

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 19, 2022
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
John Jablonski
Dean Long

Theresa Mayhew
John Murad
Robert Thill
Kristen Wilde
Laurel Wolfe

Absent

Jan Douglass

Rebecca Schneider

Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller
Owen Zengle

Mark Teece
Stephanie June (10:30 – 10:50)

Claudia Braymer (10:58 – 12:38)

- 1. Call to Order.** President Tarki Heath called the meeting to order at 9:33 am. Board materials had been distributed previously.
- 2. Approval of Minutes.** Bob Thill moved and Don Cook seconded to approve the minutes of November 10, 2021 as amended, and the motion carried. Jan Andersen reminded members to send their conflict of interest signatures.
- 3. Treasurer's report.** Walter Dutcher reviewed reports that were distributed. The balance sheet grew in assets from the prior year driven by the growth in investments, which also helped the profits. Jan Andersen moved and Terri Mayhew seconded to accept the treasurer's report as presented.
- 4. Budget report.** Jan Andersen showed a preliminary budget that indicates that the finances in 2022 should be positive, driven by CSLAP and investment returns. Conference format affects its impact.
- 5. Office report.** Nancy Mueller said that CSLAP was taking a lot of time as well as conference planning and Waterworks. Owen Zengle reported on other state lake management programs.
- 6. Exploratory Committee update.** Jim Cunningham explained that the committee was looking at how to run a program without state funding. He suggested pausing until we found where CSLAP would go. He touched on alternate funding sources and the board discussed potential grants.
- 7. CSLAP 2022.** Stephanie June from DEC joined. She thanked the board, UFi, and volunteers for a successful year. Walter has submitted the last voucher for the year. Stephanie expects to start reports by the end of the month after the data QA process. 2022 will be under the NCTE with 10 additional lakes. We plan for 2 interns, and hope for more regional training. Parameterized bottles will replace bulk bottles, freeze cl a filter, reducing the number of open water HABs & toxin screening. The data entry will be via a new portal, and virtual training seminars are planned. Stephanie also that she will produce one page summaries of the various HABs mitigation pilots.
- 8. Executive session and CSLAP contract.** Claudia Braymer joined the meeting. Jim Cunningham moved and Janet Andersen seconded that the group enter executive session for discussion with counsel, and the motion carried at 11:12am. Upon exiting from executive session at 12:38 pm, the board reported that they had approved a motion, with one dissenting vote, to authorize Tarki Heath, NYSFOLA president, and Claudia Braymer, retained counsel, to communicate with DEC and / or the DEC lawyer for clarification on the procurement law and how to proceed. Janet Andersen

moved, and John Jablonski seconded, that Tarki and Claudia are authorized, at their discretion, to convey that if the only option that DEC offers for CSLAP is their original proposal [4 sessions, rotation] with a slight increase in funds for education and outreach, that the board is unwilling to accept that contract. The motion passed unanimously.

- 9. Conference.** Nancy Mueller reported that the conference is planned for in person from Friday afternoon through Saturday, April 29 & 30th, at Fort William Henry. She said that it is unclear whether the conference would be in person, remote, or hybrid, although the membership meeting is planned to be remote. She indicated that the venue wants to know by mid-February. Registration is postponed until after the decision is made on in-person attendance.
- 10. Other business.** Jan Andersen moved, and Terri Mayhew seconded, that Tarki Heath be authorized to send a comment letter on the 303(d) new listings and deletions, and the motion carried.
- 11. Next meeting.** The board agreed to have a special abbreviated meeting on Friday, February 11, 2022 at 10:30 to discuss the conference and the CSLAP contract. The regular meeting was scheduled for March 17 at 9:30am, both via Zoom.
- 12. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned by consensus at 1:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA