

North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries
Executive Board Meeting
October 26, 2009
Samoset Resort, Rockport, ME

Present: Mary Ellen Bowen, Ellen Brassil, Marianne Burke, Alison Clapp, Margo Coletti, Jim Craig, Javier Crespo, Andy Dzaugis, Sally Gore, Linda Kaczmarczyk, Clare La Force, Len Levin, Dina McKelvy, Meg McNichol, Nathan Norris, Mary Ann Slocomb, Susan Warthman, Joan Yanicke

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Andy Dzaugis.

Andy reviewed the process for voting on the name change proposal during the Business Meeting on Tuesday. He has created a paper ballot which people will receive as they go into the Business meeting. People will be given a second ballot by the Nominating Committee to vote for the new officers. As the ballots are distributed, people will need to affirm that they are current NAHSL members. Len has agreed to be the temporary secretary for the Business Meeting and will be in charge of counting the ballots for the name change and the vote of new officers (Marianne has created a tally sheet).

Andy reported that there is an agenda change for the Business Meeting. The NLM, MLA and NNLM updates will occur after the Business Meeting is adjourned.

Marianne noted that she has a few photos which she is willing to share before the Business Meeting begins. There was additional discussion by the Board regarding the name change as there was some concern that there would not be enough time to get through the agenda if there was extensive discussion of the name change. There was discussion of a time limit and whether people will be required to use a microphone. Javier agreed to shorten his NNLM/NER presentation if there was a time problem. Given that people were given an opportunity to discuss the topic during Sunday's Open Forum, the hope is that most people will be ready to vote without much further discussion.

The Board briefly discussed the Task Force Report which does not require a membership vote. The Report will be accepted and referred to the Board for further consideration and study. It was noted that with the exception of a potential change in the structure of the Chair of NAHSL, which would require a bylaws change, that the remainder of the report involves procedural rather than bylaws changes. Discussion at the Business Meeting will be limited to five minutes. MLA already has standard bylaws wording if NAHSL decides to adopt the Co-Chair option.

Marianne noted that a bylaws change can be a lengthy process requiring a lengthy lead time. Len had worked out a calendar for any potential Chair/Chapter Chair change. It would need to come to a vote next year and would require alerting the membership about the potential change. The blog and listserv were mentioned as the obvious options for member discussion.

Joan brought up the scheduling of the Open Forum which seemed to be very successful in this first year. She recommended that in the future that the scheduling of the Open Forum not overlap with any other program item. It was suggested that the Open Forum could perhaps replace a Break Out or other scheduled item on the program.

Andy noted that even though Marilyn could not attend the meeting that she wrote down a detailed “script” to make sure we are in compliance with the bylaws in effecting the vote for a potential bylaws change.

Linda previously distributed the current treasurer’s report. There had been a question at the Open Forum regarding the treasury balance and whether the cost of the name change should be a factor.

Dina reported that the registration total for this year’s meeting was 130 as compared to 150 in 2008 and 160 in 2007.

A potential logo change, separate from the name change, was discussed. The current logo is not “computer friendly” and the letters are not self-evident. Given the economy, the price to generate a new logo could be lower than the price quoted in the Name Change report presented at the Open Forum by John Gallagher.

The awards, including a posthumous award to Jay Daly, will be announced at 7:30 during the Banquet.

The next Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 11th. Linda asks all Committee Chairs to give her their 2009-2010 budget proposals. Shirley Gronholm is rotating off the Board and may do Membership. Hongjie Wang also is rotating off the Board, and a new Professional Development Chair needs to be appointed. The Board thanked all members rotating off the Board for their service.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Alison Clapp