

READS Annual Business Meeting
 READS Fall Conference
 Common Man Inn & Spa – Plymouth, NH
 October 18, 2019 - draft

[READS President, Betsy Solon welcomed 50 members to the Fall Conference]

Call to Order: Betsy called meeting to order at 1:31. A MOTION was made by Sarah Leonardi to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2018. Natalie Moser seconded. Motion was passed.

READS currently has 197 members. The Executive Board met 6 times this year. Betsy introduced the READS Executive Board and READS Committee Chairs: Vice President/President Elect Mindy Atwood, Secretary Kersten Matera, Treasurer Mathew Bose, Public Relations Natalie Moser, Membership Sue Harmon, Programming Eileen Gilbert, READS-to-Go Brianna Hemmah, Past President Beverly Pietlicki. Betsy thanked the Programming Committee for putting together today's program.

Betsy Solon listed the highlights of READS's activities in 2019

- READS offered 6 sessions at the NHLA conference
 - Aging at the Library – Helping Older Patrons with Technology (offered in conjunction with the ITS Group)
 - A Reference Refresher
 - READS-to-GO and Book Clubs
 - Cozying Up to Community Authors (Dan Szczesny, Sylvie Kurtz, and Elizabeth Ahl)
 - Outside the Box Services
 - Opioid Support Group Services
- Public Relations has increased READS presence on NHLA Facebook page
- Membership committee has been sending out bimonthly newsletters
- READS-To-Go has retired the READS-To-Go blog and Facebook page while moving the content to the READS website. READS-To-Go has also developed a Deaccession Policy and continues to provide training materials for KitKeeper.
- Programming Committee offered one Roundtable this year to discuss policy in practice.

Betsy thanked the outgoing Executive Board member, Beverly Pietlicki, and welcomed new member Matthew Gunby as Secretary. Kersten Matera (current Secretary and former Membership chair), will be moving into the roll of Vice President in 2020.

READS Award of Excellence: Beverly Pietlicki

The READS Award of Excellence recognizes library staff who has been outstanding in serving their community and setting an example for other librarians to follow. This year's winner is Pamela Dziama who has been especially active in initiatives involving Veterans in the community at the Wiggin Memorial Library. Pamela was nominated by her director, Lesley Kimball. Pamela received a gift certificate and her name engraved on the READS Award of Excellence plaque. Lesley spoke about Pam and her contributions to the community. Pam accepted the award with thanks to the Stratham library.

She spoke about her initiatives and how they've led to conversation, story sharing and connection with military in the Stratham community.

Betsy Solon adjourned the meeting at 1:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kersten Matera
READS Secretary