

Minutes of the Executive Board of the New Hampshire Archives Group

Concord, NH

September 12, 2007

Members Present: Tracy Messer, Chris Pratt, Lynn Aber, and Craig Evans.

Members Absent: Elizabeth Slomba and Barbara Rimkunas.

The meeting was held in a conference room at the NH State Archives and was called to order at 9:35 AM.

The minutes of the July 18, 2007 meeting were presented and approved as written. The financial balance sheet as of September 12, 2007 was presented and approved.

The final plans for the Fall meeting were presented with Tracy leading the discussion. The chief concern was the panelist for the afternoon session. Tracy noted that Alan Rumrill and Michele Stahl will not be available. Betty Moore of the Hampton Historical Society is available. Craig made several suggestions of people he knows in the Carroll County area. Alice Staples was again suggested as a representative from a large organization. Tracy noted that she had some hesitation because she was hosting. Tracy offered to contact Elizabeth and have her sound Alice out. It was also noted that the purpose of the presentation was based on staff size not necessarily the size of the institution—large paid staff, medium with some paid staff, and all volunteer. Thus, we might be able to have presenters who fit the criteria who come from similar institutions but who have a different staff structure.

In any event, Tracy will contact Elizabeth regarding Alice. Craig offered to contact David Emerson (Conway Public Library), Matt Power and Jonathan Taylor (Sandwich Historical Society), Mary Lucy (Madison Historical Society), and Joan Cassarotta. Tracy added the name of Adida Cuchma of the North Country Arts Council.

Tracy noted that the meeting will take place at Heritage Hall. Parking may be a problem, but there is a shuttle bus from distant lots to the site. Tracy also noted that he was looking for some suppliers to help with logistics and financial support. He will look to have the announcement out by October 1. The RSVP will be to our g-mail account. Chris will pick them up from there.

Lynn offered to assemble a handout for the meeting titled “Where Do I Go From Here?” This would list consultants, suppliers, and funding sources.

Discussion then moved to updating our website. It was suggested that we add links for materials suppliers as long as there was a “non-endorsement” disclaimer. Craig suggested that we look at some sort pooling of purchases for

our membership to get a larger discount. It was also suggested that we add a list of consultants. It was agreed that we would update the contact information, remove the brochure, add a membership form, and a “contact us” page that will be linked to the g-mail account. Tracy will contact Rich Hereau to look at feasibility and structure.

It was noted that we still need a replacement for Lianne.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Christopher Pratt
Secretary/Treasurer