

NEEMA Annual Meeting Minutes 2008
April 4, 2008
Moakley Courthouse, Boston, MA

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Susan Ballard at 9:10 a.m. Welcome to members, guests, vendors, and presenters.

At 9:30 a.m. a motion was made to temporarily adjourn (Irene Kwidzinski/Carolyn Markuson). Passed
At 1:15 p.m. a motion was made to reconvene the meeting (Doug Maitland/Carol Gordon). Passed

Secretary: Katrina Palazzolo

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the Annual Meeting of 2007 (Janet Roche/Chris Barlow). Passed.

Treasurer: Doug Maitland (Treasurer since 1976)

The balance of the checking account as of December 31, 2007 was \$20,276.33.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report (Ellen Romanowski/Sandy Kelly). Passed.

State Reports:

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

- Since CEMA voted to change its name to CASL -- CT Association of School Librarians last year, they have also changed their web site to <http://www.ctcasl.com>. Their slogan is Collaborating to Advance Student Learning.
- In October 2007, CEMA held a joint conference with CECA -- the CT Educators' Computer Association at the CT Convention Center in Hartford.
- CASL also worked on a joint vision statement with CECA
- CASL is attempting to recruit new Library Media Specialists to the organization
- CASL offered two workshops in the past year on New Literacies and Web 2.0.
- 2008 Conference will be November 10, 2008 and will feature Nate Greenberg, Toni Buzzeo, Carmen Agra Deedy, and Kathy Schrock

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

- In June 2007, Massachusetts became the fourth state to be accepted as a leadership state in the Partnership for 21st Century Skills.
- In addition, MSLA is eagerly anticipating Gov. Patrick's Readiness Report.
- MSLA will be working on the Joint Legislative Day with MLA
- Third Annual Bookmark Contest
- Promoting MA House Bill 564 to ask that "school libraries" be added to Chapter 70 laws
- A MSLA member at the MA Dept. of Ed is on the committee to revise the English/LA frameworks has assisted in including a strand that matches AASL Standards.
- Has completed a draft of the Information Fluency Standards
- Conference 2008 will be Nov. 2-3, 2008 with the theme "Survivor"

Maine (MASL): Teri Caouette, MASL Rep to NEEMA

- No joint conference scheduled in 2007, but a joint conference is scheduled this year for October 23-24, 2008 in Bethel, ME
- Handbook will be revised and republished for new librarians. It includes info on certification, standards, and membership.
- Two members will attend P21 meetings
- Still concerned about the consolidation of school districts and one librarian covering a large region

Vermont (VSLA): Jean Fournier, President of VSLA

- Has changed its name from VEMA to VSLA
- State Librarian is retiring and VSLA is collaborating to discuss statewide what the new position should look like

- Confidentiality of library records bill is in the house
- Proud of the collaborative relationship between VSLA and VLA

New Hampshire (NHEMA): No report

Rhode Island (RIEMA): Zach Berger, President of RIEMA

- Aligning state curriculum
- Concern about saving school libraries from staff reductions
- Annual Conference will be April 28, 2008 -- Information Super Heroes -- with Sarah Kelly Johns and Richard Peck.

AASL: Sarah Kelly Johns, AASL President

AASL Fall Forum on Assessment II in Chicago will be October 14, 2008

Membership: Merlyn Miller, NEEMA Membership Chair

NEEMA has 163 members (which is on target based on its history).

Most members are from Massachusetts and Vermont. Merlyn is looking for ideas for a membership drive.

Web Site: Katrina Palazzolo, Secretary/Webmaster

We are preparing for the name change and are open for suggestions.

Old Business:

- Elections: Ballots will be sent separately to elect Merlyn Miller as President and Doug Maitland as Treasurer
- VIEWS will be a participatory "never-ending" newsletter. We are in the beta testing stage.
- NEEMA Hall of Fame - Last year, Doug Maitland and Harriet Lapointe made a motion to celebrate NEEMA's 90th birthday and induct 35 people into the Hall of Fame. The committee members also included Audrey Friend, Rolf Erikson, and Carolyn Markuson. The Hall of Fame induction happened last night. NEEMA is seeking any archive materials in preparation for the 100th anniversary.

Leadership Conference:

- We have 56 people here (again, on target with past history). Be sure to fill out evaluation form. Keep in mind that NEEMA Leadership is designed to be a crucible for the meeting of ideas.

New Business:

- Constitution (Action Items) - Irene Kwidzinski
 - The NEEMA Board proposed revising the NEEMA Constitution and Bylaws to reflect the following changes (in bold):

Constitution ARTICLE I- NAME The name of this organization shall be the **New England School Library Association. (The "Association".)** This change necessitates the subsequent changes of the name of the association as follows: Constitution: Article II - Purpose; Article III - Membership, Section 2 and 3; Bylaws: Article II, Section 3; Article VII-Affiliations Recommendation made by the Board to return the name of the organization to NESLA - New England School Library Association (Doug Maitland/Merlyn Miller) Passed.

- The NEEMA Board proposed revising Article II - Election of Officers to reflect the following changes (in bold):

SECTION 4: **The term of the President shall be two years. The term of President-elect and Past President shall be one year. The President-Elect shall be elected on odd-numbered years.**

The term of the Past-President shall be on even-numbered years. The term of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be two years. The Secretary shall be elected on the odd-numbered years and the Treasurer on the even-numbered years. Transition of officers will occur in September.

Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. (Doug Maitland/Janet Roche).

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina Palazzolo
NEEMA Secretary/Webmaster

Next meeting: Face-to-Face Meeting is Saturday, May 10th at 10:00 a.m. in Londonderry, NH.