

## NEW HAMPSHIRE ARCHIVES GROUP

### Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting - August 27, 1993

The Executive Committee met at the New Hampshire Historical Society at 10:30 a.m. on August 27, 1993. **Present:** Bill Ross (President), Sherry Wilding-White (Vice President), John Harris (Secretary/Treasurer) and Peter Parker. **Absent:** Br. Malachy McCarthy and Judith Nyhus. Also present was Frank Wheeler, editor of *Inventory*, the Group's newsletter.

Treasurer's report. The Treasurer reported a current bank balance of \$261.68.

Sponsorship of NEA meeting. The Committee approved the President's commitment of \$50 to the New England Archivists' meeting in Portsmouth in October. This will entitle NHAG to be listed as a sponsor, and to have a table at the meeting for distribution of fliers and membership forms.

Plans for fall meeting. The Committee agreed to the President's proposal that NHAG hold a members' meeting in mid-November at St. Anselm's College. Ann Ames has agreed to give a talk on the basics of preservation. There was general agreement that the second topic should be cataloguing, so that the theme of the meeting will be "Keeping & Finding".

The meeting will be free to members (except lunch). Non-members will be charged \$10, which will include membership for the remainder of the year. It was agreed that the membership year will be July 1 - June 30.

Institutional members. A town historical society wishes to become an institutional member. After discussion, it was decided that NHAG will admit institutional members at \$15 per year, with the understanding that the institution is entitled to only one vote. The by-laws will be amended in the future to reflect this. No decision was reached as to how many members of an institution could attend "free-to-members" events.

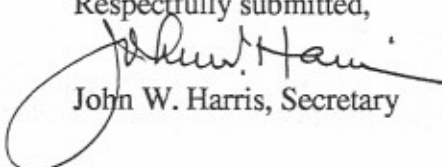
Accessibility of local collections. Many local historical societies have archival collections which are not open to researchers, primarily because they are not organized and catalogued. Sherry Wilding-White said that this wide-spread problem raises questions of archival ethics, and suggested it as a topic for a future members' meeting.

Advertising in the newsletter. It was agreed that business-card sized ads would be accepted at \$10 per issue, or \$20 for four successive issues. Other sizes will be a matter for negotiation.

Tax exempt status. Peter Parker reported that he had inquired of the IRS about qualifying NHAG under § 501 (c) (3), and that the fees would substantially exceed the present bank balance. It was decided to do nothing further about this for the time being.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John W. Harris, Secretary