

# Minutes of the Executive Board of the New Hampshire Archives Group

Concord, NH,

January 24, 2007

Members Present: Tracy Messer, Elizabeth Slomba, Chris Pratt, Barbara Rimkunas.

The meeting was held in the conference room of State Archives building and was called to order at 9:30 AM.

The minutes of the July 19, 2006 meeting were presented and approved as written. The financial balance sheet of January 23, 2007 was presented and approved.

The first item of discussion was in regard to the November meeting. Appreciation was noted to Barbara and the Exeter Historical Society for acting as host. Elizabeth commented that many of the publicity channels used in the past were not used, and she felt that had affected the turnout. Tracy shared the evaluation forms from the meeting. He will collate the results and e-mail them to Board members. Some attendees requested a printed list with contact information of the attendees. Most of the suggestions for future topics focused on preservation and access methodologies.

Discussion then shifted to reconstructing the board. It was noted that Elizabeth will continue in her role as past-president with Tracy assuming the role of president. What we need now is a vice-president and two members at large. Several names were considered. Lianne Keary has offered to serve as a member at large. Other possibilities noted were Craig Evans, Anne Ostendarp, Barbara Mann, Paul Bergeron, and Sally Fellows. Elizabeth will contact them.

Discussion then shifted to the spring meeting. Elizabeth suggested that we contact the New England Archivists to see if we could partner with them for a presentation on caring for historical records. They would present the workshop and take care of many of the details. Such a presentation would allow us to "regroup" and better prepare ourselves for the fall meeting. It was noted that the registration fee will probably be higher than usual, but it would be a worthwhile program. The board agreed and Elizabeth offered to contact the necessary people at NEA and negotiate with them on conditions of service. The Seacoast Science Center in Rye was suggested as a probable location. The possible dates of May 15, 16, 22, and 23 were agreed to. Tracy will contact Jim Chase at the S.S.C. to confirm the use of the center as well as a firm date. He noted that there will be a \$100 fee in order to use the meeting space.

Tracy suggested that a future focus of the group should involve more institutional organizations that have not been approached in the past such as businesses and colleges. More discussion will follow.

Tracy also updated the board on the progress toward our website. He is negotiating with the webmaster of the New Hampshire Association of Historical Societies. He will let Chris know the cost of our venture and also who to send the check to.

Discussion followed regarding earlier discussions of a "New Hampshire Memory Network." The conclusion was that while we are certainly advocates, there is no real focus on such a project on the state level. Tracy offered to "begin conversations" with such people as David Barone at PSU, Frank Mevers at the State Archive, Michael York at the State Library, and Paul Bergeron at the City of Nashua. Elizabeth also suggested Janet Eklund at the State Library. The conversation would focus on issues such as who would host such a project, what extent the project would have and who would write grants and other proposals.

A brief discussion was held regarding a NHAG newsletter. Further discussion was deferred until more board members have been recruited.

The next board meeting will be held on March 21, 2007 at 9:30 AM at the State Archives.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Christopher Pratt  
Secretary/Treasurer