

Nebraska Library Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

Date/Time of Meeting: Thursday, April 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Hastings

Virtually: [Zoom Link](#)

Present: Tammi Thiem, Lane Gibson, Holli Duggan, Kelly Warehime, Ginger Jelinek, Michael Straatmann, Wyatt Packard, Amy Dissmeyer, Cali Biaggi, Monica Tidyman, Joyce Melvin, Deb Robertson, Shelby Janke, Lisa Mount, Christine Haeffner, Samantha Rundle, Brenda Ealey

A. Call to Order

1. Call for Consent Agenda Items
2. Approval of the agenda - approved by consensus
3. Approval of [minutes from March 14, 2024](#) board meeting - approved by consensus
4. [Treasurer's Report](#)
 - a. [2024 Advocacy Day](#)

C. New Business

1. Executive Committee Update/meeting recap
2. [Advocacy Committee Update](#)
 - a. Deb - Thanking everyone publicly and officially for all the support. Reminder that everyone is welcome to join.
 - b. Next Thursday is the end of the 2024 Legislative session.
 - c. Advocacy Day 2025 needs a committee.
 - d. We're going to look at finding a senator to introduce a positive legislature for libraries.
 - e. NLA Toolkit
 - f. Legislative Agenda
 - g. Statewide statement of the positive impact libraries have, possibly a documentary.
 - h. Partnerships
3. Committee, Section, Round Table, etc reports for monthly board meetings
 - a. What are the expectations that we now have monthly meetings? Are monthly reports needed or just when things change?
 - i. Just as needed will reports be required.
4. C&U Questions - Calli
 - i. With the Strategic planning and budget changing, will groups receive guidelines for what that budget will cover? C&U awards grants. Is it possible for NLA to cover membership fees to get more members? \$265 each person. ACRL. Suggested to put together a proposed budget for the committee to discuss.
 - ii. Grants - would like to pause for right now. Needs help with wordsmithing about the grants, or a statement for a newsletter. Michael offered to help.
 - iii. 2 - \$500 grants
 - iv. Perhaps the Systems could provide grants
5. Membership program - Shelby

- a. Quarterly NLA Book Club via Zoom for members only. Professional books or adjacent. Something social that might help with membership. Each committee, section, round table could take a turn being the focus. One could be in person during the conference.

D. Old Business

1. 2024 Conference Planning Update

- a. Lane - not too much to update from last month. Trying to get guests, several batches of invitations have been sent out. Ginger and Nancy have gotten sponsor packs out.
- b. Program submission is on the website.
- c. Networking sheet for ideas and suggestions live.
- d. Next conference planning meeting is set for Thursday, April 25th at 11am via Zoom.

2. 2025 Conference

- a. Ginger - let Innovation Campus and Kearney know we aren't using them, and Deb let York know that's where we are going. Brenda reached out to a team for conference planning.
- b. April 18th at 10am tour the York facility and start planning. Will choose the dates for the conference.
- c. Ginger can put the dates on the website once they finalize the dates. Make sure to cross-reference Jewish holidays.
- d. President and treasurer will sign a contract for the facility.
- e. Let Brenda know if there's other dates to avoid.

3. Continued transition discussion

- a. Taking over membership duties will be the Chair of NMRT
- b. Finances - Treasurer
- c. Meeting Notes - Secretary
- d. Orientations will be the same training 3 times, but will discuss whatever is brought up. A lot of it will be StarChapter.
- e. Shelby - access to the Zoom account and creating events on the website.

4. PLTS - looking at changing some bylaws because they need to be updated. When should groups do this? Before the conference, or as one group at conference. Similar to how you would do budget proposals with your cities.

5. [Strategic Plan DRAFT](#)

- a. Brenda - Committee members can come forward with suggestions within the next month. Can vote on amendments as soon as they are drafted.

CONSENT AGENDA

D. General Reports

1. MPLA Representative - Michael Straatmann
2. AFCON Representative - Wyatt Packard
3. ALA Councilor - Amy Dissmeyer
4. [Executive Director Report](#) - Ginger Jelinek
5. Affiliate and Associate Reports
 - a. NSLA
 - b. NLC
6. Lobbyist - Andy Pollock

E. Section Reports

1. [College & University](#) – Cali Biaggi
2. [Public Library & Trustee](#) – Monica Tidyman
3. School, Children's & Young People – OPEN

F. Round Table Reports

1. Intellectual Freedom – Cal Harman
2. New Member Round Table – Lacey Partlow
3. Technical Services Round Table – Joyce Melvin

G. Interest Group Reports

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

H. Standing Committee Reports

1. [Advocacy](#) – Deb Robertson
2. Auditing – Amy Dissmeyer
3. By-Laws & Handbook – Lane Gibson
4. Communications – Shelby Brodersen
5. Professional Development – Lane Gibson
6. Finance – Holli Duggan
7. Elections – Holli Duggan
8. Scholarship & Awards – Lisa Mount
9. Golden Sower - Samantha Rundle

I. Adjournment