

Board of Directors Meeting

Nebraska Library Association

Agenda

Date/Time of Meeting: Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

Virtual: [Zoom option](#) available

Present: Deb Robertson, Ethan Nelson, Jean Turman, Jennifer Norton, Sam Rundle, Sarah Johnson, Sherrie Dux-Ideus, Brianna Weichel, Jennifer Norton, Joyce Melvin, Lisa Mount, Matt Kovar, Todd Jensen, Becky Baker, Michael Straatmann, Holli Duggan

1. Call to Order
2. Call for Consent Agenda Items
3. Approval of the agenda
 - a. Approved by Consensus
4. Approval of the [minutes from June 11, 2026](#) board meeting
 - a. Approved by Consensus
5. [Treasurer's Report](#) (July 2026)
 - a. [Approved 2026 Budget](#) (approved December 2025)
 - b. The StarChapter monthly payment will increase to \$245 per month beginning the September billing cycle
6. New Business
 - a. Executive Committee meeting recap
 - i. Met on 7/6/26 at 11:30 a.m.
 - ii. [Agenda](#)
 - b. Nixon Scholarship (Lisa Mount)
 - i. Received an email from the Lincoln Community Foundation for the Nixon Scholarship that they conducted their annual audit
 - ii. It was determined that the Nixon Scholarship doesn't align with the Foundation's regular scholarship cycle, and we don't utilize their online application and reviewer portal

- iii. For these reasons, they will reclassify it as a designated fund with the Lincoln Community Foundation and it will remain an asset of them
 - iv. The expendable portion will be sent to the NLA treasurer to be dispersed
 - v. NLA will determine how many scholarships it wants to provide, as well as the disbursement of the scholarship money
 - vi. Lisa Mount made a motion that the NLA Board distribute the scholarship in place of the Lincoln Community Foundation
 - 1. The funds will be coming from the LCF for the Nixon Scholarship and will be deposited directly into the NLA general account
 - 2. NLA will be responsible for paying out the scholarship awards directly
 - 3. Approved by consensus
- c. Advocacy in Action preconference (Amelia Alred) — request for funding
 - i. Amelia Alred is the Deputy Director of State and Local Advocacy at ALA
 - ii. She will be leading a Media Training session and serve on the Advocacy panel during conference
 - iii. ALA is charging for flight and hotel only, which comes to roughly \$900
 - iv. Proposal to split cost between IF and NLA
 - v. The board approved to support this funding proposal
- d. NLA/MPLA Conference updates
 - i. All information is now on the [website](#)
 - ii. Registration for attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors is open
 - iii. Draft of the conference booklet exists already!
 - iv. As of July 5, there are 57 attendee registrations (18 members and 39 guests)
 - v. As of July 5, there are 5 nonprofits, 9 commercial, and 1 author exhibitors registered, plus 1 sponsorship
 - vi. Possibility of NLA offering scholarships for the conference
 - 1. PLTS will be offering three \$500 conference scholarships
 - 2. Gumdrops will be offering a \$500 conference scholarship
 - 3. The regional library systems and NLC will be offering continuing education scholarships that can be used for conferences
 - 4. MPLA offers individual professional development grants that could be used for conferences
 - vii. Templates, NLA stationary/letterhead

7. Old Business

- a. TED Democracy Philadelphia: Founding Fathers—update on the event
 - i. Bellevue University Library will host the livestream event
 - ii. Saturday, June 13th
 - iii. [Event details](#)
 - iv. [Registration page](#) (free)
 - 1. 30 people attended
 - 2. The presentations were engaging
 - 3. Bellevue University faculty held a panel following the livestream event to discuss the college's Civic Program

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. General Reports
 - a. [MPLA Representative](#) — Deb Robertson
 - b. AFCON Representative — Wyatt Packard
 - c. ALA Councilor — Matt Kovar
 - i. Bill of rights was passed
 - ii. Library cards access
 - 1. Break down barriers to get a library card
- 2. Affiliate and Associate Reports
 - a. NSLA — Joy Harvey
 - b. NLC —
- 3. Lobbyist — Andy Pollock
- 4. Section Reports
 - a. College & University — Hannah Winchester
 - b. [Public Library & Trustee](#) — Jennifer Norton
 - c. School, Children's & Young People — Holli Duggan
- 5. Round Table Reports
 - a. Intellectual Freedom — Wyatt Packard
 - b. New Member — *Inactive*
 - c. Technical Services — Joyce Melvin
- 6. Interest Group Reports

- a. Tiny & Mighty – *Inactive*
 - b. Information Technology and Access – *Inactive*
 - c. Diversity – Megan Simonich
- 7. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Advocacy – Wyatt Packard
 - b. Auditing – Michael Straatmann
 - c. Bylaws & Handbook – Jodene Glaesemann
 - d. Communications – Todd Jensen
 - i. Made a schedule will share with everyone on the communication committee
 - e. Professional Development – Sherrie Dux-Ideus
 - f. Finance – Holli Duggan
 - g. Elections – Holli Duggan
 - h. Scholarship & Awards – Lisa Mount
 - i. [Golden Sower](#) – Samantha Rundle
 - i. 3 new committee members
- 8. Adjournment
 - a. Adjourned at 2:09

Upcoming Meetings

[Full Meeting Schedule](#)

DATE	LOCATION
August 13, 2026	La Vista Conference Center TBD (Zoom option available)
September 17, 2026	TBD as we near conference
October 8, 2026	TBD depending on conference needs
November 12, 2026	Virtual
December 10, 2026	TBD