

# New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors  
June 25, 2021  
**Videoconference Meeting via Zoom**



## **Present**

Tarki Heath, President  
Walter Dutcher, Treasurer  
Janet Andersen, Secretary  
Ina Cholst

Donald Cook  
Jim Cunningham  
Jan Douglass  
John Jablonski

Dean Long  
Robert Thill  
Laurel Wolfe

## **Absent**

Bill Harman, Vice Pres.  
Matthew Albright

Theresa Mayhew  
John Murad

Rebecca Schneider  
Kristen Wilde

## **Also in Attendance**

Owen Zaengle

1. **Call to Order.** President Tarki Heath called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.
2. **Review of the DEC proposal for the CSLAP contract extension.** Tarki reviewed the proposal that DEC presented to the CSLAP committee in May. She reviewed the major components:
  - Budget reduction from \$600K to \$300K / year
  - Reduced testing sessions from 8 to 4 per year
  - Rotation of lakes - 2 years on/3 years off
  - Increasing lake participation to 250 lakesCSLAP committee members said DEC was asked many questions. The board attempted to identify possible DEC motivations for this change.
3. **Position paper.** An action item from the executive committee meeting on June 15, 2021 was a position paper. The board discussed the draft and provided suggestions.
4. **Alternate cases.** Jan Andersen reviewed the fiscal results of several cases of different analytes and session numbers, growing the program by 18 sites a year, and charging all sites a CSLAP participation fee. Board members suggested additions to the analysis for workable approaches.
5. **Other actions.**
  - a. Tarki indicated that she was working with Nancy Mueller to summarize lake association reactions and asked board members to provide their assessments.
  - b. The board recommended beginning to talk to state and federal legislators to begin to bring pressure on the NYSDEC to change their position.
6. **DEC meetings.** The next DEC meeting will be June 28. More frequent meetings are expected. Tarki invited board members to join the CSLAP committee if they wished to participate.
7. **Member meeting / new board member.** Tarki indicated that the members may need to be informed at a special member meeting. At that meeting, the board anticipates nominating a new board director, Eric Randall, for member approval.
8. **Next meeting.** Tarki will issue a doodle poll to optimize board member attendance for next week.
9. **Adjournment.** Jan Andersen moved, and John Jablonski seconded to adjourn at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janet Andersen*

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA