



North Dakota Library Association  
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**NDLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 6, 2023  
Zoom meeting**

**NDLA Board Members:**

Tammy Kruger, President Elect  
Will Martin, Past President and NDLA Conference Committee Co-Chair  
Tonya Palmer, Secretary  
Aaron Stefanich, Treasurer  
Mariah Ralston, ALA Chapter Councilor and LGBTQ2S+ Committee Co-Chair  
James Murphy, A&SL Section Chair and Finance Committee Chair  
Morgan Keyser, Public Library Section Chair  
Kristen Borysewicz, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-chair, proxy for Randi Monley, MPLA chair  
Liz Mason, Membership Committee Co-chair  
Amanda Walch, Membership Committee Co-chair  
Mary Soucie, North Dakota State Librarian, proxy for Kerriane Boetcher, NDLA Board President

**Committee Chairs:**

Kristen Henagin, Conference Committee Co-chair  
Maddie Cummings, Good Stuff Editorial Committee Chair  
Jackson Harper, Intellectual Freedom Chair  
Brian Garrison, Tech Services/GODORT chair

**Also Present:**

Andrea Placher, incoming President Elect  
Beth Kennedy, incoming Treasurer  
Tina Stockdill, A&SL Chair Elect  
Susie Sharp, Public Library Section Chair Elect  
Kimberly Mosley, SLAYS Chair Elect

**Absent:**

Kerriane Boetcher, President  
Randi Monley, MPLA Representative  
Devon Olson, HSIS Chair and Professional Development Committee Co-chair  
Jen Hess, SLAYS Chair  
Virginia Bjorness, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-chair  
BreAnne Meier, Nominations, Elections, and Voting Committee Chair

Tammy called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Aaron is transitioning with the new Treasurer. Funds from the NDLA Conference silent auction, \$2100, were added to the Linda Allbee Memorial Fund. The Conference had \$31825 in revenue and \$36535 in expenses. There was a discussion of venue costs. An invoice for the costs associated with the keynote speakers will go to the State Library.

#### Old Business:

a. 2023 Conference Update - Thank you notes will be sent to the keynote speakers, hotel staff, and the deputy mayor of Fargo. There was a good response from attendees to the conference survey.

b. 2024 Conference Update -

i. Whova vs Sched - Whova has advantages that may make it better to use for the tri-conference in 2025. Some complaints about Sched include - it isn't intuitive or user friendly. The Board would like to get a quote for a lower tier for Whova, if possible. The discussion was tabled.

c. 2025 Conference Update - No update.

d. HSIS Discussion - Once HSIS is dissolved, the section funds will go to the Medical Library Association. Aaron Stefanich moved to dissolve the HSIS section and send their funds to the Midwest chapter of the Medical Library Association. Will Martin seconded. 10 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.

#### New Business:

a. 2024 NDLC Representative from NDLA - As a state employee, Tammy Kruger cannot serve as the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) representative when her term as NDLA President begins. Will Martin volunteered to be NDLA's representative on the NDLCC in her place. Aaron Stefanich moved to appoint Will Martin as the NDLA representative to the NDLCC. Morgan Keyser seconded the motion. 8 in favor, none opposed, 2 abstaining.

b. 2024 Executive Board Budget - Current section and committee chairs should determine their 2024 budgetary needs and submit them to James Murphy as soon as possible. The Board will vote on the 2024 budget at the December meeting. Current chairs should send a copy to incoming chairs. The budget must be in place by January 1, 2024.

c. Future of NDLA Advocacy - Mariah Ralston asked about creating an NDLA Advocacy Committee to focus on advocacy and outreach. The possibility of combining the Intellectual Freedom and Legislative Committees to form an

Advocacy Committee was discussed, as well as the concern that there are not enough people to be on the committee. Mariah proposed that the Legislative Chair would serve as ex officio on the Advocacy Committee, and the Chairs of the Advocacy Committee and the Intellectual Freedom Committee would serve as ex officio on the Legislative Committee. Due to the recent legislative session and the number of bills that were introduced that could potentially affect libraries, there is a general desire for advocacy for NDLA. The possibility of getting a lobbyist was suggested, as well as partnering with ND United.

- d. LGBTQ2S+ wristbands - There are 300-400 wristbands left and the LGBTQ2S+ Committee would like to offer them to school libraries. They could send a holiday card to the school libraries to offer them to those who are interested. An e-card sent via the listserv could help save postage. The wristbands could be sent to local libraries to distribute to schools in the area.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 pm.