

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 10, 2021
Videoconference Meeting via Zoom



Present

Tarki Heath, President
Bill Harman, Vice Pres.
Walter Dutcher, Treasurer
Janet Andersen, Secretary
Matthew Albright

Ina Cholst
Donald Cook
Jim Cunningham
Jan Douglass
John Jablonski

Dean Long
Rebecca Schneider
Robert Thill
Laurel Wolfe

Absent

Theresa Mayhew

John Murad

Kristen Wilde

Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller

Stephanie June (11:00 – 11:25)

1. **Call to Order.** President Tarki Heath called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. Board materials had been distributed via Dropbox.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Laurel Wolfe moved Bob Thill seconded to approve the minutes of September 8, 2021 as amended, and the motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's report.** Walter Dutcher reviewed reports that were distributed and screen shared. The balance sheet showed a growth in assets from the prior year. During the income and expense review, Walter said he may need to revisit the dividends and interest amount. The board discussed the current practice of paying UFI after the DEC reimbursement is received, and we agreed that if UFI asks for expedited payment, we would do so if our cash position allows. UFI bills through July have been received and submitted. We agreed to prepare a budget early next year for 2022. Jan Andersen moved and Don Cook seconded to accept the treasurer's report as presented.
4. **Office report.** Nancy briefly reviewed the distributed office report. She added that the conference committee was planning a shortened in-person conference and discussed the potential CSLAP training constraints. On CSLAP, she said that DEC had recently sent new 2020 reports in pdf format and Owen and she would post and distribute these to lakes. Jim Cunningham moved and Rebecca Schneider seconded formation of a committee to evaluate a self-funded CSLAP program, and the motion carried. Initial members are Tarki Heath, Jim Cunningham, Dean Long, Rebecca Schneider, and Jan Andersen.
5. **Science review committee.** Rebecca Schneider referred to the initial article in the Waterworks and asked for assessments, and the board responded positively. They encouraged Rebecca to reach out to other schools and offered a number of ways that similar articles could be seen by members. The group thanked Rebecca for her dedication on getting this initiative off the ground.
6. **Nominations committee:** Tarki Heath reported that all current officers agreed to another 2 year term and board members Matt Albright, Kristin Wilde, and Laurel Wolfe agreed to renew their 3 year terms. In addition, the board nominated Eric Randall and Mark Teese as new board members. Elections will be in April. We hope to identify a President-elect at that time.
7. **Regional meeting.** Don Cook reported on a successful October Western regional meeting via Zoom.

8. **Conference.** Nancy Mueller reported that the conference is planned for in person from Friday afternoon through Saturday, April 29 & 30th, at Fort William Henry. We plan to showcase the use of CSLAP data at the conference.
9. **CSLAP 2021 & 2022.** Stephanie June joined from DEC for an overview of CSLAP in 2021 and 2022. Stephanie reported that **2021** was another strong year: a record 161 lakes and 181 sites participated, with 1300 sessions and 2200 sample sets submitted. NYHABs had 1100 confirmed HABs reports on 175 lakes, and 18 with high toxins. The CSLAP HABs set was 59 lakes with 143 confirmed blooms and 12 with high toxins. Work continues on getting prompt HABs reports. One intern was hired. They hope to get UFI data in Dec or Jan. For **2022**, the no cost extension contract has been approved with about \$600K available. 13 new lakes will join, 4 dropped out. They plan to have 1 intern at UFI and 1 or 2 for audits, with location TBD. Sampling is similar to 2021, without dissolved nutrients, and with some HABs sampling to be worked out to avoid numerous non-detects. DEC is building a new launch page based on ARC-GIS that will contain new data entry surveys, NYHABs launch, and lake reports. She said a version would be made available for CSLAP committee members to assess. The goal is to make 2021 reports available on that page. Stephanie agreed to resume monthly committee meetings. The board thanked Stephanie for her report.
10. **CSLAP negotiations 2023.** Tarki Heath reported negotiations on the next contract were in a tough spot, and she was pressing to get the DEC draft documents, which they have sent for approval. At the current time we have to wait for them to present to us. In summary, we want to do lake management sampling and we believe they want to do PWL sampling. Dean Long moved, and John Jablonski seconded, that the executive committee be authorized to retain professionals to review the legal contracts and scientific approaches with an initial budget of \$ 5000, and the motion was approved. Tarki was directed to put that intent in writing to Jackie Lendrum of DEC. We discussed getting the legislative branch involved and agreed it was too early to pull that trigger.
11. **Next meeting.** The board agreed to meet Wednesday January 19, 2022 at 9:30am via Zoom.
12. **Adjournment.** Jan Andersen moved, and John Jablonski seconded to adjourn at 12:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA