

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 11, 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
Jan Douglass
John Jablonski
Dean Long

Theresa Mayhew
John Murad
Rebecca Schneider (until 11:00)
Laurel Wolfe

Absent

Jim Cunningham

Robert Thill

Kristen Wilde

Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller
Owen Zengle

Eric Randall
Mark Teece

1. **Call to Order.** President Tarki Heath called the meeting to order at 10:31 am. Board materials had been distributed previously. Eric Randall introduced himself.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Laurel Wolfe moved and Terri Mayhew seconded to approve the minutes of January 19, 2022 as amended, and the motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's report.** Walter Dutcher distributed results to date. He said there was not much to report so early in the year. Laurel Wolfe moved and Don Cook seconded to accept the treasurer's report, and the motion carried.
4. **2023 CSLAP contract.** Tarki Heath reported that she had been working through the new contract issues with Jackie Landrum (DEC) by email and they plan to talk next Tuesday. She indicated that we have proposed a different vision and the CSLAP program would not be the same. DEC has agreed to go with 8 samples in a larger and broader program but funding remains under discussion. She spoke with Dave Matthews from UFI and they prefer more consistent funding and personnel. If we get a 5 year contract with DEC we may want to set up a 5 year UFI contract and try to help address capacity issues. We agreed we needed to address the data ownership issue with DEC as part of the new contract.
5. **Legislator feedback.** Don Cook reported that Sen. Helming had contacted the Chairs of the environmental conservation and finance committees with our request for \$500K for CSLAP.
6. **Conference.** Nancy Mueller said the conference will be in person with a hybrid option, April 29 & 30th at Fort William Henry. The membership meeting will be remote. She asked for abstracts. Terri suggested that we memorialize volunteers and board members who have passed away.
7. **Regional conferences.** Tarki Heath said that the regional conferences will be important to communicate CSLAP updates. Don Cook said the Western Region conference is planned for October and will be a roundtable by lakes. Jan Andersen and Ina Cholst plan a Lower Hudson conference in June. Jan Douglass reported the Indian River conference is June 10. Terri Mayhew and Laurel Wolfe plan a Columbia / Greene conference in August. Tarki and Jim Cunningham will get together on Central NY conference. The Finger Lakes Research conference will be in the fall.
8. **303(d) listings:** Comment date has been extended to Feb 25. The board agreed by consensus for Tarki to send another letter asking for data to be provided before the end of the comment period.

- 9. Next meetings.** The board agreed on a series of meetings. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2022 at 9:30am. The usual pre-conference meeting will be Thursday April 28, 2022 at 4pm by Zoom. We will have a meeting after the conference to elect officers and for wrap-up on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 2pm.
- 10. Adjournment.** Don Cook moved and Walt Dutcher seconded that the meeting adjourn, and the motion passed at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA