

# New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors  
September 13, 2019



**The Lincklaen House  
Cazenovia, NY**

## Present

Donald Cook, President  
Bill Harman, Vice President  
Walter Dutcher, Treasurer  
Janet Andersen, Secretary  
Tarki Heath, President-Elect

Matthew Albright  
Jim Cunningham  
Jan Douglass  
Rich Henderson  
Dean Long

Theresa Mayhew  
John Murad  
Rebecca Schneider  
Robert Thill  
Laurel Wolfe

## Absent

Gene Bolster

Kristen Wilde

## Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller, Manager

Owen Zaengle, Assistant Manager

Stephanie June, DEC

- 1. Call to Order.** President Don Cook called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.
- 2. Minutes of the May 2019 Meeting.** Terri Mayhew moved and Bob Thill seconded to approve the previously distributed board meeting minutes and the motion carried.
- 3. Treasury Report.** Walt reviewed his previously distributed report and said that our cash had increased from the same time last year, driven by the CSLAP program. While a sizable (\$95K) UFI bill remains outstanding, an offsetting DEC voucher is moving towards state approval. He also indicated strong earnings from the conference. Laurel Wolfe moved and Tarki Heath seconded to accept the Treasurer's report, and the motion carried.
- 4. Office Report.** Nancy reported that this had been a summer with a lot of travel, and mentioned her attendance at many of the regional meetings. Owen prepared the Waterworks issue. Nancy reported many questions were coming for Dr. Lake. No new hydrilla finds, but some plant samples were arriving. She felt the membership was engaged. Next big item is to start the next Waterworks.
- 5. NYS Pesticides Review.** Dean Long reported that the DEC is reviewing the pesticide rules and wanted to hear stakeholder concerns. Their general direction is to remove restrictions on use and defer to the label restrictions. Currently some policy items will be incorporated into the rules, and some will not. One example is policy that says a lake needs a lake management plan: this would become the responsibility of permitting, not of the pesticide group. They target to have the new regulations released about the end of the year with implementation after our conference. On the phone call, we discussed dilution modeling. Alum will be considered a chemical, not a pesticide, and will have some permitting limitations. Nancy said DEC should present the pesticides rules at the conference, and that the group did not have enzymes and bacteria on their radar. We agreed to put some very specific questions in the Waterworks and ask for lake association feedback. Some questions might be on spot treatment, or viability of electronic notice. Jim Cunningham said few studies had been done on the effects of long term pesticide use on human health or ecological habitats.
- 6. Scientific Advisory Board (SAB).** Rebecca Schneider lead the discussion. She will use the NYSFOLA purpose as defined in the bylaws to describe our mission. After the last meeting, Walter had asked for a quote for insurance for the SAB and it was in the range of \$10K. We discussed recommendations vs considerations. We discussed the value of an opinion piece provided by a body of experts. We suggested

the SAB focus on science and perhaps inform the board on policy issues. The board felt that the SAB could help identify emerging issues, perhaps do a literature search on some topics. We felt value to the SAB members might be a forum for discussion, publication of their participation, and an online journal. We would ask for a panel at the conference. Don Cook's experience with Finger Lakes academics is that they would welcome a chance to network. Dean reviewed the history of the prior SAB at a time when most board members were lake association representatives. We agreed that Rebecca would draft a description and provide to the board, Jim Cunningham will ask his insurance contacts for inputs, and Rebecca will formulate pros and cons and start to identify candidates. The board thanked Rebecca for her work.

**7. Regional Meetings.**

- a. **IRLC.** Walter reported 35 attendees, CSLAP interest, WHIRL education on invasives, \$40 fee.
- b. **ALA** – Nancy reported 90 attendees, a lot of CSLAP from presenters, cost \$25 - \$30 per person.
- c. **Lower Hudson (LH)** – Jan A reported 90 attendees, \$5 plus donations, requests for annual meetings
- d. **Upper Hudson (UH)** – Terri reported 35 attendees, Kinderhook Lake, emphasis on networking, free
- e. **Central NY (CNY)** – Tarki reported about 110 people, \$25 plus exhibitors and sponsors, first year!
- f. **Finger Lakes Regional Alliance** – Don said topics on value of clean water, government involvement.
- g. **Western Region (WNY)** – Planned for October 19 at Moonwinks

Robert Thill moved, and Rebecca Schneider seconded, that FOLA should authorize the following regional conferences in 2020 and support each for \$250: IRLC, LH, UH, CNY, WNY, and the motion carried.

**Recess** at 12:15 for lunch: **reconvened** at 1 pm.

- 8. CSLAP Report.** Stephanie June reported on CSLAP events since our last meeting. In May 2019, the contract amendment was executed, and payments are processing under it. Funding is primarily from state monies. 172 reports for 2018 were sent out before the 2019 conference. Changes for 2019 were communicated in conference training and a May webinar. Three interns in 2019: one at UFI, 2 traveled to audit 25 lakes. Good feedback on process changes. CSLAP 2019 is 158 lakes and 178 sites, with a Sept 30 sampling deadline. CEC samples from 70 lakes. Stephanie reviewed the changed HABs notification. Public reporting has increased. In 2020 we plan to use the NYHABs trained user form so data does not have to be entered twice. A total of 347 blooms were reported on 91 waterbodies, 76 blooms with high toxins on 24 waterbodies. The UFI dataset is expected at the start of 2020, and will be used to evaluate sampling for 2020. Plan for interns in 2020. Change in FL funding and number of sites anticipated. Lewis will send out a survey on the satellite project. Stephanie also reported on HABs mitigation alum treatment: Peach seems to have improved, Mohegan was not as improved, and may still have too much external loading.
- 9. Bylaws.** Bob Thill moved, and John Murad seconded, that the minimum number of board members be raised to 12, and that a quorum be set at a majority but no less than 5, and this change to the bylaws was approved by a vote of 2/3 of the board. Nancy raised the question of proxies for directors and the board said that discussion at a meeting was important for informed voting, and did not want proxies.
- 10. Finance.** Rich Henderson reviewed the positive performance of the investment account and its benefits.
- 11. Gift to Oneonta:** Nancy recommended, Jan Andersen moved, and Robert Thill seconded that Anawanda get the gift for the one year issue based plan, and the motion carried. The matrix will be refined.
- 12. Conference 2020.** Planning is starting. Terri agreed to be the on site volunteer coordinator. We agreed to ask Fort William Henry to provide a person we would pay to help staff the conference table.
- 13. NALMS 2019.** NYSFOLA should have a strong attendance at the conference.
- 14. Next meeting.** The next meeting will be March 27 at this same location, at 10:30 am.
- 15. Adjournment.** Tarki Heath moved to adjourn at 2:30 pm, Laurel Wolfe seconded, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janet Andersen*

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA