

**2019 Nebraska Library Association Annual Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 4, 2019**  
**La Vista, Nebraska**

- A. Rebecca McCorkindale called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.
  - 1. Motion to approve the consent agenda: Andrew Sherman. Second; Connie Hagedorn. Vote: motion carried.
- B. [Secretary's Annual Report](#)
  - 1. The annual meeting minutes from 2018 are online, along with the 2018 board meeting minutes.
  - 2. Motion to approve the [2018 Annual Meeting Minutes](#): Karen Frank. Second: Shelly Ruterbories. Vote: motion carried.
- C. Treasurer - Abbreviated Report
  - 1. [Treasurer's Report](#)
  - 2. [Annual Financial Report](#)
  - 3. The reports are available online, the second link is to the full financial statement. Payment for dues using Paypal via the website is a difficult process, but the association is working through payment issues with the new website still. The fiscal year has been moved to a calendar cycle.
- D. Conference Report - Angela Kroeger
  - 1. Angela Kroeger thanked Joint Conference Planning Committee members from both Nebraska and Iowa and credited the MOU to begin this venture to Julee Hector in 2017. Kroeger reported that tentatively there had been 795 attendees and 81 exhibitor booths had been sold out.
- E. New Business
  - 1. Bylaws Change Announcement
    - a. The bylaws have been updated and were voted upon this fall. They are now available online. Thank you to the bylaws committee for their work!
  - 2. [Digital Reports](#)
    - a. Annual digital reports from the various sections, roundtables and representatives are now made available each year on the NLA website.
  - 3. Elections Committee
    - a. The results have been posted online. Laura England-Biggs has been elected President-Elect and Denise Harders has been elected Treasurer. Results for the section and roundtable elections have also been posted on the website.
- 4. Scholarship & Awards Committee – Rebecca McCorkindale
  - a. Several winners received the Louise A Nixon Scholarship: Shelby Janke, Sarah Jurchen, and Erica Rogers.
  - b. Michael Sauers received the Meritorious Service Award for 2019. Rebecca

Stavick of Do Space shared the nomination letter noting his service, and Sauers also shared about his work as well as thanks in receiving the award.

5. [Lobbyist Summary](#) - Nick Paden

- a. Rebecca McCorkindale introduced Nick Paden, who had spoken at the last NLA Advocacy Day in Lincoln.
- b. In 2019 for the biennial budget, the Nebraska Library Commission did see a 0.2% and 0.5% increase per year, respectively. LB375, a bill introduced by the Nebraska State Historical Society and supported by NLA, saw approval. This bill supports keeping donated materials confidential per the donor's requested time period.
- c. For the upcoming 2020 election year, there will be 19 incumbents and 6 term limited senators. Property tax relief and business incentives will be the main points of discussion. It's important for libraries to maintain relationships with their local senators for ongoing advocacy.

6. President's Awards

- a. Rebecca McCorkindale presented the President's Award to the members of the bylaws task force for their diligent work in updating the NLA bylaws. This task force included members Becky Baker, Scott Childers, Angela Kroeger, Devra Dragos, Michael Straatman, and Christine Egger.

7. Transfer of Office

- a. Rebecca McCorkindale passed the gavel onto Michael Straatman.

8. Vision for 2019/20 – Michael Straatman

- a. Straatman described recent accomplishments by NLA such as updating the association's bylaws and putting together a terrific joint conference with Iowa. Through his experience in libraries and NLA over the years, Straatman hopes to continue this forward momentum, hold libraries to their cornerstone ideals and bring the members together in moving forward. He looks forward to working with the NLA Board in facing today's challenges and celebrating 125 years of the association.
- b. The 2020 conference theme was introduced: Together Facing Forward. The 2020 conference will take place October 7-9, 2020, in Kearney.

F. Michael Straatman adjourned the meeting at 11:07 am.