



North Dakota Library Association
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NDLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 3, 2023
Zoom meeting

NDLA Board Members:

Kerriane Boetcher, President
Tammy Kruger, President Elect
Will Martin, Past President and NDLA Conference Committee Co-Chair
Tonya Palmer, Secretary
Aaron Stefanich, Treasurer
Sara Westall, ALA Chapter Councilor
Randi Monley, MPLA Representative
James Murphy, A&SL Section Chair and Finance Committee Chair
Devon Olson, HSIS Chair and Professional Development Committee Co-chair
Morgan Keyser, Public Library Chair
Jen Hess, SLAYS Chair
Mary Soucie, State Librarian, proxy for Randi Monley, MPLA Representative
Virginia Bjorness, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-chair
Kristen Borysewicz, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-chair
Liz Mason, Membership Committee Chair

Committee Chairs:

Kirsten Henagin, NDLA Conference Committee Co-Chair
Zeineb Yousif, EDI Committee Chair
Betty Adams, Intellectual Freedom Chair
Tressa Graves, Legislative Committee Chair
Brian Garrison, Technical Services & Government Documents Committee Chair

Also Present:

Tina Stockdill, A&SL Chair Elect
Sandi Bates, HSIS Chair Elect
Kimberly Mosley, SLAYS Chair Elect
Traci Lund
Danielle Masursky
Andrea Placher
Susie Sharp

Absent:

BreAnne Meier, Nominations, Elections, and Voting Committee Chair

Kerriane called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

Old Business:

a. Legislative Committee Report

i. Law Firm - Will Martin moved that NDLA sign the engagement letter with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. Seconded by Randi Monley.

Roll call vote:

Will Martin, aye. Will Martin is not acting as a representative of UND or NDUS.

Randi Monley, aye.

Aaron Stefanich, aye.

Tonya Palmer, aye.

Sara Westall, aye. Sara Westall is not acting as a representative of UND or NDUS.

Devon Olsen, aye. Devon Olsen is not acting as a representative of UND or NDUS.

Jen Hess, aye.

Morgan Keyser, aye.

Tammy Kruger, abstain.

James Murphy, abstain.

Kerrienne Boetcher, aye.

ii. Veto Letter to Governor - Should NDLA send a letter urging Governor Burgum to veto HB 1205 and SB 2360? More letters might have more effect than one letter signed by a group, but it might be easier to get people to sign a letter instead of sending them individually. Legislators don't have time to read multiple letters. Motion by Will Martin for NDLA to send a letter to Governor Burgum asking him to veto HB 1205 and SB 2360, with as many signatures from both organizations and individuals as we can get. Seconded by Randi Monley.

Roll call vote:

Will Martin, aye. Will Martin is not acting as a representative of UND or NDUS.

Randi Monley, aye.

Aaron Stefanich, aye.

Tonya Palmer, aye.

Sara Westall, aye. Sara Westall is not acting as a representative of UND or NDUS.

Devon Olsen, aye. Devon Olsen is not acting as a representative of UND or NDUS.

Jen Hess, aye.

Morgan Keyser, aye.

Tammy Kruger, abstain.

James Murphy, abstain.

Kerrienne Boetcher, aye.

b. 2023 Conference Update - Will is meeting with the Office of Intellectual Freedom regarding Deborah Caldwell-Stone's visit and travel arrangements. The schedule is drawn up and there will be a call for proposals soon.

i. Conference Security - Should we get security at the NDLA conference due to current events? Will Martin will contact the director of the Fargo Public Library, Tim Dirks. Local police will be alerted and the hotel will be contacted about their security.

c. 2024 Conference Update - The contract has been signed with the Radisson.

d. EDI Grant Proposal - The EDI Committee will administer the EDI grant, not the Professional Development Committee. For consistency, funds are reimbursed instead of being disbursed. Needs-based exceptions will be considered. Motion by Will Martin to approve the EDI grant, and add appropriate language specifying the funds may be disbursed in advance of the expense on a need-based basis. Aaron Stefanich seconded. 8 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.

New Business:

- a. ALA representative - Sara Westall is unable to attend the ALA Annual Conference. It is important for the state to have representation at the conference. Based on her recommendation, Sara Westall will resign her position to allow another representative to be appointed in her place for the remainder of her term. Aaron Stefanich moved for the NDLA board to appoint Mariah Ralston Deragon as the new ALA Councilor, effective upon Sara Westall's resignation on May 1, 2023. Randi Monley seconded. 9 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.
- b. NDLA Institutional Membership Level - The Membership Committee moved to eliminate the institutional membership level to avoid confusion. 8 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.
- c. 2023 Conference Budget - Aaron Stefanich moved to approve up to \$60 in the conference budget to give away a free NDLA membership at the annual conference. Morgan Keyser seconded. 8 in favor, none opposed or abstaining. Aaron suggested several amendments to the budget to reflect changes from previous years. The budget will be amended and sent to the board via email for approval.
- d. Policy and Procedure Manual Change - Action Item - An amendment to the proposed changes in the Policy and Procedures Manual documentation for the EDI Committee to indicate the EDI Committee will administer the EDI grant was suggested. 7 in favor, none opposed or abstaining. The Board voted to approve the bylaws update as amended, 8 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.

- e. Communications Policy - Informational - The policy will be distributed to the Board for discussion at the May meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 pm.