



North Dakota Library Association  
*Established 1976*

**General Membership Meeting: Minutes  
10/8/2021  
Grand Forks, ND**

Present:

NDLA Board Members:

Amy Soma, President  
Stephanie Galeazzo, President-Elect  
Traci Lund, Past-President  
Aaron Stefanich, Treasurer  
Abby Ebach, Secretary  
Randi Monley, MPLA Representative  
Sara Westall, ALA Councilor  
Lesley Allan: School Library and Youth Services Section Chair  
Rita Ennen, Public Library Section Chair  
Mary Soucie, State Librarian  
Nicole Eckroth, Membership Committee Chair  
Kristen Borysewicz, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-Chair  
Virginia Bjorness, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-Chair

Also Present:

Allison Suko	James Murphy
Allyson Hovda	Janet Anderson
Amanda Walch	Jennifer Jenness
Amy Lents	Jennifer Kramer
Andrea Placher	Jennifer Selensky
Beth Brustle	Joshua Pikka
Beth Kennedy	Kandi Shape
Beth Reitan	Karlene Clark
Breanda Fischer	Kelly Kornkven
Brenda Cain	Kerriane Boetcher
Carmen Redding	Kirbie Sondreal
Carol Sterenberg	Kirsten Henagin
Charlotte Bedlion	LaNae C. Kristy
Danae Snavelly	Laura Egan
Danielle Stuckle	Lauren Nephew
Diana Lange	Louie Lauer
Emily Wros	Lydia Faulkner
Erica Sodeyama	MaLynda Kramber
Erika Johnson	Marie Petry
Heather Miller	Marisa Riesinger
Heidi Quinn	Matthew Hovland
Jackie Frederick	Megan Richardson

Misti Voegle  
Monica Hyde  
Morgan Cote  
Nancy Miller  
Nicky Robinson  
Patty Donat  
Paul Amberg  
Rebecca Severson  
Rena Tholkes  
Robin Holt  
Robin Salander  
Sally Dockter  
Sandy Popp

Sarah Davis  
Sheila Krueger  
Shelby E. Harken  
Stacy Votava  
Stephanie Newland  
Steve Hammel  
Susan Moberg  
Tonya Palmer  
Tori Lee  
Tuya Dutton  
Wendy Wendt  
Will Martin  
Zeinba Yousif

Absent:

NDLA Board Members:

BreAnne Meier, Nominations, Voting, and Elections Committee Chair  
Merete Christianson, Health Science Information Section Chair  
Susanne Caro, Technical Services/Government Documents Roundtable Chair  
Tammy Oltz, Academic and Special Libraries Section Chair

**President Amy Soma called the meeting to order at 11:41 am.**

President Soma asked for all members to mark their name down on a sheet to indicate their attendance at the meeting and reminded them that all NDLA members may vote on any potential motions.

No additions or changes to the agenda.

Mary Soucie moved to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2020 meeting and electronic minutes from November 2020–August 2021 as presented. Randi Monley seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Stefanich gave the treasurer’s report for the fiscal year. Dues and the virtual conference were the two largest revenue sources. The largest expenses were the virtual conference and the executive board budget. The association’s investments are appropriately conservative and the finances are stable. The revenues from the 2021 conference fundraising activities were \$1,415 from the silent auction, \$2,030 for the live auction, and a total of \$3,500+ once the proceeds from the Slide Off were taken into account. No questions.

**State Librarian’s Report:** State Librarian Mary Soucie reported about the organizational and staff changes at the North Dakota State Library. She emphasized three of the new positions— Academic, Special, and Tribal Library Specialist, Literacy Specialist, and Data Analyst and encouraged librarians to reach out to those positions for their support. She also announced the new partnership with United for Libraries, and organization that supports statewide training for library friends, trustees, and foundations.

**ALA Councilor's Report:** ALA Councilor Sara Westall reported about her first year as Councilor. ALA Annual and Midwinter conferences were virtual, and the organization announced a new meeting concept called LibLearnX. She presented the 5 year pivotal strategy of ALA including increasing membership and revenue. She presented ALA's adopted resolutions from the past year.

**MPLA Representative's Report:** MPLA Representative Randi Monley presented on the status of MPLA. The organization holds monthly meetings called "Chew and Chat" which consists of Zoom meetings to talk to other library staff around the MPLA region. The next conference is in 2022 in Missoula, MT as a tri-conference between Montana Library Association, MPLA, and the Pacific Northwest Library Association. In 2025, there will be a tri-conference in Grand Forks between South Dakota Library Association, MPLA, and NDLA. She announced the winners of the 10 free MPLA memberships and encouraged people to renew their memberships.

Old Business

N/A

New Business:

**The Future of NDLA:** President Soma discussed the process for obtaining feedback about the future of NDLA from the membership. The sections were asked a series of questions during their meetings. There will also be a survey emailed out. The goal is to get members more involved and increase the overall membership.

Past-President Traci Lund expanded on the discussion explaining that some things in the organization need to change. Her suggestions are to encourage communication at all levels, a top-down restructuring process including a redefinition of the past-president role, and growth of the organization as the role of librarianship transforms. She expressed that NDLA cannot remain stagnant and that those in leadership roles and the membership all needs to be more involved in advocacy, conference planning, and growing the parts of the organization that they find value in. She added that this is not an overnight change and that it will take time.

President Elect Stephanie Galeazzo presented her vision for continuing the conversation in her year as president. In order for NDLA to function, it needs the support of the membership and to have people communicate openly about involvement opportunities, committees, roles available, and expectations at all levels. She believes that NDLA is a chance to make connections and learn from each other.

**Election Results:** President Soma announced the newly elected officers for NDLA: President-Elect is Will Martin, Abby Ebach is secretary, Academic and Special Library Section Chair-Elect is James Murphy, Public Library Section Chair-Elect is Carissa Hansen, School Library and Youth Services Section Chair-Elect is Jen Hess, Health Science Information Section Chair Elect is Devon Olson

**Resolutions:**

N/A

Announcements:

The prize winners from the Gumdrop Books booth were announced.

President Soma expressed her gratitude to have been president of NDLA. Announced Rita Ennen would be filling the Past-President role next year.

Past-President Lund presented the President's Plaque to President Soma

President Elect Galeazzo accepted the gavel and assumed her role as acting President.

**Traci Lund moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 pm. Amy Soma seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Abby Ebach  
NDLA Secretary