

# New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors  
September 8, 2022  
Videoconference meeting via Zoom



## Present

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| Tarki Heath, President    | Ina Cholst     | Eric Randall      |
| Bill Harman, Vice Pres.   | Jan Douglass   | Rebecca Schneider |
| Walter Dutcher, Treasurer | Dean Long      | Mark Teece        |
| Janet Andersen, Secretary | Theresa Mayhew | Laurel Wolfe      |
| Matthew Albright          | John Murad     |                   |

## Absent

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| Donald Cook | John Jablonski | Kristen Wilde |
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## Also in Attendance

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| Nancy Mueller | Brian Duffy, DEC    | Stephanie June, DEC |
| Owen Zaengle  | Rebecca Gorney, DEC | Sarah Rickart, DEC  |

1. **Call to Order.** President Tarki Heath called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. She announced the recent resignations of Jim Cunningham and Robert Thill and thanked them for their years of service and thanked all continuing board members for their willingness to serve.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Laurel Wolfe moved and Rebecca Schneider seconded that the minutes of the April 28, 2022 and May 2, 2022 Board of Directors meetings be approved as amended and the motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's report.** Walt Dutcher discussed the reports that he distributed. He said the results were more typical with the in person conference. He noted some outstanding DEC vouchers and UFI payments. The investment account has decreased as a result of the overall market trends. Laurel Wolfe moved and Rebecca Schneider seconded that the treasurer's report be approved, and the motion carried.
4. **Office report.** Nancy Mueller reported that the office had been extremely busy with CSLAP. She asked for content for the next Waterworks issue. She also thanked everyone who had worked on the regional conferences. Rebecca Schneider moved and Bill Harman seconded that the office report should be accepted, and the motion carried.
5. **Conference report:** Owen Zangle reported on the conference survey, generally good results and people happy to be in person. We discussed the issues with a hybrid offering. For future hybrid conferences, we need technology improvements.
6. **Regional meetings.** Board members reported on the successful regional meetings. We agreed these were ways to reach lake users around the state who don't come to the annual conference. We discussed some ideas shared at the conferences. Nancy Mueller will post the regional conference presentations on our website.
7. **NYS DEC CALM and 2022 CSLAP.** The DEC attendees joined the board meeting at 10:30am. Sarah Rickhart presented the PWL process and the information from the CALM document and reviewed the changes in the process, including automation to make the process faster and more consistent.

She also answered questions from board members. The 2022 PWL list has not yet been finalized. About 200 TMDLs have been completed over the years. We then discussed **2022 CSLAP**. Nancy Mueller reported that most lakes were on round 7. She said the UFI preservation study was going well, and the DEC asked about the timeline for the study completion. Nancy mentioned that the work to change UFI to FedEx wasn't known. We discussed that DEC needed a complete dataset from UFI to begin QA/QC and report preparation. We discussed the 2023 program and the 4 sample option. We agreed to aim to get a letter on the two offerings and a survey out in the next 10 days. DEC will provide some suggestions on the draft letter shortly.

**Break 11:45 to noon**

- 8. CSLAP 2023 .** We discussed participation fees for the 4 session lakes. Laurel Wolfe moved and John Murad seconded that the 4 session participation rates should be \$200 and \$300, and the motion carried. We discussed the insurance for regional training. John Murad said that our insurance should cover acts by our board members and that the waivers apply to training.
- 9. Investment / Finance committee.** Tarki Heath read a resolution that appoints John Murad as a signatory to the investment account to replace Robert Thill. Jan Andersen moved and Terri Mayhew seconded to approve the resolution, and the motion carried. We agreed to create separate Investment and Finance committees. Investment committee members are Walter Dutcher, Dean Long, John Murad, and Terry Gronwall. The Finance committee will do financial analysis and budget, and members are Tarki Heath, John Jablonski, Dean Long, Laurel Wolfe, Jan Andersen, and Walter Dutcher.
- 10. Nominations Committee.** Tarki Heath reminded us that we have two board openings.
- 11. Howard Shaffer.** Howard joined the meeting and introduced himself as a journalist and public information officer. He reviewed the positive effects of his public relations efforts at Lake Luzerne. He reviewed PR elements: to analyze and inform audiences, generate awareness, recruit support, build trust, recognize volunteers, and establish credibility. A PR plan for NYSFOLA will document these steps. He indicated he'd provide a proposal.
- 12. Diversity statement.** Tarki Heath reviewed the draft diversity statement which would be added to our website. Jan Andersen moved and Terri Mayhew seconded that the statement be approved and the motion carried.
- 13. NALMS.** Nancy Mueller discussed the conference in Minneapolis in November and said travel arrangements are difficult. Matt Albright and maybe Bill Harman will attend. We agreed to send a CWA support letter.
- 14. Next meeting:** Board members set our next meeting for Wednesday January 18, 2023, at 9:30 am.
- 15. Closed session with board:** Board members met from 1:30 pm to 2:15 pm to discuss benefits and compensation.
- 16. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janet Andersen*

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA