



Executive Board Meeting: Minutes
3/7/2022
Zoom Platform

Present:

NDLA Board Members:

Will Martin, President
Kerriane Boetcher, President-Elect
Rita Ennen, Past-President
Abby Ebach, Secretary
Aaron Stefanich, Treasurer
Randi Monley, MPLA Representative
Brittany Fischer, Academic and Special Libraries Section Chair
Andrea Placher, Public Library 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

Also Present:

Shannon Yarbrough
Josh Pikka
Traci Lund

Absent:

NDLA Board Members:

Sara Westall, ALA Councilor
Erika Johnson, Health Science Information Section Chair
Shari Mosser, School Library and Youth Services Section Chair
Nicole Eckroth, Membership Committee Chair
James Murphy, Finance Committee Chair
Mary Soucie, State Librarian

President Will Martin called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

Randi Monley moved to approve the minutes from the 2/7/2022 board meeting as presented. Andrea Placher seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Update on the Website Migration: The major aspects of the website have all been migrated over to Wild Apricot. They will be working on correcting dead links and are contacting the committee and section chairs to populate their individual pages with information. Dealing with the back-end membership aspects have been difficult without an active Chair.

Bylaws and Policy Committee is looking at updating the Communications Policy which will help direct when the NDLA listserv should be used and when to use the email blast feature of Wild Apricot.

Interim Membership Chair: President Martin sent out a request to the membership to fill this chair and did not have any volunteers. He requested suggestions for people to contact. He will reach out to them individually to ask if they will participate as the Interim Membership Chair.

Update on Policy Manual Regarding Transferring Membership: The Bylaws and Policies Committee has found some potential issues with the changes discussed at the February 7th meeting regarding transferring individual memberships. They want to wait and discuss what the process would look like with the Membership Committee before they move forward with drafting the requested changes.

Call for Policy Manual Review: Bylaws and Policies Committee Co-Chair Virginia Bjorness sent out an email requesting that board members review the Policy Manual and make suggestions to the committee about potential updates. This also served as a reminder that there are areas of the manual that are inaccurate and need to be further developed and for people that are active in those areas to help flesh out the document.

Other Business:

President Martin received 7 responses for a venue location for the 2023 conference. They will be reviewed and confirmed within the next several weeks. The proposed date is October 4–6, 2023 these are the same dates as the Minnesota State Library Conference, so we will likely have less vendors than usual.

MPLA Representative Randi Monley requested an early start to reserving the Alerus Center in Grand Forks for the 2025 tri-conference with MPLA, SDLA, and NDLA. This would typically be the role of the incoming President Elect (that would take office in October 2022). Monley and the SDLA MPLA Representative have been approved for the tri-conference in the first half of October 2025.

The new Intellectual Freedom Chair has started working on updating the NDLA Intellectual Freedom handbook.

The board discussed the ongoing need to find more people to step up and take leadership roles within the organization. Hiring an executive secretary or a company to do many of the time-consuming tasks was proposed.

President Martin adjourned the meeting at 1:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Abby Ebach
NDLA Secretary