

NLA Board Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2021
1:00-2:00pm
Zoom

In Attendance: Laura England-Biggs, Emily Nimsakont, Denise Harders, Cali Neuberger, Brenda Ealey, Todd Schlechte, Sarah Haack, Odessa Cooley, Michael Straatman, Jessica Chamberlain, Deb Robertson, Wyatt Packard, Kristine Woods, Lisa Mount, Rebecca McCorkindale, Tom Shmitz, Ginger Jelinek (Guest), Tim Lentz, and Julie Pinnell

Business Meeting

A. Call to Order - Laura England-Biggs - 1:03pm

1. Announcements/Introductions

- a. [Consensus voting](#) will be used for this meeting, in lieu of Robert's Rules of Order. Objections will be asked of the group; hearing none, voting items will pass. If there are objections, three times will be used to build consensus. If there are still objections, items will be brought to a majority vote.

2. Call for Consent Agenda Items

- a. No items to be removed from the agenda

3. Approval of the agenda

- a. Vote: all yes, no objections. Agenda approved.

4. Approval of minutes from [December 4, 2020](#) board meeting

- a. Vote: all yes, no objections. Minutes approved.

5. [Treasurer's Report](#) and Approval

- a. Denise Harders reported that we received two donations. One from PLTS for the scholarship fund and one from another donor.
- b. Normal start to the year: paying for insurance policy, paying group membership for MPLA, etc.
- c. Approval of Treasurer's Report. Vote: all yes, no objections.

6. Board Orientation

- a. Laura Englad-Bigg summarized the Board orientation aloud.
- b. **Question:** email preference - can we use our work email for NLA communications. Answer: Yes, that largely depends on if workplace allows
- c. **Question:** Do reports need to be titled to match with spot on agenda. Answer: No, report is linked on agenda.
- d. **Question:** When do reports need to be submitted in relation to board meetings. Answer: Reports should be submitted for the next board meeting unless urgent matters are present and need to be discussed immediately or information needs to be sent to specific sub-groups.
- e. **Emails:** Nebraskalibraries.org is for uniform look on website. Messages sent to those emails will be automatically forwarded to personal email given. If you want to send a message from a generic email, send email to Ginger and she will disseminate information.
- f. Ginger is Executive Director for support to the Board.
- g. Emails that are going to large groups of information should come from the Nebraska Libraries Database.

B. Old Business

1. 125th Anniversary membership drawing and bookmark give away
 - a. [Bookmark 1](#)
 - b. [Bookmark 2](#)

- c. We had an overwhelming response to the membership drawing. We will be emailing everyone to add to database in the coming week. The idea is to garner those memberships in 2022.
 - d. Bookmark will be sent to existing members to thank them for continual support.
 - e. Preference was for the design with the “thank you” included.
2. Additional Old Business
- a. No additional old business

C. New Business

1. Committee Rosters Presentations and Approvals - Committee Chairs
- a. [Scholarship & Awards](#)
 - i. Vote: all yes
 - b. [Advocacy](#)
 - i. Vote: all yes
 - c. [Diversity](#)
 - i. Vote: all yes
 - d. [Communications](#)
 - i. Vote: all yes
 - e. Still need: Auditing and ByLaws & Handbook
 - i. Specifically, Chair positions are needed for both committees.
2. Legislative Updates
- a. [LB 75](#) and [Amendment](#)
 - i. Township libraries; what happens if township is discontinued. Laura, Emily, Deb, Michael, and Ginger met with the lobbyist and created an amendment for the bill. The amendment will ask that the County board provide notice of the hearing about the dissolution of the township to the library commission and the appropriate regional library system in order to send library advocates to the affected township.
 - ii. NLA supports the bill.
 - b. [LB 282](#)
 - i. Our lobbyist reviewed the document and recommended that we oppose the bill. Passage of the bill would mean that public library boards, administrators, and personnel could not use their position as a defense to the prosecution of the violation of obscenity laws.
 - ii. NLA will oppose the bill.
3. Diversity Committee Report
- a. Tim Lentz reported on the diversity committee event centered on National Day of Racial Healing. It was a chance for NE libraries to discuss what actions can be taken and what actions have already been implemented to address race and diversity issues in our communities.
 - b. Diversity committees proposes a change from being a diversity committee to a Diversity Interest Group. The interest group model would allow for broader representation amongst NLA members.
4. Additional New Business
- a. Set 2021 Meeting Dates
 - i. April 30th @ 1pm
 - ii. July 30th @ 1pm
 - iii. October (at annual conference)

CONSENT AGENDA

D. General Reports

1. ALA Councilor - Brenda Ealey
2. MPLA Representative - Evonne Edgington - No Report
3. AFCON Representative - Todd Schlechte
4. Executive Committee Reports:
 - a. President-Elect - Emily Nimsakont
 - b. Secretary - Allison Sillik
 - c. Treasurer - Denise Harders
 - d. Past President - Michael Straatmann
 - e. [Executive Director](#) - Ginger Jelinek
5. Affiliate and Associate Reports
 - a. [NSLA](#)
 - b. NLC
6. [Lobbyist](#) - Andy Pollock

E. Section Reports

1. [College & University](#) – Julie Pinnell
2. Paraprofessional – Janet Greser
3. [Public Library & Trustee](#) – Jessica Chamberlain
4. School, Children's & Young People – Odessa Cooley
5. Special & Institutional – Tom Schmitz

F. Round Table Reports

1. Intellectual Freedom – Wyatt Packard
2. [New Member Round Table](#) – Cali Neuberger
4. [Technical Services Round Table](#) – Kristine Woods

G. Interest Group Reports

1. [Tiny & Mighty](#) - Rebecca McCorkindale
2. Information Technology and Access Round Table

H. Standing Committee Reports

1. [Advocacy](#) – Deb Robertson
2. Auditing –
3. By-Laws & Handbook –
4. [Communications](#) – Sarah Haack
5. Professional Development – Emily Nimsakont
6. Diversity – Tim Lentz
7. Finance – Michael Straatmann
8. Elections – Michael Straatmann
9. Scholarship & Awards – Lisa Mount

I. H. Adjournment by Laura England-Biggs at 1:54 pm