

Nebraska Library Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Date/Time of Meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: [Zoom Link](#)

Business Meeting

A. Call to Order - *called to order by Emily Nimsakont at 2:02 PM*

1. Call for Consent Agenda Items - *Deb Robertson made a request to add legislative day to the agenda under new business*
2. Approval of the agenda - *approved by consensus*
3. Approval of [minutes from August 11, 2022](#) board meeting - *approved by consensus*
4. [Treasurer's Report](#) - Anneka Ramirez
 - a. *Anneka presented the treasurer's report as of 11/29/2022*
 - b. *PLTS checking account amount does not reflect the amount transferred to them for the conference escape room event. This has been transferred but it does not show since that transfer was done in December and the report only goes through November*
 - c. *Approved by consensus*

B. Old Business

1. ByLaws & Handbook Updated and Approved - *membership voted and proposed changes have been accepted. The documents have been updated and will be sent to membership and posted to the website as well at the conclusion of the meeting*
 - a. [NLA ByLaws](#)
 - b. [NLA Handbook](#)
2. Golden Sower Status Update
 - a. [Committee member approval](#) - *committee members were approved by consensus*
 - b. What's next?
 - i. *Putting together the manual for 2023-2024 nominees*
 - ii. *Recognizing 2021-2022 winners*
 - iii. *Voting on 2023-2024 nominees - this has been done*
 - iv. *Involving more children, more diversity*
 - v. *Sara Churchill gave an update. The committee is trying to come up with a virtual award ceremony for the 21-22 winners. She has been in contact with a couple of the authors to see if they would be willing to participate. They are looking at the end of Feb 2023 to do a virtual awards ceremony that students, public libraries, schools, etc can attend and see the award handed out. Nominations are being accepted right now for potential award nominees for future*

awards. Right now the committee is planning to announce the next winner in May of 2023 which would fall in line with how it has been but the committee is looking at the timeline of things to make sure it all makes sense or if there are changes that need to be made. The Winner for the 22-23 school year will be announced in May as has been done in the past.

3. 2022 NLA Conference Update

a. [Income versus Expense](#)

b. Evaluation Results

i. [Numeric Data](#)

ii. [Long Text Feedback](#)

4. [Strategic Planning Update](#) - Brenda Ealey

a. Brenda gave an update from the strategic planning committee work. A diagram was provided to visually show how NLA should be structured

b. Issues to be addressed: financial situation, communication, getting people engaged, new members expressed they need to know better how to get involved - maybe funnel new members into work groups, can we shift some of the work from the exec director to more of the board members, conference is a huge expense, there has been a lot of enthusiasm for a literature type festival in the future - this might be a good fit to an every other year event to complement the conference, membership is an issue - worried about involvement. The numbers are good but how do we get them more involved and working, and how to attract people that are not librarians to be members as well. Does it make sense to have one membership fee and put people into appropriate groups versus asking them to join sections and round tables

c. Think about special interest kinds of things that should be included as well

d. Have a get together (a strategic planning session, etc) where people can talk about what has worked in the past, what direction does the association want to go. We want it to be a positive thing that we're not having a conference, and to be able to lay out a plan in January to communicate. Ask former board members, former members, etc to be involved in this process - Brenda asked for ideas on a date for this, along with people that can help lead it, etc. Anyone who has feedback about what would work best, send it to Brenda

C. New Business -

1. [2024 Conference Contract with Younes](#) -

2. [MPLA Conference Contract - 2026](#)

a. The board reviewed the two above contracts, the contracts were approved by consensus. Ginger will proceed with getting these proposals signed

3. 2023 Election Results - Laura England-Biggs

a. Secretary - Kelly Warehime, Papillon Public Library

b. President-Elect - Tammi Thiem, Three Rivers Library System

c. Round Table, Section and Interest Groups - Laura has received

- i. *Billie Cotterman - C&U Vice Chair*
 - ii. *Michael Straatmann - TSRT Vice Chair*
 - iii. *Shelby Janke - Communications Committee chair for NLA*
 - iv. *Cal Harman - IF Chair and Wyatt Packard - IF Vice Chair*
 - v. *Lacey Partlow - NMRT Vice-Chair*
 - vi. *Still waiting to hear from PLTS nominee for confirmation*
4. *2023 Legislative Day - The Cornhusker has all Fridays in March of 2023 available except 3/31. If we want the same rooms we've always had, only 3/3 is available. Ginger will request a contract for 3/3/23 from the Cornhusker. Deb needs ideas on a speaker and topic for this event.*
- a. *ALA has purchased a new software for the communication piece of the legislative side of things - 3 members of the advocacy committee have gone through training on that*
5. *[SCYP Section](#) - no candidates were able to be recruited for this past election cycle, meaning there will be no representation at NLA board meetings. The board discussed that this might change as more planning becomes available for the 2023 year. Could there be some kind of partnership with NSLA and the SCYP section? The board will make sure this is also discussed at the January planning meeting - make sure that people representing SCYP are involved in this meeting.*
- a. *A plan still needs to be made for the Mad Hatter Award - historically the current Mad Hatter runs the next year's award - who can communicate this to the 2022 winner?*
6. *[2023 Budget](#)*
- a. *Laura presented the proposed budget to the board for discussion. It was discussed about keeping in mind there needs to be a budget at some point for Golden Sower expenses, etc. The proposed budget was accepted by consensus knowing that it can be amended as needed throughout the year.*

CONSENT AGENDA

D. General Reports

- 1. *[ALA Councilor](#) - Brenda Ealey*
 - a. *[ALA Councilor Annual Report](#)*
- 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](#) – Cali Biaggi/Laura Hinman
3. Technical Services Round Table – Megan McIntosh

G. Interest Group Reports

1. Tiny & Mighty - Rebecca McCorkindale
2. Information Technology and Access - OPEN
3. Diversity – Lane Gibson

H. Standing Committee Reports

1. Advocacy – Deb Robertson
2. Auditing – OPEN
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