

# Nebraska Library Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

### Agenda

Date/Time of Meeting: Thursday, December 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Hybrid at OPL Downtown Branch, 1401 Jones St, Omaha / Online: [Zoom Link](#)

Present: Becky Wymer, Cali Biaggi, Lacey Partlow, Kelly Warehime, Nancy Novotny, Deb Robertson, Shelby Janke Broderson, Matthew Kovar, Tammi Thiem, Holli Duggan, Brianna Weichel, Jennifer Norton, Larry Bolinger, Joyce Melvin, Michael Straatman, Monica Tidyman, Lisa Mount, Todd Jensen, Amy Dissmeyer, Sam Rundle, Brenda Ealey, Hannah Winchester

#### A. Call to Order

1. Call for Consent Agenda Items
2. Approval of the agenda - approved by consensus
3. Approval of minutes from [November 14, 2024 Board Meeting](#)
4. [2024-11 Treasurer's Report](#)
  - a. [2024-11 Treasurer Report Summary](#)
  - b. [Approved 2025 Budget](#)

#### B. New Business

1. Executive Committee Update/meeting recap
  - a. Met on 12/9/24 at 11am.
2. Administrative Assistant update
  - a. Contract has been signed, given Ginger's email address. What guidelines are there on keeping emails?
3. ALA Councilor - Amy Dissemeyer
  - a. Resignation - accepted position at Spirit Lake, IA and will be starting after the first of the year.
  - b. Would still like to attend ALA LLX meeting in January and can attend NLA Board meetings in January and February to provide updates.
  - c. Matt Kovar will fill the role of ALA Councilor.
    1. Will need to find new person to fill PLTS Chair position.
  - d. Funding for LLX in Phoenix, January 24-27, 2025
    1. Hotel costs = \$1,300
    2. Flight = \$300
    3. Hastings Library already paid for the registration.
    4. \*Approval for covering 2025 conferences using 2024 NLA Conference profits:
      - a. \$1,600 for Amy to go to Phoenix for LLX -
      - b. Estimated \$3,000 for ALA Annual Meeting
      - c. Estimated \$2,000 for MPLA Annual Meeting
      - d. Per Brenda - figure out amount within the budget
        - i. Conference Profit = \$7,679
        - ii. Less Lobbyist Increase = \$3,360
        - iii. \$3,000 reimbursement for 3 annual meetings - approved

5. \*Approval for adding stipend for ALA Councilor and MPLA Representative to attend meetings to the 2026 budget
4. Advocacy - Deb
  - a. Met on 12/11. Advocacy Day will be Monday, March 17th, 2025. Possibly CE in afternoon.
  - b. Preparing for 2025 Legislative Session
  - c. Should we introduce a bill through Senator Conrad that is positive for libraries? Would need to have something ready by 12/20/24 for Brent to review. School Librarians putting together a first draft. We will be using our energy to educate on the value of libraries and to prepare for any efforts that we need to be in opposition to. Will let NSLA know any bill they want to put forward will have to come from them and not Brent.
5. [NLA Lobbyist Agreement 2025](#)
  - a. Fee increasing by \$300/month. \$3,600/year
6. [NLA Board of Directors](#)
  - a. Does everyone have access to the NLA issued emails?
  - b. Possibly Bri, Todd, Calli, and a few others can sort through the email situation.
7. Voting on Bylaws
  - a. [Nancy sent email on 11/16/24](#)
  - b. [Form](#) for each bylaw change needed
  - c. Lane Chair of Bylaws & Handbook - said if someone from Strategic Plan can send the changes, Lane can create the draft proposal changes. Lane's email: [lane.d.gibson@gmail.com](mailto:lane.d.gibson@gmail.com)
8. Meetings in 2025 will continue: exec meeting 2nd Monday at 11am, full board meeting 2nd Thursday at 1:30pm.

#### C. Old Business

1. 2025 Conference
  - a. Deb reached out to Sherrie. Looking to meet with her and Nancy in early January to start reaching out to vendors.
2. Continued transition discussion
3. Strategic Plan
  - a. Membership bylaws changes need to be sent out and approved.
    1. Send out Monday. Vote hopefully done by the end of year.

### **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

- a. I am resigning as Communications Chair effective at the end of the month/year. I included an announcement in the November and December newsletters for new Communication Chair volunteers, directing them to email Lane if interested.
- b. I am going to set up a meeting with the incoming webmaster to walk through StarChapter and technical membership issues.
- c. If the board is okay with it, I would like to add the Administrative Assistant to have access to post on our Facebook page and other social media accounts in addition to the next Communications Chair.

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 3:00pm