

NEEMA Annual Meeting
Thursday, March 29, 2007
Moakley Courthouse, Boston, MA

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order by President, Jenifer Smolnik at 9:05 a.m.
Welcome to members, guests, vendors, and presenters.

Secretary: Katrina Palazzolo

Tabled for May meeting

Treasurer: Doug Maitland (Treasurer since 1976)

Balance as of March 1, 2007 was \$27,516.69. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report (Irene Kwidzinski). Passed.

State Reports:

Connecticut (CEMA): Chris Barlow, CEMA Rep to NEEMA

- CEMA Board voted last meeting to change the name of CEMA to CASL - CT Association of School Librarians. The next step is to put this decision to a vote of the whole membership.
- CEMA Board is in the process of revising their bylaws and constitution to change the structure of the Board from committees to divisions, in an effort to spread out responsibilities and involve more members in the organization.

Massachusetts (MSLA): Valerie Diggs, MSLA Rep to NEEMA

- Information Fluency Standards are now on the web site with a meeting at the Department of Education this month.
- Massachusetts School Libraries are seeking additional funding through Chapter 70 by rewording the document to include the words "libraries and books".

Maine (MASL): Nancy Grant, MASL Rep to NEEMA

- Is exploring the effects on school libraries of the governor's proposed downsizing from 220 school districts to only 26!

New Hampshire (NHEMA): No report

Rhode Island (RIEMA): Sarah Morenon, RIEMA Rep to NEEMA

- Annual conference is in one month. Will Hobbs will be keynote.

Vermont (VEMA): Anne Gallivan, President of VEMA

- Is advocating for a state consultant position
- Is revising their curriculum document to create an integration guide
- Is creating an alliance with Vermont's educational technology association

AASL: Irene Kwidzinski, AASL Director

- Plea for members to vote in upcoming ALA elections

Membership: Merlyn Miller, NEEMA Membership Chair

NEEMA has 157 members, 40 more than last year

Web Site: Katrina Palazzolo, Secretary/Webmaster

More content is being added to the web site, so check back often

Old Business:

- Nominations: Ballots will be sent separately
- VIEWS will be sent electronically
- NEEMA Credit card
- PayPal account
- Intercall discussion

Conference 2008:

- Be sure to fill out evaluation form

New Business:

- Establishment of a NEEMA Hall of Fame
 - Doug Maitland made a motion for the following: To help NEEMA celebrate its 90th birthday in 2008. NEEMA will establish the rules and regulations for a NEEMA Hall of Fame to honor people, both living and dead, who have had a profound effect on NEEMA and school library media programs. These awards will be made yearly at our annual meeting or annual conference, or both. (Harriet LaPointe). Motion passed.

Announcements:

- Doug Maitland - NEEMA started in 1918 as the New England School Library Association, and 2008 mark's NEEMA's 90th birthday -- and 90 years of leadership in the field of school library media.
- Susan Ballard - Thank you to Ellen Romanowski for bringing a camera to this conference. Her photos will be published on the web site and in the next issue of VIEWS.

Adjournment: President, Jen Smolnik made a motion to adjourn at 9:17 a.m. (Irene Kwidzinski).

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina Palazzolo
NEEMA Secretary/Webmaster

Next meeting: Face-to-Face Meeting is Saturday, May 5th at 10:00 a.m. in Dublin, NH at Carolyn Markuson's.