



North Dakota Library Association
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**NDLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 1, 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
Mariah Ralston Deragon, 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
Virginia Bjorness, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-chair
Kristen Borysewicz, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-chair
Liz Mason, Membership Committee Chair
BreAnne Meier, Nominations, Elections, and Voting Committee Chair

Committee Chairs:

Zeineb Yousif, EDI Committee Chair
Brittany Fischer, Good Stuff Editorial Committee Chair
Tressa Graves, Legislative Committee Chair
Amanda Walch, New Members Committee Chair

Also Present:

Tina Stockdill, A&SL Chair Elect
Cindy Aaser
Danielle Masursky
Unknown member

Absent:

Mary Soucie, State Librarian
Kirsten Henagin, NDLA Conference Committee Co-Chair
Brian Garrison, Technical Services & Government Documents Committee Chair

Kerriane called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: The second quarter report will be ready at the end of the month.

Old Business:

a. 2023 Conference Update - There are six (6) session proposals so far, and at least 12 more are needed. Registration should launch in mid-July, with Early Bird prices. Everyone is encouraged to talk to their coworkers and staff about presenting. They are still looking for pre-conference ideas. Tina Stockdill suggested a session about the importance of Freedom to Read.

b. 2024 Conference Update - Please send ideas for a keynote speaker and preconference ideas to Kerriane Boetcher.

c. Lifelong Membership - Iris Swedlund. Liz Mason shared proposed criteria for honorary membership based on her research. Will Martin moved to accept the criteria for honorary membership and Randi Monley seconded. Eleven in favor, none opposed or abstaining.

e. Intellectual Freedom Chair - The board is looking for an Intellectual Freedom chair, or co-chairs.

New Business:

- a. Professional Development Committee
 - i. Evaluative Report from Grant Awardee - The evaluative report from Janet Anderson for her Professional Development grant was received.
 - ii. Chair position - Both chairs are retiring from the position. There is one person interested and they are looking for another. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Kerriane Boetcher, Devin Olson, or Jessica Gilbert-Redman.
- b. Changes to Policies and Procedures Manual
 - i. The Nominations, Elections and Voting Committee moved to add Section chairs to the Committee. Will Martin seconded. 11 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.
 - ii. The Bylaws & Policy Committee moved to add the President-elect to the Committee. Tammy Kruger seconded. 11 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.
 - iii. Motion to remove the nominating committees. Will Martin seconded. Mariah Ralston Deragon questioned the original purpose of the committees. 11 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.
- c. 2023 Elections - candidates are needed for the Public Library section, the HSIS section, the MPLA and ALA representatives, secretary, and treasurer positions.
- d. Proposed Bylaws Changes - Bylaw changes must be approved by the general membership.

- i. Honorary membership - the length of the honorary membership will be determined by the board and approved by the membership. Randi Monley seconded. 11 in favor, none opposed or abstaining. Tonya Palmer moved to amend to lifetime membership. Will Martin seconded the bylaw as amended. 11 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.
- ii. Motion to remove the NEV committee. Randi Monley seconded. 11 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.
- iii. Motion to shorten the voting window to 15 days. Tammy Kruger seconded. 10 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.
- iv. Removal of the institutional membership tier was previously approved.
- e. Addition of an LGBTQ+ group - It was suggested to add an LGBTQIA+ committee or roundtable to raise awareness and provide support for members. Roundtables have a vote on the NDLA board. Committees are easier to form and disband. Mariah Ralston Deragon is willing to chair an LGBTQIA+ committee. Kerriane Boetcher appointed her as committee chair.
- f. There is a Rhode Island research survey of Intellectual Freedom practices and they are looking for people to answer their questions. Christine Kujawa recommended the survey. Please contact Christine if you would like to participate.

The July meeting date was adjusted to July 10 due to the July 4th holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 pm.