



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

NDLA Board Members:

Kerriane Boetcher, President
Tammy Kruger, President Elect
Will Martin, Past President
Tonya Palmer, Secretary
Aaron Stefanich, Treasurer
Sara Westall, ALA Chapter Councilor
Randi Monley, MPLA Representative
Devon Olson, HSIS Chair and Professional Development Committee Co-chair
Morgan Keyser, Public Library Chair
Jen Hess, SLAYS Chair
Mary Soucie, State Librarian, proxy for Randi Monley, MPLA Representative
Virginia Bjorness, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-chair
Kristen Borysewicz, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-chair
Liz Mason, Membership Committee Chair

Also Present:

Zeineb Yousif, EDI Committee Chair
Brittany Fischer, Good Stuff Committee Chair
Tressa Graves, Legislative Committee Chair
Amanda Walch, New Members Committee Chair
Emily Wros, Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair
Kimberly Mosley, SLAYS Chair Elect
Tina Stockdill, A&SL Chair Elect
Mariah Ralston Deragon, Legislative Committee member
Danielle Masursky
Andrea Placher

Absent:

James Murphy, A&SL Section Chair and Finance Committee Chair

Kerriane called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved with amendments after discussion of how attendance should be listed according to voting and non-voting members vs. non-board attendees.

Treasurer's Report: Form 990-N was filed. A \$250 donation from Clarivate will go to the Linda Allbee Memorial Fund. Donations should be sent via check. The possibility of donating using PayPal is a question for the Finance Committee.

Old Business:

a. Legislative Committee Report

i. Legislative Townhall - Board members are encouraged to attend.

ii. Law Firm - Information about the law firm who is willing to represent North Dakota librarians and library staff was forwarded to the Board. Library directors need approval from their boards before signing an engagement letter with the law firm. If NDLA Executive Board members want to sign an engagement letter in their capacity as NDLA Board members, they will need to discuss it with their employer and legal counsel. People outside the library community are needed to provide oral testimony to the state legislature.

There was discussion of the suggestion to enable the option to restrict what children can check out to items in specific collections - this is available only in ODIN libraries using Polaris.

iii. Amendments - Proposed amendments to the legislative bills were discussed. NDLA would need to find legislators who would support the amendments. NDLA could present the amendments in absence of legislative support. The Board approved the proposed amendments.

b. 2023 Conference Update - The budget will be submitted at the next meeting. The schedule is being formulated and a call for proposals will go out in April. Deborah Caldwell Stone will be the keynote speaker.

c. 2024 Conference Update - Kerrienne contacted the Radisson for the contract.

New Business:

a. MPLA Institute - a line item will be added to the budget to send 2 people from to the MPLA Institute. Will motioned for NDLA to support sending up to 3 NDLA members to the Institute. Randi seconded. 10 were in favor, with none opposed or abstaining.

b. EDI Development Grant Proposal - The EDI Committee would like to provide a grant to support EDI development in the state. They are asking for \$600 that would be

disbursed immediately instead of reimbursing the winner, which is typically how grant funds are handled. The discussion was tabled to do more research.

c. Reminder of policies and responsibilities - A reminder to all section chairs of the requirements in the bylaws to provide outreach, as well as presenting at the annual NDLA conference. Everyone should look over the policies that pertain to them and make sure they accurately reflect reality.

d. Website Committee - The accessibility of the NDLA website was discussed. It will need to be redone and there will be visible changes. The membership will be informed. Any section chairs who need access to Google Drive should contact Will Martin.

e. NDLA Zoom cloud recordings - The cloud storage for the NDLA Zoom account is full. Everything prior to the 2022 annual conference was deleted - how long should recordings be saved? Should the meetings take place on another platform, such as Google Meet? It was decided only the most current recording would be saved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.