

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 2 and May 4, 2019

Fort William Henry Conference Center
Lake George, NY



Present

Don Cook, President

Bill Harman, Vice President

Janet Andersen, Secretary

Gene Bolster

Jan Douglass

Tarki Heath

Rich Henderson

John Jablonski

Dean Long

Theresa Mayhew

John Murad

Kristen Wilde

Laurel Wolfe

Absent

Matthew Albright

*Jim Cunningham

Walter Dutcher, Treasurer

Rebecca Schneider

Robert Thill

Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller, Manager

Owen Zaengle

- 1. Call to Order.** President Don Cook called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.
- 2. Minutes of the March 29, 2019 Meeting.** Bill Harman moved and Terri Mayhew seconded to approve the board meeting minutes of March 29, 2019, and the motion carried.
- 3. Conflict of Interest Certification 2019.** Jan Andersen collected signatures from board members.
- 4. Treasurer's Report.** Walter had previously distributed the treasurer's report. John Jablonski moved and Laurel Wolfe seconded that the treasurer's report should be approved, and the motion carried.
- 5. Investment Report.** Rich Henderson referenced the previously distributed report and asked for any questions. He reminded the board that Walter Dutcher, Bob Thill, and he were on the committee that managed the investments.
- 6. Office Report.** Nancy Mueller reported that Owen Zaengle had been very helpful in preparing for the conference. On the conference, about 250 people had pre-registered, and she said that in future years, one person should be in charge of organizing volunteers. Jan Andersen asked that copies of the presentations be copied from the computer to thumb drives for loading to the website. We discussed award timing. The Lake Steward, Kishbaugh Secci Disk, and Lake Tear of the Clouds awards will be presented at the banquet before the keynote speaker. The Newsletter award will be presented at the annual meeting on Saturday. Before the sessions start, the board will meet after lunch. We agreed the silent auction would end at 1pm.
- 7. 2020 Conference Location.** Bill Harman moved, and Terri Mayhew seconded, that the 2020 conference should be at Fort William Henry, and the motion carried. We discussed that the majority of the lakes and members were in the eastern portion of the state, and that the regional conferences should attract people who did not want to travel to Lake George. We agreed that any potential change in the 2021 location should be brought forward at the September 2019 board meeting.
- 8. Nominating committee.** Don Cook said that the board would recommend the director slate of Matt Albright, Kristin Wilde, and Laurel Wolfe to the members for election. He thanked John Jablonski, who will not stand for reelection, for his service. Tarki Heath agreed to be on the slate as President-

elect. The board agreed that the Nominating Committee should consist of the executive committee plus Bob Thill.

9. **Bylaw Committee.** The board adjusted the membership of the Bylaw Committee to consist of Tarki Heath, Bob Thill, Nancy Mueller, and Jan Andersen. The bylaw committee was asked to look at quorum requirements.
10. **Website.** Don Fisher of AXI currently has an annual maintenance agreement for support of the FOLA website. Jan Andersen said she agreed renewing this but was not sure of the date and process. Don Cook will inquire.
11. **Office Report.** Nancy Mueller reported that DEC sent the 2018 CSLAP reports out to lake volunteers on Monday. DEC had run a fluoroprobe roundup on Tuesday, with the HUB, UFI, and ESF all running the same samples through their probes. The equipment had been factory calibrated during the winter. UFI was getting ready to ship boxes of bottles the week before Memorial Day. Each box will have a 2019 protocol. DEC is planning to have a webinar on CSLAP protocol and on the HABS notification process on May 16. Nancy said DEC Albany plan to have 2 interns, UFI would have one, and the HUB may have 2. Nancy reviewed the CSLAP training planned at the conference. The CSLAP contract remains underway.
12. **Scientific Advisory Board (SAB).** Walter had received a quote for insurance for the SAB. The board questioned the difference between this insurance and our current D&O and other liability insurance. We agreed that John Murad, Walter Dutcher, and Rebecca Schneider should discuss the activities of the SAB and current and proposed insurance coverage, and report back at our next meeting.
13. **Advocacy.** We agreed that we did not have a good process for taking advocacy positions. Some members feel that educating our members and taking positions is an important role of the organization. Rich Henderson reminded the board that we had agreed to circulate letters to the board seven days before sending to allow for feedback. We agreed to see if the SAB would take this role. In the interim, we agreed that if any member of the board felt strongly about an issue, they could draft an educational letter to the membership or an advocacy letter to an organization and circulate it to the board for review.
14. **Next Meeting.** We agreed to have our next board meeting on Friday September 13 in Cazenovia with the backup date of Friday October 4.
15. **Recess.** John Jablonski moved, and Terri Mayhew seconded, that the meeting should recess and reconvene after the member meeting at lunch on May 4, and the motion carried at 4:35pm.
16. **Meeting reconvened.** Don Cook reconvened the meeting of the board at 1:10 pm on May 4. *Jim Cunningham joined the list of attendees above.
17. **Election of officers.** Rich Henderson moved, and Dean Long seconded, that Tarki Heath should be the President-elect, and the motion carried.
18. **Adjournment.** Dean Long moved to adjourn at 1:15 pm, Jim Cunningham seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA