

Nebraska Library Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Date/Time of Meeting: Thursday, August 11, 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: [Zoom Link](#)

Business Meeting

A. Call to Order - President-Elect Holli Duggan - called to order at 3:01 PM

1. Call for Consent Agenda Items
2. Approval of the agenda - approved by consensus
3. Approval of [minutes from May 3, 2022](#) board meeting - approved by consensus
4. [Treasurer's Report](#) - Anneka Ramirez
 - a. As of the end of July about \$14,000 in the NLA Checking account
 - b. The report ends at the end of July, expenses for legal fees are not reflected in this report but will be
 - c. The complete transfer of funds for 6 months of operating expenses has not yet been completed but will be done before the next meeting
 - d. In addition the monies received back from the Golden Sower committee

B. Old Business

1. Golden Sower Status Update
 - a. Settlement agreement has been signed by both parties
 - i. Non-Disparagement clause
 - b. Dr. Sara Churchill - Chair
 - c. Facebook, website, etc
 - d. Store items
 - e. Reader meeting and scheduled "Thursday Chat"
 - f. What's next?
 - i. Putting together the manual for 2022-2023 nominees - goal is to have completed by September, and plan to offer it free this year, if you know of anyone who has completed pages please have them sent to Holli so she can continue her work on the manual
 1. More awareness that this manual exists to public libraries so they know more about the program, etc
 - ii. Recognizing 2021-2022 winners
 - iii. Recruiting new committee members
 1. If you have any suggestions for committee members, etc please reach out to Emily and Sarah Churchill
 - iv. Voting on 2023-2024 nominees
 - v. Involving more children, more diversity
2. [Nixon Scholarship Winners](#)
3. [2022 NLA Conference Update](#)

- a. Section/Round Table/Interest Group business meetings and any extra activities to go on the agenda?
 - b. Exhibitor and Attendee registration site opening ASAP - please promote!
 - c. Discussion about having some sessions recorded to offer after the conference as well as some of the sessions that were submitted that would not fit in the schedule
 - d. Covid Protocol
 - i. [ALA](#)
 - ii. Use ALA's site as a template
 - 1. Social distance
 - 2. Masks
 - 3. Self monitoring
 - 4. Vaccinations required?
 - 5. Determine a policy that depends on where the dial is in that community? - there is a dial on the two rivers health website for Buffalo county and if it's in yellow or green then there are less restrictions, etc or in a different color will determine more strict protocol - [Two Rivers Public Health Department \(ne.gov\)](#)
 - 6. Put policy on the website now and then send a note a week out before conference notifying them what to expect for COVID
 - 7. Holli will draft a covid policy and send to the board for feedback
4. [Strategic Planning Update](#) - Brenda Ealey
- a. Brenda reported on the few meetings that have happened with the strategic planning committee. There is work that needs done with the vision, mission and core values of the association.
 - b. The committee discussed top issues of the association - one of the key issues was engagement with the association, changing/improving the website, the issue of finances was also a key issue that was discussed and how to report financials, etc - outline goals of where we'd like to see the budget grow
 - c. How we do conference was a discussion
 - d. Advocacy was an issue that was discussed
 - e. How we add value to a membership to the association - develop an ongoing relationship with membership instead of just once/year at conference
 - f. Reaching smaller libraries
 - g. Literature festival - perhaps a Golden Sower literature festival
 - h. Holding smaller events throughout the year rather than relying solely on a conference once a year
 - i. Conducting a survey of the membership

- j. The group will get together again and work through further details to present back to the board
- C. New Business
- 1. MPLA Conference - 2026
 - 2. Future Conference Years - Younes requested a decision
 - a. Ginger presented information from Younes. The board discussed the possibility of taking 2023 off for a conference and hosting other events throughout the year
 - b. Different ideas for events were discussed, possibly partnering with the systems on different events - could be a good partnership
 - c. The board voted to skip a conference in 2023 and hold the next official annual conference in 2024 - Ginger will contact Younes
 - i. We'll be "on the road in 2023" - or how to market this? – "community matters"
 - 3. Letter to the Governor in support of expanding broadband access - the NLA joined a group of organizations in support of expanding broadband access
 - 4. [ALA Councilor Report](#) - Brenda Ealey
 - a. Brenda thanked the NLC for helping with her trip to the ALA convention
 - b. Unite against Book ban letter - Brenda suggested the NLA sign on to that letter - Holli asked for a vote on this and the board voted to approve signing this letter. Brenda will sign on behalf of the NLA
 - c. She pointed out conferences coming up
 - d. She mentioned the chart about 501C3 organizations and
 - e. Chapter report is due to the ALA in September
 - 5. 2023 Elections - Laura England-Biggs - Laura gave an update on elections - we will get the nomination process figured out and will communicate this out to the board
 - a. Secretary
 - b. President-Elect
 - c. Round Table, Section and Interest Groups

CONSENT AGENDA

- D. General Reports
- 1. [ALA Councilor](#) - Brenda Ealey
 - 2. MPLA Representative - Michael Straatmann
 - 3. AFCON Representative - Wyatt Packard
 - 4. Executive Committee Reports:
 - a. President-Elect - Holli Duggan
 - b. Secretary - Allison Sillik
 - c. Treasurer - Anneka Ramirez
 - d. Past President - Laura England-Biggs
 - e. [Executive Director](#) - Ginger Jelinek
 - 5. Affiliate and Associate Reports
 - a. NSLA

b. NLC

6. Lobbyist - Andy Pollock

E. Section Reports

1. College & University – Meg Mering
2. Public Library & Trustee – Sarah Johnson
3. [School, Children's & Young People](#) – Jessica Roberts

F. Round Table Reports

1. Intellectual Freedom – Wyatt Packard
2. New Member Round Table – Amanda Pena
3. Technical Services Round Table – Megan McIntosh

G. Interest Group Reports

1. Tiny & Mighty - Rebecca McCorkindale
2. Information Technology and Access
3. Diversity – Tim Lentz??

H. Standing Committee Reports

1. Advocacy – Deb Robertson
2. Auditing – Traci Glass
3. By-Laws & Handbook – Lane Gibson
4. Communications – Sarah Haack
5. Professional Development – Emily Nimsakont
7. Finance – Laura England-Biggs
8. Elections – Laura England-Biggs
9. Scholarship & Awards – Lisa Mount

I. Adjournment - meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM