



North Dakota Library Association
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**NDLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 11, 2023
Hilton Garden Inn, Fargo, ND - In-Person and 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
Randi Monley, MPLA Representative
James Murphy, A&SL Section Chair and Finance Committee Chair
Devon Olson, HSIS Chair and Professional Development Committee Co-chair (online)
Morgan Keyser, Public Library Chair (online)
Virginia Bjorness, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-chair (online)
Kristen Borysewicz, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-chair
Mary Soucie, North Dakota State Librarian

Committee Chairs:

Kristen Henagin, Conference Committee Co-chair
Maddie Cummings, Good Stuff Editorial Committee Chair
Tressa Graves, Legislative Committee Chair (online)
Renee Newton, LGBTQ2S+ Committee Co-chair, proxy for Mariah Ralston
Amanda Walch, Membership Committee Co-chair
Brian Garrison, Technical Services and Government Documents Committee (online)

Also Present:

Tina Stockdill, A&SL Chair Elect (online)

Absent:

Mariah Ralston, ALA Chapter Councilor and LGBTQ2S+ Committee Co-Chair
Jen Hess, SLAYS Chair
Liz Mason, Membership Committee Co-chair
BreAnne Meier, Nominations, Elections, and Voting Committee Chair
Zeineb Yousif, EDI Committee
Jackson Harper, Intellectual Freedom Chair

Kerriane called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved with suggested corrections.

Treasurer's Report: The 3rd quarter report was sent. NDLA is doing well financially.

Old Business:

a. 2023 Conference Update - There is good turnout, with good preconference attendance. Everything is ready and going well.

b. 2024 Conference Update - The contract with the hotel has been confirmed. Dates for the conference are October 1-4, 2024.

c. 2025 Conference Update - The triconference with the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) and the South Dakota Library Association (SDLA) will take place in Grand Forks, ND, on September 30 - October 3, 2025. Aaron Stefanich recommended Molly Yeh as a keynote speaker, as well as her restaurant, Bernie's, for dine arounds.

New Business:

- a. 2023 Election Validation - Aaron Stefanich moved to accept the election results. Randi Monley seconded. It was noted that voting participation is slowly climbing. 8 in favor, none opposed. Randi Monley abstained.
- b. Chapter Advocacy Workshop - December 8-10 in Chicago - There is no cost to NDLA. The new President Elect, Andrea Placher, should attend.
- c. Health Sciences Information Section - The NDLA HSIS committee made a proposal to dissolve the committee and transfer the committee's funds to the Midwest chapter of HSIS. This can be sent as a check. Health Sciences Librarians have more work, but not more workers - there has been less participation at the local level. Two consecutive NDLA Executive Board meetings are needed to dissolve sections. Discussion of the necessity of two board meetings for this purpose. It might be beneficial to reevaluate this. HSIS members are welcome to be a part of the Academic and Special Library (ASL) section. Randi Monley moved to dissolve the HSIS section of NDLA. Tammy Kruger seconded. Discussion - the mailing list will be deleted - the archivist may want to archive it first. The HSIS conference meeting has been cancelled. 9 in favor, none oppose or abstaining.
- d. COSLA Legislative Fly-In - The COSLA Legislative Fly-In is March 6 & 7, 2024. We can send three people in addition to State Librarian Mary Soucie. The purpose is to thank legislators and draw attention to library issues. Local representation is as important as state level representation. NDLA is encouraged to send representatives from school/special/academic libraries as well as public libraries. NDLA section chairs would be good candidates to attend, as well as the Legislative Committee Chair or the NDLA Board President. Aaron moved to include funds to send two people to the COSLA Legislative Fly-In in the Legislative Committee budget. Randi seconded. 9 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.

- e. Auction Funds for the Linda Allbee Memorial Fund - Randi moved that the funds raised during the auction go to the Linda Allbee Memorial Fund. Tammy seconded. 9 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.

Dates of Upcoming Executive Board Meetings:

November 6, 2023

December 4, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 10:02am