

NEMA Board Meeting Agenda
July 8, 2009 9:30-12:00
Lincoln Public Schools District Office Rm. W122

I. Call to Order: Carrie Turner – 9:36 a.m.

II. Additions to Agenda: Carrie Turner
Add Learning4Life change motion to approve minutes by Jeanne, s. Kathy

III. Minutes from April 25, 2009: Sara Churchill
Motion to approve minutes Robin, s. Lynne

IV. Treasurer's Report: Lynne Wragge
NET WORTH

As of 6/26/09

Union Checking 8929.04

Union Savings 3584.10

\$12513.14

V. Executive Secretary's Report: Jean Hellman

1. 343 members, 102 lapsed
2. Election ballots need to be certified
Move to certify ballots Robin, s. Sara
3. Summer Newsletter posted, thanks to proofreaders
4. July 21st next news deadline
5. Need people to proofread, please sign up
6. Fall newsletter bid \$1300 for 800

VI. Communications: Carrie Turner

1. Thank you from Courtney Pentland for scholarship
2. Email from Gail Formanack regarding NDE Liaisons position due to a change in her position. Mary Reimann has agreed to be appointed as NDE liaison.
3. Email from Joie Taylor that her RAN position is up. If we have someone who wants to do it we can offer it, otherwise, Joie will do it again.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Finance Report: Lynne Wragge

1. See attached
2. New Budget for 2009-2010 (Rates go up Oct. 1) (see attached)
 - a. Total estimated funds is not what it should be. Should be \$30,663.13Move to present proposed budget to membership as amended in Oct. Robin, s. Betty

B. AFCON Liaison: Karen Buckley

1. AFCON is still working on a student expression bill. Can access it on the web.
2. AFCON got a little publicity because of the guest speaker that they invited. Dr. Bill Ayers was disinvited from UNL. Nov. 15th
3. Peggy Adair will be at the conference speaking on student expression bill.

C. NDE Liaison: Gail Formanack

1. She did say that she met with principals and superintendents and one proposed a change in Rule 10 in the amount of materials required because you can find everything online. She did speak up, but was concerned that she might have been viewed as the “old” librarian.

D. NLA Liaison: Scott Childers—2009 Conference Co-Chair

1. Conference items:

a. The Conference Website is up and active now at:

<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/conference/2009/> More information will be placed on there through the months leading to conference.

b. Around 90 proposals were received with a 70% acceptance rate.

c. Three preconferences have been announced: "Oh Good Grief! - Bereavement Issues for Librarians", "Policies and Procedures", and "Library Camp Nebraska II"

d. Keynote Speakers are: Ben Softness of Google on Thursday, Gary W. Moore, author of *Playing with the Enemy* on Friday

e. Online registration is currently being tested for this year's conference. There will be a pay via PayPal option, and the option to send a check in the mail. Things look very good that it will happen this year.

f. Tours of Saddlebrook the OPS new school working in conjunction with OPL. A reception at Cabella's will also take place.

g. Marriott will have free wifi; Embassy will have free breakfast.

h. Will have free wifi at conference and hopefully avoid the problems they had at NETA.

2. NLA has started a strategic planning process for the organization. A task force has been started to work on some initial plans, including revising the mission statement of the NLA.

E. NEMA Liaison to NLA: Carrie Turner—2009 Conference Co-Chair

F. NLC Liaison: Rod Wagner

1. The Library Commission recently received the disappointing news that the Commission's application for a Librarians for the 21st Century grant was not approved. Without the grant the Commission will not be able to resume scholarships for library science education in the coming year. The IMLS received well over 100 applications and funded less than a third. It is very likely that the Commission will apply again if funds continue to be appropriated for this program.

2. The Library Commission's state appropriation for the current 2009 - 2011 biennium is equal to last year's funding amount (for agency operations and for state aid). Overall, the state budget increased by about 1% for the biennium. The Commission's NebraskAccess subscription databases have been extended for this fiscal year. Vendors, for the most part, did not increase licensing fees.

3. Allana Novotny and Susan Knisely will begin their annual Database Roadshow presentations next week to review the subscription databases along with enhancements and upgrades. Their presentation will include the new NebraskAccess website, new eLibrary interface, enhancements to Wilson databases and new databases added to FirstSearch.

4. The Commission's Talking Book and Braille Service is preparing for introduction of the new digital talking book players and replacement of cassette players and cassettes with flash memory cartridges for books and magazines. The new players

are expected for delivery beginning later this month. They will be phased in over time but gradually based on availability.

5. Acknowledge Robin as part of the delegation to Legislative Days and she was fantastic. She recommend to anyone to attend it.

G. Nebraska Advisory Council on Libraries: Glenda Willnerd

1. The Nebraska State Advisory Council on Libraries met June 26th at Elmwood, NE. Rod Wagner reported that the NLC was funded at the current level by the legislature. LSTA Reauthorization is expected to be passed by the lawmakers later this year. National Legislative Day in May was successful. The next National Legislative Day will be in June, 2010 when the ALA Conference meets in Washington, D.C.

2. NLC did not receive the Librarians for the 21st Century Grant.

3. Some public libraries are receiving ARRA funds through NE Energy funds. USDA also has funds available. Verio was mentioned as an Internet provider for public libraries and possibly school libraries across NE.

4. NLA reported that many scholarships are being offered, but there are no applicants. It was suggested that NLC consolidate all the scholarships available from various organizations and post them on their webpage.

5. A discussion was held on social networking strategies that various libraries are utilizing across NE. Rod Wagner suggested that we all look at website <http://geekthelibrary.org>.

6. Following the meeting the group toured the Bess Streeter Aldrich home and museum.

7. Legislative Days will take place during ALA in Washington D.C.

H. Nebraska Youth Advisory Board: Kelly Melson

1. Each year the Youth Advisory Board for the Nebraska Library Commission continues to promote both One Book for Nebraska Kids and One Book for Nebraska Teens, each in alternating years. The One Book for Nebraska Teens is the focus for the upcoming 2010 program. The committee is currently reading 3 selections. These titles include:

a. Before I Die by Jenny Downham. A book about a 16 year old girl going through a terminal illness.

b. Unwind by Neal Shusterman. A fast-paced thriller about a future society where teens between 13 and 18 can be 'unwound' or donated.

c. 13 Reasons Why by Jay Asher. A book about a young high school student who receives a box in the mail containing seven cassette tapes recorded by his crush who committed suicide.

2. We are taking additional suggestions! If you would like to suggest a title for selection, please send them to me at kelly.melson@kearnepublic.org. I will share these with the whole group!

3. It is our goal to announce the One Book for Nebraska Teens title at the NLA/NEMA conference on Friday, October 30.

I. Awards and Scholarship: Anne Kalkowski

1. Scholarships and Awards applications are due by August 15th.

2. I will send out an e-mail to as many administrators as possible to solicit nominations for the Sound of Award as well as sending out reminders on NEMA list

serv.

3. Could NLC create a place on their website for awards and scholarships?

4. Adminis

J. AASL Liaison: Lori Umstead

1. Election results: President Elect is Nancy Everhart, Associate Professor at Florida State University

2. Standards implementation resource available: "Empowering Learners: Guidelines for School Library Media Programs". Item Number 978-0-8389-9 @ ALA online store for \$39.00

3. Judy Henning and I will be participating in the L4L Training Thursday during preconference in Chicago and will return with additional standards implementation resources and information.

K. Information Power: Deb Levitov—Update on Nebraska Guide revision

L. Read Aloud Nebraska: Joie Taylor

1. The Read Aloud Nebraska Board met on May 11, 2009. Most of the discussion was taking care of some routine items. Some discussion was given to program planning for 2009/2010. At this point in the year the feeling was to wait until 2010. The Board is looking for a dynamic speaker in the area of reading, One suggestion was Pam Allyn, but no one knew her. If any NEMA Board member knows of her work I'd like to hear from you.

2. Membership is now open and will be until November 1. School and community members must apply each year. Application forms for Read Aloud Schools, Read Aloud Communities, and the mini-grant are now available on the web site.

3. The RAN Board is looking to add members from the Nebraska Department of Education and UNL. The main criteria are an interest in reading and time to attend meetings during the day. If you have suggestions I would be glad to take them to the Board.

4. First Books will once again have the national competition for favorite books as they have done the past two summers. I'll put a message on the NEMA listserv when the contest begins, or you can find the information on the First Books web site.

5. The next RAN meeting will be September 3, 2009, 1-3 p.m. at the Seward Memorial Library

M. Talking Books and Braille Liaison: Nancy Larimer

1. The Advisory Committee met in Lincoln at the Nebraska Library Commission. The highlight of the meeting was the hands-on demonstration of the new digital players that will be provided by the Library of Congress to some of Nebraska's 4300+ users in the fall. The conversion will take six years. There are currently more than 3000 new books on digital cartridges at the NLC, and by fall there will be 7000 in house and 7000-8000 online.

2. How best to allocate the limited numbers of players that will be available was discussed. Legislation mandates that veterans and users 100 years of age and older (there are 20-30 in NE!) will be the first to receive players. Eligible individuals who want to use the new technology more quickly can purchase VictorReader Streams (approx. \$350) to begin downloading books. Both cassette books and digital books will continue to be available for some time.

3. Marketing of TBBS services and materials may include: community visits and

demonstrations, public library outreach, NLA/NEMA annual conference display, VIPS-Vision Impairment community groups, Library Systems annual meetings, and VA hospitals.

4. Possible strategies to reintroduce the new digital services to schools will take place spring 2010 when players may be available to more users. Special Education departments and library media specialists will be contacted.

5. The next meeting will be scheduled in September.

N. Student Liaison: Susan Hubbard

1. I have been in contact with Dr. Sherry Crow at UNK and we have decided to interview Kristin and Trent Benjamin from the UNK program for the upcoming Fall newsletter. They are a husband and wife team. Kristin just finished the program and Trent is still enrolled. I have made initial contact with them and they agreed to be interviewed and we will be continuing this process to meet the upcoming deadline.

O. Webmaster: Sara Churchill

1. The website has been updated to reflect current board and will be updated after the board meeting today.

2. We are looking into options for elections via the web.

3. Google Apps continues to be helpful to us.

4. Do we need or have a process for what is posted on the web?

Write up guidelines for web postings for Laura to present at Sept. meeting

VIII. Old Business

A. Mileage amount for 2009 fiscal year set at 3/4th of the state rate of \$.55 equating to \$.41 per mile.

Motion to approve mileage amount Kathy T., s. Jeanne

B. New NEMA Logo design contest

1. Contest Deadline for March 1, Unveil at conference, prize will be an 8 G iPod Touch

2. Committee – Sara, Betty, Stacy, write up ideas for September

Motion by Sara, s. Robin

C. 2009 SLJ Leadership Summit in Washington D.C., Oct. 2-3

1. Sending a NEMA member again

2. Requirements: NEMA member, write an article, submit a proposal to conference or do a poster session at Exploratorium

3. Send out tomorrow, deadline is July 26th

Motion to approve Betty, s. Jeanne

D. Coasters for NEMA 40th Anniversary

Motion to approve Robin, s. Stacy

E. Change in Constitution to allow for electronic voting

Motion to present changes in Constitution to the membership Stacy, s. Robin

IX. New Business

A. Midwest 21st Century School Librarians' Conference update: Becky Pasco

1. Lots of details available

2. Keynote speakers: Cassandra Barnett, Pam Berger

3. Vendors, labs, events, regional attendance

4. Please find people who haven't been able to attend

5. Only \$50 registration for a fantastic conference!!!!

B. Strategic Plan

Needs to be edited, put on Google Docs

C. Master Calendar

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D. NEMA Elections process

1. LimeSurvey

2. Survey Monkey

3. Opt in

F. NEMA News assignments

Carrie – President’s message

Joie – RAN

Scott & Pub – Preconference

Kelly Melson – One Book

Judy or Lori – Learning 4 Life and ALA

Sara – Logo Contest

Jean/Carrie – Constitution changes

Karen – Student Freedom Bill, Bill Ayers

Susan – Student Liaison

Jean – Dues increase

Officers slate – Use Judy’s

G. Battery and Printer for Lynne Wragge

Motion to approve Robin, s. Sara

H. New Scholarship - First time attendee to AASL every other year

1. NEMA member

2. First time attendee

3. NEMA will pay the AASL member rate

4. Poster session at Exploratorium and a NEMA news article required

Motion to table until September meeting Robin, s. Kathy

I. IP Name change to L4l & chair

1. Change IP Committee to Learning4Life and appoint Judy as chair.

2. Request feedback from committee who would like to stay on.

Motion to change the name and chair Betty, s. Stacy

J. Additions:

1. Contest for Renewal

Letter written by Kath, Jeanne, Robin

Motion to reward renewal with a drawing for free conference Jeanne, s. Lynne

X. Announcements—Future Board Meetings:

Saturday, Sept. 19th 10 a.m. Kearney

Saturday, Jan. 30, Teleconference in Lincoln

Saturday, May 1st, La Vista/Omaha area

Saturday, July 15th, Lincoln

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Lyne, s. Robin 11:56 a.m.