



North Dakota Library Association

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**NDLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 6, 2023  
Zoom meeting**

**NDLA Board Members:**

Kerriane Boetcher, President

Tammy Kruger, President-Elect

Will Martin, Past-President

Tonya Palmer, Secretary

Aaron Stefanich, Treasurer

Randi Monley, MPLA Representative

Sara Westall, ALA Councilor

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

Mary Soucie, State Librarian (non-voting)

Virginia Bjorness, Bylaws and Policies Committee, Co-Chair (non-voting)

Kristen Borysewicz, Bylaws and Policies Committee, Co-Chair (non-voting)

Tressa Graves, Legislative Committee Chair (non-voting)

Liz Mason, Membership Committee Chair (non-voting)

Amanda Walch, New Members Committee Chair (non-voting)

Emily Wros, Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair (non-voting)

Kirsten Henagin, Conference Committee Co-Chair (non-voting)

Brittany Fischer, Good Stuff Committee Chair (non-voting)

Kimberly Mosley, SLAYS Chair-Elect (non-voting)

Tina Stockdill, Academic & Special Libraries Chair-Elect (non-voting)

**Also Present:**

Danielle Masursky, Legislative Committee member

Traci Lund

Kandi Shape

Member from Hazen Public Library

Kerriane Boetcher called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

The December 2022 and January 2023 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report - Wild Apricot fees are increasing. There is a 10% savings with an annual payment. Amazon Smile has been discontinued. The Freedom to Read login is needed in order to renew it.

### **Old Business**

- a. Legislative Committee Report - The Legislative Committee is following several bills, including the bill for the NDSL budget. There is a template on EveryLibrary to email legislators - the okay is needed before sending a link to NDLA membership. Contact information for the EverLibrary rep will be provided in case of suggestions or changes to the template. Kudos from Mary Soucie to the library community for the response to the current legislation, and to Christine Kujawa in particular for her testimony. She would like to put out a call to maintain the momentum and keep libraries visible in the legislature and the community.
- b. Recent Bylaws Changes - Changes include removing the remaining references to the chair-elect position and changing position terms to calendar year.
- c. 2023 Conference Update - George Takei will not be the keynote speaker. Other possibilities for keynote speakers were discussed.
- d. 2024 Conference Update - Kerriane will finalize the contract with Radisson.

### **New Business**

- a. New Members Committee Request - The New Members Committee would like to hold drop-in lunch Zoom meeting once a month on a Friday for members to learn about NDLA committees and sections, and to allow them to connect with each other. The Presidential trifecta offered to co-host a session before the next elections. The Conference Committee was invited to co-host in September. Sara Westall offered to co-host to familiarize people with what the ALA Chapter Councillor does and increase engagement.
- b. Memorial Fund for Linda Allbee - Aaron Stefanich moved to create the Linda Allbee Memorial Fund for Professional Development. Will Martin seconded the motion. 10 voted in favor, none opposed or abstaining. James Murphy asked if a fund would be created, or if an existing fund would be renamed. It was decided that a new fund would be created - Aaron said a line item would be added to the budget for professional development with a preference toward cataloging. The Professional Development Committee will see where it fits. Money donated for the fund should be sent to James Murphy.
- c. NDLA Rep to go with Mary for a Legislative Fly-In - The Legislative Fly-In will take place March 8 & 9. NDLA will need to cover travel and food expenses if we send someone. Aaron moved to add \$2500 to the Legislative Committee budget to cover travel expenses. Randi Monley seconded. 10 votes in favor, none opposed or abstaining. There was discussion about who would be sent - the Board President or the Legislative Committee Chair. The President should go during the Legislative session, otherwise the

Legislative Committee Chair should go. There was discussion about how many people to send - should NDLA fund one person and look for grants to send a second person.

Aaron moved to add another \$2500 to the Legislative Committee budget to send a second person. Randi seconded. 9 votes in favor, Kerrienne abstained. None opposed.

d. 2025 NDLA Tri-Conference - the deposit for the 2025 Tri-conference has been sent.

Traci Lund offered to help with questions.

e. Other business - Emily Wros is moving to North Carolina and the Intellectual Freedom Chair position will be vacant.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:22 pm