

Nebraska Library Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

Date/Time of Meeting: Thursday, November 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Online: [Zoom Link](#)

Present: Tammi Thiem, Kelly Warehime, Nancy Novotny, Sam Rundle, Monica Tidyman, Cali Biaggi, Lacey Partlow, Deb Robertson, Shelby Janke, Amy Dissmeyer, Wyatt Packard, Holli Duggan, Joyce Melvin

A. Call to Order

1. Call for Consent Agenda Items
2. Approval of the agenda - approved by consensus
3. Approval of minutes from [October 10, 2024 Annual Board Meeting](#)
4. [Treasurer's Report](#)
 - a. Will not be in the hole at the end of the year.
 - b. [2024-10 Treasurer Report Summary](#)
 1. Will send reminder emails to those who haven't yet paid for conference.
 2. StarChapter price increase October 2025.
 - c. [Approved 2025 Budget](#)

B. New Business

1. Executive Committee Update/meeting recap
 - a. Met on 11/13/24 at 10am.
 - b. Will plan to continue monthly meetings in 2025.
2. Administrative Assistant update
 - a. Lacey and Nancy conducting interviews
 1. Two interviews done, two more to be conducted.
 2. Ten applications received.
 3. Nancy, Lacey, Shelby, Holli, and Kelly are on the committee to work with hiring the new Admin Assistant.
3. [ADA Title II Compliance](#) - Joyce Melvin
 - a. Documents will need to be ADA compliant by April 2026. Applies to university, school, and public libraries. Depends on how they are funded.
 - b. Would TSRT be willing to do a webinar/training? - Will discuss and figure out programming and reach out to different libraries.
4. How do we work with Webmaster to update site? All aspects of the website need to be updated.
 - a. Shelby is planning on meeting with Todd in December to go over some things. Suggested making requests to Todd with what your groups are needing. *Make him a webmaster email.
 - b. Start a list of monthly tasks.
 - c. Webmaster versus Administrative Assistant duties.
5. [Advocacy Report](#) - Deb
 - a. Does NLA want to post a statement on the election? ALA posted something and they received a lot of comments. What, if anything, should we be saying?

- b. Legally can delete comments, but also goes against ethics.
 - c. Policy for commenting on social media. ALA had discussion on making a guideline for what issues to comment on and what don't comment on. Possibly wait for what they come out with.
 - d. Does the board approve resharing the ALA post?
 - e. Legislative Town Hall?
 - f. December rolling out 2025 agenda.
6. Communications Chair position needs to be filled.
- a. Thank you Shelby for 4 years!

C. Old Business

- 1. 2024 Conference Recap - Lane Gibson
 - a. United for Libraries offered to do free webinars in 2025
 - b. [Survey results](#)
 - c. Comments that exhibitor hall was disappointing.
 - d. Vendor survey asked for more dedicated time for people to be in the exhibitor hall, no built-in times between sessions.
 - e. Comments on how confusing QR surveys were.
- 2. 2025 Conference
 - a. Sending save the date to exhibitors for next year's conference. Include the number of attendees we had this past year.
 - b. Maybe even lock them in now?
- 3. Continued transition discussion
 - a. Incoming officer training
 - 1. Communications expectation
 - 2. Inviting incoming chairs/officers to attend next month's meeting.
 - b. Create an org chart - Admin Assistant job?
 - c. Dropbox that lists members/important information. - Admin Assistant job?
- 4. Strategic Plan
 - a. Membership bylaws changes need to be sent out and approved.
 - 1. Send out Monday. Vote hopefully done by end of year.
 - b. Newsletter items needed by Friday, November 15th.
 - c. In person orientation.

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. Shelby will be resigning as Communications Chair effective on December 31, 2024.
 - b. She is working on integrating a Golden Sower webpage into the NLA website before the end of the year.
5. Professional Development – Lane Gibson
6. Finance – Holli Duggan
7. Elections – Holli Duggan
8. Scholarship & Awards – Lisa Mount
 - a. Lisa received the following message from Becky Faber:

“Lisa,
I want to extend my deepest appreciation for being named the recipient of the Mari Sandoz Award. It means so much to me to have been honored in this way. My experiences with readers and writers have been so satisfying. I’ve been a “word nerd” all of my life—and I wouldn’t change that for anything!!
Again, please let everyone at NLA know that I send my deepest thanks!
Becky Faber”
9. Golden Sower - Samantha Rundle

I. Adjournment at 2:55 pm