

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 14, 2018

The Lincklaen House
Cazenovia, NY



Present

Donald Cook, President	Jim Cunningham	Theresa Mayhew
Bill Harman, Vice President	Jan Douglass	John Murad
Walter Dutcher, Treasurer	Tarki Heath	Rebecca Schneider
Janet Andersen, Secretary	Rich Henderson	John Slater
Matthew Albright	John Jablonski	Robert Thill
Gene Bolster	Dean Long	Laurel Wolfe

Absent

Dan Cunningham	Kristen Wilde
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Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller, Manager	Stephanie June, DEC	Scott Kishbaugh, DEC
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- 1. Call to Order.** President Don Cook called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.
- 2. Minutes of the May 2018 Meeting.** Robert Thill moved and Rich Henderson seconded to approve the board meeting minutes of May 3 and May 5, 2018, and the motion carried.
- 3. Treasury Report.** Walt reported that it had been a busy year, and that the finances were looking good, but that the investment account was not yet sufficient to fund the gift, and CSLAP was growing. Bob Thill moved, and Rich Henderson seconded to accept the Treasurer's report, and the motion carried. The board expressed their appreciation to Walt for his dedication and workload. Rich Henderson presented the investment report, recognizing higher volatility and our returns.
- 4. Office Report.** Nancy thanked Kristen for her help on WaterWorks. She reported on the results of the Adirondack lakes meeting and some of their discussions. She also reported on her attendance at the Columbia – Greene regional meeting. Nancy and Rich reported on the IRLC conference. Nancy has made plans to attend NALMS in Cincinnati, and asked the board to increase the budget to cover a workshop. Rebecca Schneider moved, and Terri Mayhew seconded that the budget for NALMS be increased to \$2040, and the motion carried. Nancy reported that the 2019 FOLA conference would be at Fort William Henry, with slight modifications and more attention to which presentations would be in which rooms. Members volunteered for the 2019 conference committee. Rich Henderson presented the results of the conference survey. Conversations on alternate survey approaches did not result in a decision and Rich indicated a willingness to continue to compile the results.
- 5. CSLAP Report.** Scott Kishbaugh announced that he would be retiring from the DEC in April 2019, and the board expressed appreciation of his longtime contributions. Stephanie June announced that the 2017 reports are done, out to the lakes, and on the FOLA site. The extensive Finger Lakes (FL) regional report is almost done. The 2018 season had 176 sites, and all 11 FL participated. Dissolved nutrient sampling was added to all lakes. An amendment to increase contract funding to \$600K annually is in process. Jan Andersen moved and Terri Mayhew seconded that FOLA authorizes Don Cook and / or Walter Dutcher to sign the amendment for the higher contract amount. After discussion, the motion passed. Walt asked for help on the annual state reporting requirements for minority businesses, and Dean Long offered to help. Stephanie also reported that the two SUNY ESF interns were very helpful, they visited 32 lakes and did

additional sampling. The QA audit was done at Sleepy Hollow Lake. FLs are doing enhanced sampling with SRP and integrated bloom sampling. Few detects in SRP. Weekly HAB surveys are on several lakes. **HABs.** Since ESF is not ELAP certified, HAB microcystin toxin detection is now at UFI, increasing their HAB samples from 200 to 2000. Both UFI and ESF are doing fluorophore analysis. ESF may focus on other toxins in the future. Results show an association but not a correlation between Chl a and toxin levels. Last week 81 blooms reported, and this week more (90). Significant state attention to bloom notifications. HAB initiative: HAB summits, action plans for 12 lakes, enhanced monitoring, and mitigation. Mitigation activities include hydrogen peroxide, ultrasonic treatment, (both are underway) and nutrient inactivation which is targeted for fall or next spring. Timing depends upon questions like wetlands and ownership of lake bottom, and also need for 30 day public comment period. DEC will set parameters for any permits. **Recess** at noon for lunch: meeting **reconvened** at 12:45. Stephanie June left the meeting.

6. **CSLAP (continued).** Scott reported deep evaluation and analysis of the CSLAP dataset and 6 years of HABs data, looking at nutrients and more, items like fetch length and orientation. HABs toxin levels might be influenced by nitrogen levels. DEC is planning to develop a research agenda.
7. **Workload.** Dean Long reviewed the ECL law that institutionalized CSLAP and indicated that FOLA's role is to deal with the lake volunteers, which cannot be done at UFI. Looking at the annual cycle of CSLAP work, it is lumpy for both FOLA and for UFI. The program has grown and workload has grown, with overlap early in the year between signing up lakes and conference preparation. He indicated that the interns were paid out of the Ocean and Great Lakes program. Dean said that it would be good to put additional help on before the rush at the start of the year but said it appeared a full time position is unaffordable. The board discussed the various roles that Nancy and FOLA perform, as well as the role of the Executive Committee. Jim Cunningham moved, and John Murad seconded that Nancy should be authorized to review a job description, pay range, budget with the executive committee for approval, and then to interview and select from applicants, and the motion carried.
8. **Lake Gift.** Rich Henderson said that he had reviewed the proposed lakes using the established matrix and the winning lake was Lake Pleasant in Fulton County. Bill Harman confirmed that lake management plans remained a component of student training. Bob Thill moved, and Terri Mayhew seconded that the gift be given to Lake Pleasant, and the motion carried. Bill Harman abstained.
9. **New FOLA website.** Don Fisher from AXIDigital joined the meeting. He reviewed his organization, and then discussed the timeline for the new website: infrastructure/theme/hosting/users in Sept, content migration Sept and Oct, acceptance testing Oct and Nov.; go live Nov. Board members asked about additional features and we agreed to migrate the existing site first, then consider additional features.
10. **Science Advisory Board (SAB).** Don Cook reviewed the history. Dean Long reviewed two steps. Rebecca Schneider has agreed, with the assistance of Don and Dean, to describe the role of the SAB and get approval to proceed. The second step will be to find a Chair and SAB members. Board members suggested various tasks to Rebecca for her consideration as part of the SAB.
11. **FL Regional Alliance and Western Regional Conference.** Don Cook reviewed upcoming meetings.
12. **Invasive Species signs.** The board decided not to buy an inventory of signs.
13. **Service on the board.** Don Cook reported that Matt Dombrowski had resigned.
14. **Regional conference.** Jan Andersen moved, Terri Mayhew seconded, that a regional conference for Central NY be approved, with funding of \$250, and the motion carried.
15. **Budget.** The board reviewed the update to the budget, which reflected substantial conference income.
16. **Next meeting.** The board decided to hold their next meeting on March 22, 2019 at this same venue.
17. **Adjournment.** Dean Long moved to adjourn at 3:01 pm, Walt Dutcher seconded, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA