



North Dakota Library Association  
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**NDLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 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  
Randi Monley, MPLA Representative  
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  
Liz Mason, Membership Committee Co-chair  
Amanda Walch, Membership Committee Co-chair

**Committee Chairs:**

Kirsten 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, proxy for Kerrienne Boetcher  
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:**

Kimberley Mosley, SLAYS Chair  
James Murphy, Finance Committee Chair and A&SL past Chair  
BreAnne Meier, Nominations, Elections, and Voting Committee Chair  
Mary Soucie, North Dakota State Librarian

Andrea Placher called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: There is currently \$49122.83 in the checkbook.

Old Business:

a. 2024 Conference

i. Proposed Position updates - The proposed changes were discussed, and they are going to the Bylaws and Policies committee. Should the conference manual be with the NDLA policies?

ii. Budget - The estimated budget was discussed, as well as projected income. Conference prices are increasing in general. The question of having a conference t-shirt was raised. Selling merchandise can be complicated. The possibility of adding more vendors and/or charging them more was discussed. Randi Monley motioned to approve the conference budget as discussed, Tonya Palmer seconded. 8 in favor, none opposed or abstaining

b. 2025 Conference Update - No update.

c. Update on Coalition for Keep It Local - Talking points have been provided. Do not use the coalition name at this time. They are not specifically requesting monetary support at this time.

d. Marketing and Communications Committee ideas - The committee co-chairs shared their thoughts regarding the purpose of the committee and possible responsibilities. The committee should develop communications to support library staff and to advocate for libraries to the public. They should develop policies and procedures and be the public-facing voice of the NDLA brand. Should committees submit digital content to the M&C Committee? Should there be a master calendar of communications, etc? The committee can take time to establish the policies and procedures. It would be beneficial to codify the NDLA brand.

e. LGBTQ2S+ Committee Facebook page - The item was discussed before the previous agenda item. The committee co-chairs reiterate the need for this page to accomplish the committee's goals. It is intended to be public-facing, as well as for NDLA membership. The committee will check back after the Marketing and Communications Committee is fully up and running.

f. NDLA Water Cooler Chats/Happy Lunches - Happy Lunches have been renamed Water Cooler Chats. They will take place in the third week of each month, alternating on Mondays and Wednesdays. It is intended to be a flexible space for membership conversations. Committee or section chairs are welcome to host. Please send ideas for topics to Amanda Walch, Danielle Masursky, or Maddie Cummings.

New Business:

a. Role of President of NDLA/Employee at NDSL - To avoid conflict, Tammy Kruger will identify as NDLA President in communications, or the communications will come from NDLA as a group.

- b. Letter to Senators/Representatives in support of federal funding for libraries -  
Template letters have been provided. Randi Monley moved for NDLA as an organization to send letters to state senators and representatives in support of funding libraries. Beth Kennedy seconded. 7 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.

Questions regarding the Keep It Local coalition were raised. Can the Keep It Local talking points be sent to the membership? After some discussion, it was recommended that we wait until after the coalition's next meeting, or for them to go public. The possibility of creating our own talking points from a recent Good Stuff article to share was raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 pm.