

# New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors

April 28, 2022

Hybrid Meeting at Fort William Henry and via Zoom



## Present

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

Jan Douglass  
John Jablonski  
Dean Long  
Theresa Mayhew  
Rebecca Schneider

Robert Thill  
Kristen Wilde  
Laurel Wolfe

## Absent

Ina Cholst  
Donald Cook

Jim Cunningham  
John Murad

## Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller

Eric Randall

Mark Teece

1. **Call to Order.** President Tarki Heath called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Board members had previously received board materials.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Laurel Wolfe moved and Terri Mayhew seconded to approve the minutes of March 17, 2022 and the motion carried. Jan Andersen agreed to send out reminders on the conflict of interest certifications.
3. **Treasurer's report.** Walter Dutcher had distributed current reports and offered to answer questions. results to date. Janet Andersen moved and Laurel Wolfe seconded to accept the treasurer's report, and the motion carried.
4. **Office report.** Nancy Mueller reported that preparation for the 2022 conference was completed and thanked Owen Zengle and Jan Douglass for their help. The board also recognized the work that Walt Dutcher had done on forms, point-of-sale, and payment processing. Nancy said that hybrid was difficult at a cost of \$2000 but only 17 had registered. The board asked that the hybrid sessions be recorded and be made available, perhaps on YouTube. CSLAP registration program paperwork was all completed and she was working on training schedules. Dean will coordinate projectors.
5. **CSLAP 2022.** Nancy said many new CSLAP volunteers would have to be trained this year. She also reported that DEC was moving their contract shipping from UPS to FedEx and that could delay the initial distribution of the bottles. The 2021 reports are not yet ready and their release date is unknown. We discussed the dissatisfaction with reports and decided the CSLAP committee would address it.
6. **CSLAP new contract.** Tarki Heath provided an update on the negotiations for the new contract. Brian Duffy appears to be leading the DEC decision making. She described the agreed workplan which should be the basis for the new contract. For the first two years, the budget will be \$400K, and the program will run much the same as currently, with the addition of some 4 sampling lakes. Starting in 2025, the budget will drop to \$350K, and the DEC will only pay for lab analysis for 4 sessions. The participation fee will go away for those with 4 sessions, and will increase for those lakes with 8 sessions. Tarki reviewed a sheet that described the differences in the two programs. EJ lakes will be invited to participate and funds are available for education and outreach. We discussed the need to start to alert lake associations to these changes. Dean Long reported on his

discussions with Howard Schaeffer, who is a media consultant. Howard provided a proposal to help outreach to lake associations and legislators to support the 8x program. His proposal is for a 12 month program at \$2800/month. Board reaction was that this was more spending than they are comfortable with. Howard will attend the conference and we plan to talk more. Rebecca Schneider reminded the board to include how much lake associations do for the DEC. We also discussed the need to better understand the value of 8x sampling vs 4x sampling programs

7. **Next meeting:** We reiterated the next meeting will be on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 2pm, primarily to elect officers. Since Nancy Mueller was not in the room, we agreed to set our September meeting date at the May 2 meeting, and also to decide on the next conference location and dates at the meeting.
8. **Adjournment.** Jan Douglass moved and Jan Andersen seconded that the meeting adjourn, and the meeting ended at 5:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janet Andersen*

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA