

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 30, 2020

**Videoconference Meeting
Via Zoom**



Present

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

Gene Bolster
Jim Cunningham
Jan Douglass
Rich Henderson
Dean Long
Theresa Mayhew

John Murad
Rebecca Schneider
Robert Thill
Kristen Wilde
Laurel Wolfe

Absent

Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller, Manager

Owen Zaengle, Assistant Manager

- 1. Call to Order.** President Don Cook called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.
- 2. Minutes of the September 2019 Meeting.** Bob Thill moved and Terri Mayhew seconded to approve the board meeting minutes and the motion carried. Don Cook moved, and Jan Andersen seconded that the minutes of the March 2020 executive meeting minutes be approved, and the motion carried by votes of the executive committee members. Jan reminded members of the need for annual certification of the conflict of interest policy which she had previously distributed.
- 3. Office Report.** Nancy Mueller reported that she has updated sections of the website and invited feedback. She described the status of boat launch openings, and reported members had questions on insurance and Covid-19. NALMS is addressing Covid-10 and lakes. Owen Zaengle said he was working on a lake atlas and had about 30 lakes. The board discussed the proposed survey of CSLAP volunteers. Jim Cunningham said that he had formed a watershed committee and would write up a report. Nancy said she would send out four lake steward awards and forego newsletter awards.
- 4. Scientific Advisory Committee.** Rebecca Schneider said that her schedule restricted her availability and asked for a new leader on this project. Tarki Heath and Don Cook offered to work on this with Rebecca's help. The insurance concerns were been addressed by changing from board to committee and honing the stated purpose and activities.
- 5. Bylaws.** Bob Thill and John Murad said the President can fill vacancies on the board.
- 6. Renew Board member terms.** President Don Cook reappointed board members Jan Andersen, Don Cook, Jim Cunningham, Walter Dutcher, Rich Henderson, and John Murad to new three year terms, to be confirmed by member votes at the next member meeting.
- 7. Election of officers.** Robert Thill moved and Tarki Heath seconded to waive the 2 term limits for Bill Harman, Walter Dutcher, and Jan Andersen, and the motion carried. Robert Thill moved, and Rebecca Schneider seconded that the officer slate of Tarki Heath as President, Bill Harman as VP, Walter Dutcher as Treasurer, and Jan Andersen as secretary be elected, and the motion passed. Don Cook reminded the group that a new president elect is needed.
- 8. Treasury Report.** Walt reviewed his previously distributed report. The markets are volatile, changing the investment account since the March report. A full audit will need to be done for the

2019 IRS filing. Terri Mayhew moved and Laurel White seconded to accept the Treasurer's report, and the motion carried.

- 9. Finance Committee Report.** Rich Henderson reported on the investment account's status in the volatile markets and said that much of the early losses had been recovered.
- 10. Budget.** Jan Andersen said she had not updated the budget since March. FOLA will not have any conference income, and so the budget relies mostly on whatever happens with CSLAP. While the full extent and timing of CSLAP is still being worked out, the CSLAP budget has been sequestered so should be available. Bill Harman indicated that at the current time he expected students to be able to do work on lakes so the gift should remain part of the budget. The board agreed it would probably be awarded in September as usual. The board discussed the potential to hold webinars. Syracuse University got a watershed management grant to do webinars, and so FOLA could use the platform without cost. Nancy discussed having the planned conference speaker on insurance give a webinar, and perhaps a lake management 101 session. Don Cook confirmed that the Western Region conference was on hold, but the decision would follow. He showed the gift from attendees at the last Western meeting. The other regional meetings are probably not going to go forward.
- 11. CSLAP.** Nancy reported that Stephanie June was unable to be at the board meeting and gave the CSLAP report. CSLAP 2020 is now moving forward. UFI was approved as an essential business, so they can process CSLAP samples. Their safety protocols mean only employees can enter the building. DEC and volunteers both are willing to proceed. DEC will come up with guidelines for participants, and lakes should be getting supplies from UFI by the end of May. As to reports for 2019, the 2019 phosphorus results were flawed because of the difficulties when the method for phosphorus analysis were changed. This has caused a need for additional analysis and some delay in the reports for 2019, but they are underway now. Training for the new lakes is TBD. We discussed using videos, training materials, and a webinar. The DEC is aiming to hire interns but they may not be able to do site visits.
- 12. Nominating committee.** Don Cook asked for the board to identify potential new board members.
- 13. Next meeting.** The next board meeting will be September 25, 2020, at 10am by Zoom.
- 14. Adjournment.** Gene Bolster moved, and Tarki Heath seconded to adjourn at 11:55, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA