



Executive Board Meeting: Minutes
2/7/2022
Zoom Platform

Present:

NDLA Board Members:

Will Martin, President
Rita Ennen, Past-President
Abby Ebach, Secretary
Aaron Stefanich, Treasurer
Randi Monley, MPLA Representative
Sara Westall, ALA Councilor
Brittany Fischer, Academic and Special Libraries Section Chair
Erika Johnson, Health Science Information Section Chair
Kristen Borysewicz, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-Chair
Virginia Bjorness, Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-Chair
BreAnne Meier, Nominations, Voting, and Elections Committee Chair
James Murphy, Finance Committee Chair
Mary Soucie, State Librarian

Also Present:

Josh Pikka
Alfred Wallace
Karlene Clark
Devon Olson
Shannon Yarbrough

Absent:

NDLA Board Members:

Andrea Placher, Public Library Section Chair
Shari Mosser, School Library and Youth Services Section Chair
Nicole Eckroth, Membership Committee Chair

President Will Martin called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

Randi Monley moved to approve the minutes from the 12/6/2021 board meeting and the 2021 4th Quarter e-minutes after typos are corrected. Sara Westall seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Transferring Memberships: A situation was brought to the Membership Committee where a library board paid for the director's NDLA membership, and they requested to transfer the membership to the new director. After discussion, President Martin requested the Bylaws and Policies Committee to draft verbiage to add to the NDLA Policy Manual that an incumbent director can assume a personal membership when it is paid for by the library board. The Committee will bring the proposed update to the board for the March meeting.

Status of the Membership Committee: Due to the Membership Chair's medical status, the committee has divided up duties to sustain their mission in the interim. The work that the members are doing right now is not sustainable, and Finance Chair James Murphy listed some practical concerns regarding training and checks and balances within this temporary system. President Martin will put out a call to the membership for an interim chair.

It has been the practice of NDLA to have the membership chair receive membership checks at their workplace. The board discussed revising this process for efficiency. State Librarian Mary Soucie suggested using the State Library as the official mailing address since it is already listed as the physical address of the association on the tax-exempt paperwork. The process of NDSL staff involvement and documentation was discussed. State Librarian Soucie will discuss the process and NDSL staff involvement with her Fiscal Director and report back. Randi Monley moved that the State Library will serve as the official address for membership registration and conference fees. Erika Johnson seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

President Martin stated that the board will revisit this matter in several months to make sure everything is running smoothly. He will put out a call for an Interim Membership Committee Chair. Additionally, a Conference Committee hasn't been assembled yet, but one of the members will need to be committed to conference registration and be responsible for collecting conference fees for attendees.

Once members are found, the Membership Committee along with Laurie McHenry will meet for a training and onboarding session.

NDLA Lunch and Learns: This was discussed at the October conference, and ALA Councilor Sara Westall wanted the board to discuss what this would look like moving forward. The two new chairs of the Professional Development Committee are willing to take it on as a part of their committee, but they feel that they need to create a foundation for the committee first before facilitating the webinars. Since *The Good Stuff* Editorial Committee did a survey regarding the conference presentations, it was suggested to have high-interest presentations presented at the lunch and learns.

The board discussed the mission of the Professional Development committee being expanded from scholarship funds to include asynchronous and synchronous learning opportunities. Treasurer Aaron Stefanich indicated that funds are available for the committee to use in the NDLA accounts. These funds are for all activities including grants, scholarships, and learning opportunities.

Statement on Intellectual Freedom: ALA Councilor Westall and Past-President Rita Ennen had emailed the board before the meeting regarding other chapters' Intellectual Freedom Statements and the status of North Dakota's. Past President Ennen charged the Intellectual Freedom Committee with updating the website page with relevant links and updating the handbook. There was a volunteer at NDLA to take over the Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair role since Past-President Ennen needed to step down. North Dakota has not had any recent challenges that the board or committee is aware of.

New Chair-Elect for the Public Library Section: There has not been a volunteer for the Chair-Elect position of the Public Library Section. President Martin will send a call out to the membership along with the call for the Interim Membership Committee position.

President Martin adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Abby Ebach
NDLA Secretary