

NEMA Board Meeting Agenda  
January 30, 2010  
Teleconference Sites  
NDE in Lincoln  
Kearney High School  
ESU 13 – Scottsbluff

- I. Call to Order: Carrie Turner - 10:01 a.m.
- II. Additions to Agenda, Agenda Approval
- III. Minutes from Sept. 19, 2009: Sara Churchill m. Robin, s. Betty, motion passed
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Lynne Wragge

### Net Worth Report

As of 12/31/10

12/31/10

Accounts Balance

Assets

Cash and Bank Accounts

Certificates of Deposit 0.00

NEMA Checking 0.00

Savings 0.00

Union Checking 2,662.07

Union savings 3,586.31

Total Cash and Bank Accounts 6,248.38

Total Assets 6,248.38

L i a b i l i t i e s 0.00

Net Inflows/Outflows 6,248.38

- Question raised as to why the Net Worth report reflects different numbers than the Finance Report, will have Lynne contact us with an explanation.**

V. Executive Secretary's Report: Jean Hellwege

- 1. Membership--Jan 25, 2010

#	Type
	1-3
281	year(163/118)
1	Commercial
24	DSA/Life
14	Retired
33	Student
363	Total Active

82 2009 Expiration

2. Does anyone have a current address for Martha Hale or Jerry Persinger?

VI. Communications: Carrie Turner

VII. Committee Reports-Written reports submitted.

- 1. Finance Report: Lynne Wragge Transaction Detail Report  
10/1/09 through 12/31/09  
Date Account Num Payee Memo Category C l r Amount  
Balance 9/30/09 7,692.58

10/2/09 Union savings Interest Earned R 0.07  
10/5/09 Union Checking Interest Earned R 0.50  
10/9/09 Union savings Interest Earned R 0.07  
10/9/09 Union Checking 1445 DiGiorgio's Sportswear Bd polo shirts, downpayment 3000  
Fall Conference R -150.00  
10/10/09 Union Checking Deposit error 3000 Fall Conference R 4.00  
10/10/09 Union Checking Deposit Bd members payments for their shirts 3000 Fall  
Conference R 107.00  
10/10/09 Union Checking Deposit Bd members payments for their shirts split R 460.56  
10/16/09 Union savings Interest Earned R 0.07  
10/17/09 Union Checking Deposit Bd members payments for their shirts 3000 Fall  
Conference R 79.18  
10/23/09 Union savings Interest Earned R 0.07  
10/27/09 Union Checking 1446 DiGiorgio's Sportswear Bd polo shirts, downpayment  
3000 Fall Conference R -221.78  
10/28/09 Union Checking 1449 Jean Hellman 2010 Contracted Services R -1,750.00  
10/28/09 Union Checking 1447 Debra Goossen SLJ Summit scholarship 4010  
Scholarships R -618.42  
10/28/09 Union Checking 1448 Robin Schrack Fall Conf. regis.-Bd member 3020 Fall  
Conf. Reg. R -60.00  
10/30/09 Union savings Interest Earned R 0.07  
10/30/09 Union Checking 1450 USPS postage for K. Terrell's NEMA bd shirt 3000 Fall  
Conference R -3.26  
11/4/09 Union Checking Interest Earned R 0.36  
11/6/09 Union savings Interest Earned R 0.07  
11/7/09 Union Checking Deposit Dues R 600.00  
11/7/09 Union Checking Deposit Dues R 375.00  
11/7/09 Union Checking Deposit Dues R 980.00  
11/8/09 Union Checking 1454 Lincoln Public Schools 50 copies 8530 NE Guide Printing  
& Dist R -183.60  
11/8/09 Union Checking 1455 Direct Touch Marketing Group 5000 Newsletter R -  
1,103.89  
11/8/09 Union Checking 1451 Joie Taylor Ne guide work, motel 8530 NE Guide Printing  
& Dist R -58.54  
11/8/09 Union Checking 1452 Jean Hellman split R -631.76  
11/8/09 Union Checking 1453 Educationa Service Unit 3 Retreat meals 8530 NE Guide  
Printing & Dist R -132.00  
11/13/09 Union savings Interest Earned R 0.07  
11/15/09 Union Checking 1456 Anne Kalkowski NEMA awards 3000 Fall Conference R -  
232.62  
11/19/09 Union Checking 1457 DiGiorgio's Sportswear Polo shirt order, downpayment  
1000 General Operation R -150.00  
11/21/09 Union Checking Deposit \$202 polo shirt payment by members Dues R 1,007.00  
11/21/09 Union Checking Deposit payment for polo shirt orders 1000 General Operation  
R 206.00  
11/27/09 Union savings Interest Earned R 0.14  
12/3/09 Union Checking Interest Earned R 0.22  
12/4/09 Union savings Interest Earned R 0.07  
12/5/09 Union Checking 1458 DiGiorgio's Sportswear Polo shirt order, final payment  
1000 General Operation R -186.60  
12/5/09 Union Checking Deposit Dues R 405.00  
12/5/09 Union Checking 1459 USPS postage & mailing for polo shirt order 1000 General  
Operation R -50.97

12/11/09 Union savings Interest Earned R 0.07  
 12/18/09 Union savings Interest Earned R 0.07  
 12/22/09 Union Checking Deposit Dues R 1,565.00  
 12/23/09 Union Checking 1460 Jean Hellman ballots, member CDs postage 1000  
 General Operation R -591.12  
 12/24/09 Union savings Interest Earned R 0.07  
 12/28/09 Union Checking 1461 Lori Umstead airline reservation for Jan. '10 meeting  
 4030 ALA-AASL R -295.90  
 12/28/09 Union Checking Deposit Dues R 185.00  
 12/31/09 Union savings Interest Earned R 0.07  
 12/31/09 Union savings Interest Earned R 0.00  
 Total 10/1/09 - 12/31/09 -444.66  
 Balance 12/31/09 7,247.92  
 Total Inflows 5,975.80  
 Total Outflows -6,420.46  
 Net Total - 4 4 4 . 6 6

Executive Director stipend of \$1,000 has been paid to Julee Hector. We did very well this year financially--last time we had to dip into savings was March, 2009.

2. L4L Committee: Judy Henning

Members of the NEMA L4L Committee continue to do professional development workshops on AASL's Standards for the 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Learner at ESUs and professional association conferences across the state. Feb. 19 Lori Umstead and Deb Levitov will be presenting at the Nebraska Association for Gifted (NAG) Conference at the LaVista Conference Center. On Feb. 15, Judy Henning will be presenting a workshop on L4L at the ESU #13 Mid-Winter Conference in Scottsbluff. Dr. Sherry Crow and Henning will also be presenting at the Nebraska State Reading Association (NSRA) Conference in Kearney on Feb. 26. A program proposal has also been submitted for the Nebraska Educational Technology Association (NETA) Conference in April and has been unofficially accepted. Proposed presenters for the NETA Conference are Crow, Henning and Kelly Melson.

A program proposal has also been submitted for the Nebraska Council of School Administrators' (NCSA) annual Administrator Days Conference in Kearney July 28-30. NEMA President Betty Meyer and Henning will present this program if accepted. That program proposal is:

**AASL's Standards for the 21st Century Learner (title)**

Student learning in the 21st Century will be facilitated by incorporating research/project based assignments that utilize technology, inquiry, critical thinking, and collaboration. This session will examine these teaching strategies and show how the school media specialist (librarian) should be instrumental in facilitating 21st Century learning in the school's curriculum.

Presenting at a fall conference for administrators was also suggested to Carrie Turner, Mary Reiman, Levitov, and Henning at a meeting at the Nebraska Department of Education with Donlynn Rice and Brent Gaswick. This meeting was to get the NDE endorsement for the *Nebraska Guide*, but additional discussion indicated that our profession needs to made administrators aware of the role of the school library media specialist (librarian) in student learning.

3. AFCON Liaison: Karen Buckley

The hearing for the Student Expression Bill, LB 898, was Tuesday, January 26 at the state capital.

More than 90 people attended AFCON's annual meeting Nov. 14, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Central in Omaha. Dr. William Ayers, distinguished professor of education at the University of Illinois – Chicago, spoke on "The Right to Think at All, Academic Freedom and Free Speech in Troubled Times."

Also at the annual meeting, academic freedom awards were presented to:

- **Dave Moshman**, a founders of AFCON, who has served as AFCON president twice, has written many of its founding documents and principles, has fought many a battle on behalf of the academic freedom of teachers and university faculty in the state, has won the UNL Academic Freedom Award, and has testified in an important court case on academic freedom. His recently published book, *Liberty and Learning*, is designed to educate teachers about the issues of academic freedom that arise in education.
- **Jeanne, Dan, Cassie and Nick Kuhr**, mother and Millard South students, who have filed suit against Millard Public Schools, saying that suspensions for wearing a memorial t-shirt violate First Amendment rights. While the district has the right to censor messages that are disruptive to learning, the lawsuit contends that the t-shirts are not disruptive. The shirts are a way for students to express their grief over the loss of a friend, who was shot and killed by gang members after he refused to join the gang.
- **Amelia Montes, Julia Schleck, Mike Kelly, and Steve Ramsey**, a group of faculty and graduate students who felt the dis-invitation of William Ayers to address the student research conference of the College of Education and Human Sciences was a violation of academic freedom that merited critical consideration of its implications. Ramsey wrote an essay on the "Paradoxes of Academic Freedom" which was circulated on campus. The group staffed tables in UNL's public areas to encourage attention to the issues and sponsored a public meeting.

[www.nebafcon.org](http://www.nebafcon.org) for more information on AFCON or these events/awards.

4. NDE Liaison: Mary Reiman  
Judy Henning, Carrie Turner, Deb Levitov and Mary Reiman met with State Department of Education representatives Donlynn Rice, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Brent Gaswick, Technology Integration Specialist, on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this meeting was to ask for Commissioner Breed's endorsement for the revision of the 'Nebraska Guide for Developing & Evaluating School Library Media Programs.' Ms. Rice worked with Commissioner Breed to draft a letter of support that is now be revised and edited with Deb Levitov in order to meet the January deadline for the publication. This meeting also gave us the opportunity to have a conversation with Brent Gaswick. Brent has offered to share NEMA information with the administrators across the state of Nebraska through their listserv. It is a vehicle for us to use in sharing our library media news and standards with administrators. Brent's e-mail address is: [brent.gaswick@nebraska.gov](mailto:brent.gaswick@nebraska.gov)
5. NLA Liaison: Christine Walsh - Met in York. There was support of a Patriot Act Resolution. Will be passed on to ALA and NEMA. NLAQ will cease publication, but it will be reinvented. NLA Legislative Day is Feb. 9th in Lincoln. NE League of Municipalities will be coming up and Rivkah Sass will be a featured speaker. NLA/NEMA Conference planning is starting for next year.
6. NEMA Liaison to NLA: Betty Meyer - NEMA Affiliate membership discussed with NLA. It was tabled until the next meeting. Will we have a reciprocal membership? We will need to discuss this. Let us compile it and let their board know that we are receptive, but we can't do a formal proposal yet because of our constitution. Carrie will send out the table with proposed rates. We might consider having the same percentage of discount for us. Will need to put it to a constitutional vote. Talked about having online registration for conference and session proposals.
7. NLC Liaison: Rod Wagner  
The Library Commission applied for a Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian program grant to resume scholarships and internships for Nebraska library science / library media

students. Grants are expected to be announced in June for projects beginning in November 2010.

NEMA has had great representation for the annual National Library Legislative Day these past several years (as part of a Nebraska libraries group). With NLLD being included in the ALA's annual conference in Washington, D.C., there will be opportunity for more to participate in the event.

More K12 lesson plans have been added to the NebraskAccess Librarian's Toolbox, available through <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/>

Two more OCLC databases are available to all Nebraska libraries. They are not currently available through the NebraskAccess passwords or IP address recognition. Allana Novotny sent separate passwords for these databases in August. Library staff may contact Allana if they need these passwords again. The first is Camio—"Catalog of Art Museum Images Online ... resource of works of art from around the world contributed and described by leading museums. Showcasing a wide range of fine and decorative art, CAMIO provides high-quality art images for education, research and enjoyment. All content is rights-cleared for educational use." The second is ArchiveGrid — describes "historical documents, personal papers and family histories held in archives throughout the world. ... It includes nearly a million descriptions of archival collections held by thousands of libraries, museums, historical societies and archives worldwide."

8. State Advisory Council on Libraries: Glenda Willnerd

State Advisory Council on Libraries met on Friday, November 20, 2009 via teleconference. Rod Wagner reported that the appropriations for the Library and Services and Technology Act (LSTA) had not yet been approved by Congress. When the governor called a special session of the legislature to address the 2009-2011 State Biennium Budget – the Nebraska Library Commission was included in the budget cuts. This means cuts of 2.5% for the current fiscal year and 5% state funds reduction for the next fiscal year. This will amount to approximately a \$60,000 reduction in the operating budget and approximately \$30,000 reduction in the state aid budget. Chair Pat Gross asked how this would impact the databases that NLC provides for the state and Rod stated that it won't impact this year since the agreements with the companies are already in place for the coming year. Rod also reported the Gates Foundation included Nebraska among 14 states they chose to offer support for expanding the broadband system.

The group discussed the following topics: Museums, Libraries, and the 21st Century Skills because the Commission will be submitting an IMLS grant to secure monies for library science education. SACL members all commented on the subject of Skills for the 21st Century. A question posed by Maria Medran-Nehls was very interesting. She asked how schools were communicating with parents the information about Skills for 21st Century. Perhaps this is something that NEMA needs to discuss. Next meeting is on March 12th - looking at Grand Island for a location. We need to consider how to include parents. Going to parent meetings, etc. What can we do to let them know what we are doing? Parent-Teacher conferences? Orientation times. Article in newsletter would be great to share these ideas. Deb has some ideas from an Ohio program. Videos of kids talking. AASL Parent-Outreach Toolkit is online.

9. Nebraska Youth Advisory Board: Kelly Melson UNWIND CHOSEN AS ONE BOOK FOR NEBRASKA TEENS

The Youth Advisory Board of the Nebraska Library Commission selected Unwind by Neal Shusterman as the 2010 One Book for Nebraska Teens. This selection was revealed on Friday, October 30th at the NLA/NEMA Conference.

Media specialists and public Librarians from across the state will want to purchase this book and

plan parties, discussion groups and activities starting in January 2010.

The paperback copies of the books just arrived at the Commission last week. We will distribute them to the system offices as soon as we receive the invoice. We have 14 copies for each of the library systems and a set of 14 for the Commission.

The Nebraska Humanities Council allowed us to use the remainder of the grant we received from them -- to bring Ellen Klages to the state -- to purchase this next set of One Book for Nebraska Teens. Many thanks to them!

Book kits are being made available last year for checkout from all Regional library systems.

Activities, author information, discussion questions and more can be downloaded at:

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/obonk.html>

10. Awards and Scholarships: Anne Kalkowski

a. Next round of scholarship and awards applications are due March 15.

Please encourage colleagues to apply or nominate a deserving recipient.

b. I've made corrections to the NEMA Scholarships documents to show wording to reflect that scholarship recipients must be NEMA members.

11. AASL Liaison: Lori Umstead

**Reaffiliation** submissions are due Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010; We currently have 85 AASL members in Nebraska. I'll need NEMA member list and conference numbers for reaffiliation process. President and Affiliate must be AASL members.

Speaker Helen Soule, Director of Partnerships for 21<sup>st</sup> Century spoke to elicit support for P21 membership. Nebraska is still not a member state.

**AASL Fall Forum** (November, Portland) will focus on developing Learner Outcomes for standards assessments (evidence-based practice). See AASL website to submit best-practices in implementing L4L.

**AASL School Library Media Month** is April; spokesperson is Laurie Halse Anderson; theme is "Communities Thrive @ Your Library". See website for ideas and information

**Learning 4 Life Webinars** will be presented during April's School Library Month, four total, each Wednesday; see AASL website for pricing by member, non-member, and district.

**Sara Kelly Johns** (elected AASL president 2007-2008) is running for President of ALA! School Librarians have great cause to support a former School Librarian for this important position.

AASL Board Meeting minutes are not yet posted on the AASL site but one issue that was voted on was an endorsement for the professional title of "**School Librarian**" to emphasize the library profession and dispel some of the ambiguity of "media" titles and extraneous staffing suggested by the term "specialist".

Judy Henning is running for Region 9 director and Deb is in the running co-director. Voting comes up in March.

12. Read Aloud Nebraska: Joie Taylor

The Read Aloud Nebraska Board met on January 22 in the Seward Public Library.

There are currently 80 schools and 60 communities who are members of RAN.

The list of members can be seen on the RAN web site. Some discussion was held concerning the need for more "VIP" Read-Aloud" people. Some of the UNL athletes will be reading to students in the Lincoln area schools, but there are no VIPs outside of Lincoln.

Suggestions are welcome.

Washington High School in Red Cloud and the Ogallala Public Library won the Read Aloud Parties for 2009-2010. A mini-grant for \$250.00 was given to the

Sutherland Public School. RAN has about 7000 books to give away. The decision was made to give away about 1/3 of them at time, another third in May and the last third in November. As of our meeting 1 school and 7 communities had applies for books. Schools who had jot received books in the last give away would receive priority over those who had. The list of books and application is on the web site. There are books for both elementary and high school.

Our next meeting is February 19 when we will also pack the books that are being given to schools.

13. Talking Books & Braille: Nancy Larimer

The Talking Book & Braille Service Advisory Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on October 15, 2009, at the Library Commission in Lincoln. Outreach strategies to veteran service organizations, community health fairs, and educators were discussed. Talking Book & Braille Services anticipates a shortage of digital books and players for the next few years. In the transition period, both digital and cassette books are being added to the Nebraska collection for checkout. There will be a revision in the Materials Policy to reflect new digital formats. Dave Oertli thanked retiring committee members and asked for recommendations for new members.

14. Student Liaison: Susan Hubbard: I am in the process of interviewing Deb Moninger from the UNK program for the upcoming NEMA newsletter. - Susan is outgoing in July. We hope to have the student position go to UNK next time. We'd like to have Susan write an article on the experience.
15. NEMA Webmaster: Sara Churchill - Nothing new to report.

## VIII. Old Business

1. 2010 Heartland Conference: Becky Pasco -

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- Omaha Press Club reserved for Monday evening soire
- Bags and flash drives will be ordered early April
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2. NE Guide Update: Deb Levitov --The NE Guide is still in process. Letter from NDE being edited. Working to prepare first draft for LU. - Kearney people and Jean will check on binding prices in Kearney and Lincoln.
3. New NEMA logo contest: Robin Schrack
4. Constitution Vote: Carrie Turner m. Robin, s. Betty to certify the ballots, motion carried (158 ballots back, 151 in favor and 7 nos)
5. New Scholarship: AASL first-time attendee (tabled to Retreat)
6. 2009 Fall Conference: Carrie Turner - We brought in \$10,699.05. We have the money and we will get it in the bank.

VIII. New Business

1. 2010 Board/Officer Slate: Robin Schrack-**See Slate posted as a new file (2010 Slate)** m. Sara Churchill, to approve the slate, s. discussion about student member

**President Elect:**

Karen Buckley  
Lincoln Pius

**Secretary:**

Sara Churchill  
Blair Community Schools

**Board Member At-Large (2 positions available):**

Sherry Crow  
UNK  
Beth Kabes  
ESU #7

Alex A. Knight  
Lincoln Public  
Schools

Kathy

Terrell

Morrill Public

Schools

Jennifer

Duncan

Omaha Public Schools

2. 2010 Voting procedures: Sara Churchill
  - Survey Monkey - \$19.95/month
  - Can make them enter a code - generic or assigned
  - Could do it based on email
  - How do we manage the postcards then?
  - How do we avoid duplicate votes?
  - Don't know if there really are other options that are easy (maybe LimeService)

m. by Kathy to use Survey Monkey for voting this year, s. by Robin, motion carried

3. New liaison appointments: Carrie Turner - Sarah Mitchell from Westside for Talking Books and

Braille, AASL Liaison - Nancy Larimer from Lincoln Public

4. Eastern Library System Media Specialists Training Day: Carrie Turner - March 20th at UNO, m. to approve giving ELS \$200 Betty, s. Sara, motion carried

5. NEMA News Assignments-Deadline February 15, 2010

PROOFREADERS: Susan Hubbard and Laura Pietsch

ARTICLES:

Carrie President's message

Robin Slate of officers BIOS and photos (jpg)

Betty Conference "Save the Date" info & Proposal form

Jean Natl Library Week Info

Kelly One Book

Joie RAN

Mary Legislative Day 2010 report

Susan Student Liaison

Jean Important Dates

Judy L4Life

Deb Information Power News

Jean Membership numbers

Lori Intro to new AASL, Sara Kelly Johns, Fall Forum

Becky Heartland Conference

IX. Announcements- Future Board Meetings

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010: La Vista/Omaha area (public library?)

July 15<sup>th</sup>: Lincoln (Mary will help get this settled)

motion to adjourn m. Betty, s. Lori, motion carried 11:49 p.m