



North Dakota Library Association
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**NDLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 10, 2023
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
Mariah Ralston, ALA Chapter Councilor
James Murphy, A&SL Section Chair and Finance Committee Chair
Morgan Keyser, Public Library Chair
Virginia Bjorness, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-chair
Liz Mason, Membership Committee Chair
Mary Soucie, North Dakota State Librarian

Committee Chairs:

Brittany Fischer, Good Stuff Editorial Committee Chair
Jackson Harper, Intellectual Freedom Chair
Tressa Graves, Legislative Committee Chair
Amanda Walch, New Members Committee Chair
Brian Garrison, Technical Services & Government Documents Committee Chair

Also Present:

Tina Stockdill, A&SL Chair Elect
Joe Rector, JRVLS Director
Julie Herbel
Traci Lund
Unknown member from Washburn Library

Absent:

Aaron Stefanich, Treasurer
Randi Monley, MPLA Representative
Devon Olson, HSIS Chair and Professional Development Committee Co-chair
Jen Hess, SLAYS Chair
Kristen Borycewicz, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-chair
BreAnne Meier, Nominations, Elections, and Voting Committee Chair

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

The minutes of the June meeting were approved with suggested clarifications.

Treasurer's Report: The quarterly report was emailed to the Board.

Old Business:

a. 2023 Conference Update - The New Members Committee is planning social activities. There is no formal social planned. Eleven (11) program proposals have been submitted. There are 20 slots to fill, with 4 for the section committee presentations. The submission period is open until August 31. An idea for a preconference workshop on writing library policies was suggested. The State Library will provide this. Mariah Ralston asked for clarification - If someone is presenting at the conference but is not a member, do they pay full price? There is a precedent of not charging if the person is only presenting. Kerrienne will check with Aaron.

b. 2024 Conference Update - No update.

New Business:

- a. Freedom to Read Statement - It is the anniversary of the Freedom to Read Statement. Will Martin moved that NDLA signs the Freedom to Read Statement. Tammy Kruger seconded. 7 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.
- b. HB 1205 - What can we do? Resource Adding? Survey to Members? - NDLA cannot give legal advice. Resources could be added to the NDLA website. Amanda Walch - What questions do libraries have re: 1205? Kerrienne suggested a survey to membership to determine what they would like to see from NDLA on this topic. James pointed out that every library will have a different idea of how to comply with the law. Mariah asked about the possibility of a sample policy. Mary Soucie said the State Library would upload a sample policy to Libguide.
- c. Merging of New Members and Membership - There is a proposal for the Membership Committee to absorb the New Members Committee. The New Members Committee must still discuss this proposal. The Membership Committee is required for the functioning of the Board, but the New Members Committee is not. Co-chairs are not required to be appointed in the bylaws. The Bylaws and Policies Committee can work on changes by the next meeting.

The August meeting date was adjusted to August 14 due to a scheduling conflict.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 pm.