



North Dakota Library Association
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**NDLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 5, 2024
Zoom meeting**

NDLA Board Members:

Tammy Kruger, President
Andrea Placher, President-Elect
Kerrienne Boetcher, Past-President and Conference Committee Co-chair
Tonya Palmer, Secretary
Beth Kennedy, Treasurer
Mariah Ralston, ALA Chapter Councilor and LGBTQ2S+ Committee Co-Chair
Tina Stockdill, A&SL Chair
Susie Sharp, Public Library Section Chair
Virginia Bjorness, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-chair
Kristen Borysewicz, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-chair
James Murphy, Finance Committee Chair and A&SL past Chair
Amanda Walch, Membership Committee Co-chair
BreAnne Meier, Nominations, Elections, and Voting Committee Chair
Mary Soucie, North Dakota State Librarian, proxy for Randi Monley, MPLA Rep

Committee Chairs:

Kristen Henagin, Conference Committee Co-chair
Zeineb Yousif, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee
Maddie Cummings, Good Stuff Editorial Committee Chair and Professional Development Committee Co-chair
Jackson Harper, Intellectual Freedom Chair
Tressa Graves, Legislative Committee Chair
Danielle Masursky, Professional Development Committee Co-Chair

Also Present:

Will Martin, member of the Website Committee and NDLA President's representative to NDLC

Absent:

Randi Monley, MPLA Representative
Kimberley Mosley, SLAYS Chair
Liz Mason, Membership Committee Co-chair

Tammy Kruger called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: \$4000 has come in dues since the start of the year, with more coming. Olson & Assoc. in Langdon, ND will file the 2023 taxes for NDLA. The cost is \$300. In the future, if we are under \$50,000, they will file our taxes at no cost.

Old Business:

a. 2024 Conference - The first committee meeting will take place next week. Kristen and Kerriane might view the venue on Friday. They will update the policies and procedures of the committee.

b. 2025 Conference Update - No update.

c. Voices for Libraries Delegate - Troy Kuntz of Dickinson will be attending.

New Business:

a. Membership Committee - Happy Lunches - Is there interest from the membership or the committees? There has been low attendance. Are there other ways to spread the NDLA 'word'? Some suggestions include recording the sessions, rescheduling or alternating the times it is offered to make them more accessible for people to attend, or possibly holding it on a different day of the week. Mary Soucie suggested continuing the Happy Lunches for another year. If the reason for low attendance was lack of awareness, we might see more interest. The Membership Committee will partner with the Professional Development Committee to revamp the series.

b. Professional Development Committee - Grant Winner - There were two applicants. Both will receive \$1000 to attend the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) Conference.

c. Reimbursement for NDCEL conference - Jackson Harper attended the NDCEL conference and would like to be reimbursed \$70 for hotel costs. The Intellectual Freedom Committee currently has no budget line this year. The Professional Development Committee has \$10,000 in their budget. Mary Soucie motions to approve reimbursement to Jackson Harper for the NDCEL conference from the Professional Development budget. Kerriane Boetcher seconded the motion. Nine voted in favor, none opposed or abstaining.

d. Keep It Local Coalition - Should NDLA support the Keep It Local Coalition? Keep It Local was formed to defeat a ballot petition and potential constitutional measure to eliminate property taxes in North Dakota. Property taxes support local libraries and schools, and the ballot measure will adversely affect these institutions. NDLA should take a strong stance against this. Mary Soucie suggested reaching out to the League of Cities and the North Dakota Association of Counties - she will connect Tammy Kruger and Tressa Graves to NDACo. Having educational materials available at libraries across the state about the effects of this measure was recommended. Andrea Placher motioned to sign on

with ND United to join the coalition and request information regarding monetary needs. Mary Soucie seconds. Nine voted in favor, none opposed or abstaining.

- e. LGBTQ Committee Facebook Page - The LGBTQ2S+ Committee would like to create a Facebook page specifically for the committee's use. They would follow the same policies as the main page, and the chairs would be responsible for posting. The purpose of this request is to have more flexibility and to be responsive in sharing North Dakota events. They would like to post more often than the main page, with a focus on LGBTQ2S+ community. Creating a group and inviting people to join was suggested. Mariah said it is easier to share as a page, as well as having more reach outside of NDLA. There was a question about the intended audience of this page, which led to the question of who creates promotional materials and if there is a need for a Marketing and Communications Committee. Tammy appointed Kristen Henagin and Maddie Cummings as co-chairs of the newly appointed Marketing & Communications Committee, who will oversee social media, swag, and promotional materials for NDLA. The LGBTQ2S+ committee will wait to hear about their Facebook page request from the new committee.

The list of contact information for NDLA has been updated.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm.