accept the minutes as written. MOTION passed.

New Business: Pat Fickett explained the three proposed changes to the READS Bylaws: 1.) to specify how a mid-term vacancy in the President's position will be filled, 2.) to change the NHLA Conference Liaison position from one of the Vice President/President-Elect's duties to an appointed position, 3.) to combine two committees, Publicity and Public Relations into one Public Relations Committee. Discussion consisted of one question from READS member Chris Hague who asked if the Conference Liaison will be part of the READS Executive Board; the answer was yes, as an appointed position. Ellen Knowlton MOVED that the Bylaws Amendments be adopted. MOTION passed.

Pat Fickett announced the the READS Award of Excellence would be presented after lunch, and explained that nominations are open for anyone serving adults in a library. [Later in today's program, Thelma Tracy, Assistant Librarian at the Weare Public Library, was announced as the winner of the 2011 READS Award of Excellence.]

Pat Fickett invited members to serve on one of the READS Committees, and asked interested members to contact the Committee Chairs: Erin Apostolos for Programming Committee, Lori Fisher for Public Relations Committee, Diane Mayr for READS-to-Go Committee, and new Membership Committee Chair Kersten Matera. Pat welcomed Kersten to the Executive Board.

Pat Fickett recognized Past President Linda Taggart, who completed her three year term as Vice President/President/Past President with today's meeting. Flowers were presented in recognition of her service. Pat Fickett also recognized Emily Weiss (absent), who completed several years of service as Membership Committee Chair. (Emily's coworker Caitlin Stevens will deliver Emily's flowers.)

Pat Fickett asked if members wished to bring any other business to the meeting. Debbie Christie MOVED to adjourn. MOTION passed. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cronin
READS Secretary