

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 25, 2020

Videoconference Meeting Via Team



Present

Tarki Heath, President
Bill Harman, Vice Pres.(10:40 – 12)
Walter Dutcher, Treasurer
Janet Andersen, Secretary
Matthew Albright

Gene Bolster
Donald Cook
Jan Douglass (arr 10:23)
Rich Henderson
Dean Long (arr 10:12)

Theresa Mayhew
Rebecca Schneider(dep 12:00)
Robert Thill
Laurel Wolfe

Absent

Jim Cunningham

John Murad

Kristen Wilde

Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller, Manager

Stephanie June, NYS DEC (arr 10:30)

Cristina Connelly, member

1. **Call to Order.** President Tarki Heath called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.
2. **Minutes of the April 30, 2020 Meeting.** Bob Thill moved and Terri Mayhew seconded to approve the board meeting minutes that Jan Andersen had previously distributed, and the motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Walter Dutcher referred to the previously distributed financial statements, and said he had recently paid the tax accountant \$3500 and transferred funds from investments to checking. Laurel Wolfe moved and Rebecca Schneider seconded that the report be approved and the motion carried. Walter also asked to update the signatures on the checking account. Jan Andersen moved, and Rebecca Schneider seconded a resolution to add Tarki Heath as a signatory to the NYSFOLA checking account, and the motion carried.
4. **Finance Committee Investment Report.** Rich Henderson reported on the performance of the Vanguard funds in these volatile times. The board discussed the amount of funds and expressed a desire to have a financial policy that described the purpose of the funds and their management. Jan Andersen moved and Laurel Wolfe seconded that the finance committee should draft this for board review at the next meeting, and the motion carried. Nancy Mueller asked that the use of the debit card and petty cash be included. Robert Thill moved and Rebecca Schneider seconded a resolution authorizing Rich Henderson to have online access to the Vanguard account, and the motion carried. That resolution is attached to these minutes and is incorporated by reference. Robert also offered to describe the benefits and cost of a security bond at the next meeting.
5. **Office Report.** Nancy Mueller reviewed the previously distributed office report including webinar attendance and membership trends. The webinars were well received and resulted in some Diet sales. She said NJCOLA was interested in partnership on future webinars. Owen had added some Atlas of NY lakes under the resource tab on the website, and the member lake list is also on the website. Nancy also discussed ideas on upcoming promotions of Diet and Giving Tuesday.
6. **Regional meetings.** Terri Mayhew said that 34 members had been on the 2 hour virtual Greene-Columbia Lakes meeting and thanked Nancy and Laurel for their help. Don Cook said that the Western NY and Finger Lakes conference would be online on 10/24 and would have three presentations, on Climate, Foam on Lakes, and HABs on Chautauqua.
7. **Gift.** Bill Harman said the 2019 student was on LOA and not asking for more support. He described two lakes for the 2020 program. Nancy Mueller stated that only one was a NYSFOLA member and

CSLAP participant. Jan Andersen moved and Rebecca Schneider seconded that the Caroga Lakes be funded \$2500 each of 2020 & 2021, and the motion carried. Bill Harman abstained.

8. **Science Review Committee.** Rebecca Schneider, working with Tarki Heath, looked at how to involve grad students and post docs for mutual benefits, perhaps giving access to sites for research, venues for presentations and articles. She polled about 20 people and received favorable feedback. She was going to reach out to other universities to ask of their interest. The board encouraged the use of Diets as token thank you's to participants.
9. **Annual Conference.** Nancy Mueller said that she is assuming the 2021 conference will be remote and that people will need to register ahead of time. Jan Andersen reviewed the executive order and Charities Bureau requirements for a virtual membership meeting as part of the conference. The board discussed various online software options that they had used. Tarki will schedule the conference committee to meet to assign roles during the NALMS meeting. They will consider options for structuring the meeting and software packages. The board agreed that our next board meeting would be via Team, and thanked Tarki for the practice sessions.
10. **CSLAP.** Stephanie June began with a wrap-up of the 2019 CSLAP season. She discussed the issue of phosphorus at the lab, the extended requirement for QA/QC, and the eventual decision to use trophic ranges. This was not ideal but UFI has taken corrective actions. This resulted in late data to DEC and the reports were issued in June. She stated the success of the 2020 program despite the pandemic is a testament to the dedication of the lake volunteers: while a few lakes dropped out, we had 5 "light" lakes, 145 lakes and 164 sites in the 2020 program. Training was distributed and in small groups, some virtual. The switch to mandatory online reporting went well, and she thanked Lou Feeney for changing the system so that the volunteers directly filled out HAB reports in the NYHABS system. The NYHABS approach was to confirm a bloom based on a photo or water sample. We had 114 HAB reports, 97 confirmed, 17 high toxin. Stephanie also described several HAB mitigation efforts undertaken by DEC with the ACOE, SUNY ESF, and Clarkson, with results expected later this year. She added that as of now plans are for CSLAP to continue as usual in 2021.
11. **AIS Transport Law.** Nancy Mueller described communications from lakes concerned about a lack of enforcement of this law. She contacted some of PRISMs that said they had about 30K interactions, and 95% voluntary compliance with the law. Launch stewards are not asked to enforce. The board discussed the benefits of prevention and how one boat is enough to bring in invasives. Nancy suggested sending a letter to the AIS Task Force expressing lake concerns. The board agreed to send that letter and to insert the facts into Waterworks so that associations had information to write their own letters.
12. **BOD Members.** Jan Andersen asked about the status of John Jablonski as a BOD member, and whether to continue to engage with Ina Cholst on her interest. The board agreed to create a policy for how to appoint board members and include documented expectations. Jan offered to draft this for consideration at the next meeting. Nancy Mueller was asked to identify vacant board terms.
13. **Next Meeting.** The next board meeting will be December 8, from 10 am – noon, using Team.
14. **Adjournment.** Bob Thill moved, and Terri Mayhew seconded to adjourn at 1:15, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA

Motion / Resolution

The following motion was made by board member Robert P. Thill, who moved its adoption and seconded by board member Rebecca Schneider to wit:

Whereas: The New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc. [NYSFOLA] on June 20, 2012 made application to Vanguard Corporation for a brokerage account, and

Whereas: The New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc. [NYSFOLA] filed with the application for a brokerage account an "Organizational Resolution" adopted by NYSFOLA naming three (3) authorized signatories to act on behalf of NYSFOLA for the purpose of managing and trading upon on this account, and

Whereas: The New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc. [NYSFOLA] desires to submit a new updated "Organization Resolution" naming three (3) authorized signatories for the purpose of managing and trading upon the NYSFOLA Vanguard account number 42236961.

Now, therefore be it resolved:

That the Board of Directors of The New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc. [NYSFOLA] authorizes the preparation and filing with Vanguard of a new updated "Organization Resolution" setting forth the following three (3) authorized signatories to act on behalf of the New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc. [NYSFOLA] in managing and trading upon NYSFOLA'S Vanguard Account number 4223691, to wit: Richard C. Henderson, 37 Freshfield Rise, Fairport NY 14450-2661, Walter Dutcher, 1144 Berg Rd, Ontario NY 14519, Robert P. Thill, 5329 Broadway St, Lancaster NY 14086-2025, and

Be it further moved that:

That Richard C. Henderson, 37 Freshfield Rise, Fairport NY 14450-2661 be and is hereby designated as the account signature to have online access and electronic delivery access to the organizations accounts.

The question of the adoption of the forgoing motion was put to a voice vote and was duly adopted.

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