

# Nebraska Library Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

### Agenda

Date/Time of Meeting: Thursday, August 8th at 1:30 p.m.

Online: [Zoom Link](#)

Present: Tammi Thiem, Joyce Melvin, Brenda Ealey, Michael Straatmann, Shelby Janke, Amy Dissmeyer, Nancy Novotny, Monica Tidyman, Lane Gibson, Deb Robertson, Holli Duggan, Wyatt Packard, Lacey Partlow

#### A. Call to Order

##### 1. Call for Consent Agenda Items

- a. *Advocacy - Sell Back Your Book* (Deb Robertson). The Kilgore Friends uses this organization. Deb shared the account information with Tammi and Nancy.
- b. Should we ask other library systems if they are interested in setting up their own Sell Back Your Book account?
- c. There are concerns about the number of people who have access to the account and its financial information. The account is set up to send a printed check to NLA.
- d. This organization appears to be for individuals to use instead of for libraries/consortiums.
- e. The Board will discuss this further before sharing with other libraries.

##### 2. Approval of the agenda - approved by consensus

##### 3. Approval of [minutes from July 11, 2024 board meeting](#)

##### 4. [Treasurer's Report](#)

- a. 2024-7 Treasurer Report [Summary](#)
- b. Are we giving the two keynote speakers a complimentary booth? Lane has asked them, and they have not said if they want one.

#### B. New Business

##### 1. Executive Committee Update/meeting recap

- a. Met on 8/5/24 at 9am.
- b. Reviewed the treasurer report, proposed agenda for this meeting, and awards.
- c. Holli sent emails to groups asking if they need help with awards and getting nominations. She created this [Sections: form](#). She created a [form](#) for Executive Board nominations as well.
- d. The Board created a nomination and voting timeframe for the Board positions up for election: President-Elect, Secretary

##### 2. Elections and awards clarification - Cali Biaggi

- a. Cali can solicit nominations for the C&U award.

##### 3. Shelby will post these nomination forms and promote them, along with the Excalibur Award from Advocacy

##### 4. We hope next year that all of the awards can receive nominations and have voting at the same time.

#### C. Old Business

1. 2024 Conference Planning Update
  - a. Need more communication
  - b. Need to post a schedule ASAP
  - c. Registration opened in July. Currently have 35 people registered.
  - d. All of the panel programming email responses have been sent out. However none of the presenters from UNL received this email and Lane resent them.
  - e. Conference schedule: The presenters and the times have been set, but the room locations have not. A few presenters have asked to have their sessions moved to a different time. Lane sent the schedule to Shelby so Shelby can list the programs that will run on Thursday and Friday in the next newsletter. Two of the three preconferences have been confirmed. Sam had submitted a pre conference program; maybe Michael and John could present instead?
  - f. Michael Dowling and John Martin (support person for the One-Click advocacy form) from ALA are interested in coming to our conference. Amy Dismeyer will follow up with them about attending. Ask them to purchase a booth, or give them one for free?
  - g. Lane posted the hotel information on the website. It's not an online booking process; attendees have to call and say they are with the Nebraska Library Association.
2. 2025 Conference
  - a. Nothing new to report
3. Continued transition discussion
  - a. Lacey and Shelby have been receiving a lot of membership questions, and are feeling overwhelmed by the amount of work they need to spend on it. Having a webmaster would help a lot because Shelby doesn't know how to update the website for every little thing. Wyatt wondered if the streamlined membership with roundtables will help, but they said the time is spent matching up membership with payment. The pain points Lacey is experiencing can't be solved through delegating. It's just a time-consuming process.
  - b. When new people step in next year, there will be a steep learning curve for them.
  - c. Should we advertise nominees to be a webmaster? This will be added to a form.
  - d. Time spent: Lacey spent 90 minutes processing 30 new members. Nancy spent one hour processing two Golden Sower orders. Include how much time is spent communicating with new members, tracking down payments, etc. Updating text on a web page is a simpler process, but running reports, adding conference items to purchase takes much longer.
  - e. What if it is communicated that memberships will be processed on the 1st and 15th of the month, so people have an expectation of the timeline? Change the email to say "Thank you for registering. Your payment will be processed in the next two weeks."
4. Strategic Plan
  - a. [Approved Copy](#)
  - b. [Presentation by Wyatt](#)
  - c. The change in membership fees will begin January 1, 2025.
  - d. Can members of the Strategic Plan committee join the Budget proposal team.
  - e. There is time during Conference set aside for a Strategic Plan meeting.
5. Have the 2025 Budget Draft ready for the next meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### D. General Reports

1. MPLA Representative - Michael Straatmann
2. AFCON Representative - Wyatt Packard
3. ALA Councilor - Amy Dissmeyer
4. Affiliate and Associate Reports
  - a. NSLA
  - b. NLC
5. 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 at 2:42 pm