



North Dakota Library Association
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NDLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 14, 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, ALA Chapter Councilor and LGBTQ2S+ Committee Co-Chair
Randi Monley, MPLA Representative
James Murphy, A&SL Section Chair and Finance Committee Chair
Morgan Keyser, Public Library Chair
Jen Hess, SLAYS Chair
Virginia Bjorness, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-chair
Kristen Borycewicz, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-chair
Liz Mason, Membership Committee Chair
Mary Soucie, North Dakota State Librarian

Committee Chairs:

Kristen Henagin, Conference Committee Co-chair
Zeineb Yousif, EDI Committee
Brittany Fischer, Good Stuff Editorial Committee Chair
Jackson Harper, Intellectual Freedom Chair
Renee Newton, LGBTQ2S+ Committee Co-chair
Amanda Walch, New Members Committee Chair

Also Present:

Tina Stockdill, A&SL Chair Elect
Danielle Masursky

Absent:

Devon Olson, HSIS Chair and Professional Development Committee Co-chair
BreAnne Meier, Nominations, Elections, and Voting Committee Chair

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

The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer was not present to give the report.

Old Business:

a. 2023 Conference Update - Deborah Caldwell-Stone's room has been booked, but her flight has not yet been arranged. The New Members Committee has planned social activities. The committee has received enough proposals to fill the schedule.

i. Pricing for the pre-conference session provided by the State Library was discussed. The State Library is not charging to provide the session. Will Martin moved to waive the pre-conference fee this year. Randi Monley seconded. 10 in favor, none opposed or abstaining. The pre-conference session will be free to attend.

b. 2024 Conference Update - No update.

c. Merging of New Members and Membership - No motion necessary. Vote to merge the New Members Committee with the Membership Committee. 10 in favor, none opposed or abstaining. The New Members Committee has been eliminated and the committee's responsibilities have been given to the Membership Committee. Amanda Walch was approved as co-chair of the Membership Committee, effective immediately.

d. HB 1205 - Survey Results - A majority of respondents are not sure they understand the bill and would like sample policies. Mariah Ralston suggested a subcommittee to come up with wording and to compile samples. There will be a call for policies from NDLA before the September board meeting for the executive board to review.

New Business:

- a. ALA Letter of Support - There was extended discussion re: NDLA's response, as well as the organization's responsibility to North Dakota libraries vs ALA as an organization. The letter will be sent to the listserv for members to use as they deem appropriate.
 - i. Kevin Cramer Letter - No response from the Board at this time, we will watch for developments.
- b. Digital Public Library - Banned Book Club - The Banned Book Club can be accessed via the Palace Project app. It provides access to banned books based on your geographic location, if bans have been reported in your area. This could potentially limit its usefulness. The information will be sent to the listserv.
- c. Honorary Membership Award - This is tabled until next month, after voting closes.
- d. Major Benefactor Award - Mary Soucie, proxy for Randi Monley, moved to approve the recommendation to award the Major Benefactor Award to Judy Benn. Tammy Kruger seconded. 9 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.
- e. EDI Discussion Series - Budget Request - The EDI committee made a budget request for an honorarium to bring in a speaker from the National Native

American Boarding School Healing Coalition in January or February. It can be added to the 2024 budget.

f. LGBTQ2S+ Committee

- i. October Summit - This is a networking opportunity. The committee proposed that NDLA sponsor the event. The \$250 level provides one complimentary ticket - the attendee would be decided by the committee. Aaron said he would need to research to see if NDLA has done something similar in the past. The Bylaws & Policies Committee said there is nothing in the policies regarding this situation. Will Martin moved to table the decision pending research by the Treasurer. Tammy Kruger seconded. 9 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.
- ii. Bracelets - The committee would like to purchase wristbands to hand out at events, such as the October Summit and the NDLA conference. 300 can be purchased for under \$200, including customization. Tonya Palmer moved that NDLA purchases 600 bracelets for distribution. Will Martin seconded. 10 in favor, none opposed or abstaining. This can be added to the conference budget.

The September meeting will take place on September 11, 2023, due to the Labor Day holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 2.53 pm.