

**2018 Nebraska Library Association Annual Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 6, 2018**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**

Andrew Cano called the meeting to order at 12:29pm

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting: Kate Walter. Second: Gail Roberts. Second. Vote: Motion carried.
2. Motion to approve the oral stated agenda: Laura England-Biggs. Second: Suzie Dunn. Vote: Motion carried.
3. Andrew Cano made a few opening remarks and welcomed the attendees. He also thanked the Cornhusker staff for all of their help and Joe Pittman, the Executive Director and Conference Chair, and his team at Creative Association Management.
4. Joe Pittman gave his conference report. There were 475 registration this year, plus vendors. One mission going forward is to increase attendees and exhibitors at future conferences. There will be an electronic survey sent out via email on Monday regarding conference feedback.
5. Angela Kroeger invited the 2018 Election Winners to stand and be recognized. She also thanked all the candidates for running.
6. There were no questions submitted via the website or email regarding the Annual Report.
7. Andy Pollock gave his Lobbyist/Legislative Monitor Report
  - a. There was no legislation that would affect the governance of local libraries in 2018.
  - b. The state budget shortfall did impact the Nebraska Library Commission, as part of across the board cuts. The legislature made mid-year cuts last year. The legislature is currently in interim-mode. There are no current studies they are working on regarding libraries. State budget revenues for the first part of the current fiscal year are looking a little better at 2.6% above the forecasted revenues. Pollock will have some additional assistance next year, which may allow him to return to submitting weekly reports.
8. Harriet Wintermute, the Scholarship and Awards Committee Chair, presented the following awards:
  - a. NLA Scholarship and Awards raffle winners: Michael LaCroix, Amy Wenzl, and Amy Bishop.
  - b. The Nebraska Authors Project was awarded the Mari Sandoz Award. Karen Dolezal from the Center for Digital Research in the Humanities accepted the award on behalf of the project partners.
  - c. The Meritorious Service Award was presented to James "Jim" Bothmer. Annette Parde-Maass accepted the award on his behalf and shared a few words about his service, as well as from Jim, himself.
9. The Presidential Awards for Excellence were awarded to the following NLA members:

a. Amy Wenzl	d. Kathryn Kelley
b. Christine Egger	e. Harriet Wintermute
c. Devra Dragos	f. Angela Kroeger
10. The gavel was passed to Rebecca McCorkindale who then gave her Presidential Inauguration Speech and introduced the new NLA Logo, which will accompany the new NLA website and help ensure that the NLA website meets all accessibility requirements.
  - a. McCorkindale invited all attendees to send a photo of their library or their staff to [nlaexecutivedirector@gmail.com](mailto:nlaexecutivedirector@gmail.com) to be included on the image slider on the homepage of the new NLA website. The board wants the website to showcase Nebraska libraries from across the state. Although the entire website is not up yet, attendees were able to see the new homepage layout.
  - b. McCorkindale also introduced a potential new organizational structure as part of #OurNLA Phase 2, to start discussion and show members the type of potential changes the board is willing to consider to improve the organization. McCorkindale welcomed continued feedback and input from the

membership. An email regarding goals for #OurNLA Phase 2 will be going out next week to begin these discussions.

Rebecca McCorkindale adjourned the meeting at 1:36p.m.