

**YALS Spring Business Meeting
Plaistow Public Library, Plaistow NH
May 7th, 2015**

Call to order - 2:23 PM

Board Present: Barb Ballou (New Boston – Whipple Free Lib), Sylvie Brikiatis (Nesmith/Windham), Liz Gotauco (Merrimack), Ann Hoey (NHSL), Lisa Houde (Rye), Danny Lykansion (Hudson-Rodgers Memorial Lib), Tanya Robbins (Plymouth – Pease Public Lib), Sophie Smith (Nashua), Kathy Watson (Kimball Library/Atkinson)

Attendance was not taken, so this is an incomplete list of who was present.

Next meeting: 8/27/15 at LGC in Concord.

Secretary's Report: Last month's minutes approved.

Presidents report: Nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance of \$3624.24

State Report: Nothing new to report, other than reminder of NHSLMA conference coming up on 5/14.

Conference report:

NHLA is still working on how to incorporate meetings with NELA Conference in October 2015. Looking at a possible social event for YALS and other youth services librarians.

New business:

- Nominations for positions
 - Secretary and Vice President positions will be open
 - Fall meeting at NELA would be voting time. We are looking at electronic voting option so the most people have a chance to vote.
- Flume Award Updates:
 - Developing incentive for libraries to win full set of following year's Flume nominated titles, for garnering the most votes. This was objected to unless it could make competition fair between libraries of varying sizes. We will look at alternative contest where any library that submits votes earns a raffle ticket for the winning titles.

- Lisa Houde shared her method of promoting Flume Titles. She does fall booktalks of the titles with the English department at the schools, and then returns to the English classes in the spring to collect votes. How can we do this with our new timing? Book talk in June then visit in October for votes?
- Summer programs to share:
 - Nashua Public Lib ComicCon on June 20th (All ages)
 - Fisher Cats and Lowell Spinners are good for collaborating on programs for zero dollars
- Teen Librarian opening in Nashua as Sophie Smith is leaving – we'll miss you!

Adjourned 2:50 PM

Thanks for a great conference!