



North Dakota Library Association

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**NDLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 5, 2022
Zoom meeting**

NDLA Board Members:

Kerriane Boetcher, President

Tammy Kruger, President-Elect

Will Martin, Past-President

Tonya Palmer, Secretary

Aaron Stefanich, Treasurer

Mary Soucie, State Librarian, **proxy for Randi Monley, MPLA Representative**

James Murphy, **Academic and Special Library Chair**; Finance Chair

Devon Olson, Professional Development Co-Chair; **Health Sciences Info Chair**

Morgan Keyser, Public Library Chair

Jennifer Hess, SLAYS Chair

Also Present:

Virginia Bjorness, Bylaws and Policies Committee, Co-Chair

Kristen Borysewicz, Bylaws and Policies Committee, Co-Chair

Zeineb Yousif, Equite, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Chair

Liz Mason, Membership Committee Chair

Tressa Graves, Legislative Committee Chair

Amanda Walch, New Members Committee Chair

Absent:

Sara Westall, ALA Councilor

Kerriane Boetcher called the meeting to order at approximately 1pm.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved with submitted changes.

Treasurer's Report - Aaron Stefanich moved to add \$170 to the Intellectual Freedom Committee 2022 budget. Will Martin seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed, none abstaining or against.

Under new business:

- a. Upcoming Bylaws Changes - All proposed changes were approved, with none abstaining or against. The proposed changes will be posted online for member discussion for 30 days.
- b. Communications Policy - Virginia Bjorness and Kristen Borysewicz of the Bylaws and Policies Committee presented the proposed Communications Policy. During the discussion Mary Soucie suggested the procedural items should come out of the policy. There was some discussion of procedural items being included in other policies, and how to ensure procedural continuity as board membership changes, and whether all policy and procedural items should be split. The policy was not approved, with none voting for, 7 voted against, and 2 abstained. One voting member is unaccounted for.
- c. 2023 Fiscal Year Budget - James Murphy presented the 2023 NDLA Operating Budget. Aaron Stefanich motioned to approve, Mary Soucie seconded. The motion passed with none abstaining or against.
- d. State and National Legislative Outlook - Tressa Graves reported on upcoming proposed state legislation. Discussion of implementing a defensive strategy or being more proactive. Mary Soucie suggested more visible members should submit testimony for or against bills as appropriate. The general consensus was to become more proactive. Tressa will reach out to partner organizations. Mary Soucie said that any NDSL staff serving on the Legislative Committee cannot do so on work time due to conflict of interest.
- e. Google Workspace Calendar Functions - The EDI committee suggested that NDLA board and committee meetings be added to a shared calendar for meeting transparency. Discussion - Will committees use it? Should using the shared calendar become a policy? The shared calendar will be implemented and discussed at the next meeting.

Adjourned at 1:58 pm.