

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 18, 2023
Videoconference meeting via Zoom



Present

Tarki Heath, President

Bill Harman, Vice Pres.

Walter Dutcher, Treasurer

Janet Andersen, Secretary

Matthew Albright

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Donald Cook

Jan Douglass

John Jablonski

Dean Long

Theresa Mayhew

John Murad

Eric Randall

Mark Teece

Laurel Wolfe

Absent

Rebecca Schneider

Kristen Wilde

Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller

Brian Duffy, DEC

Alene Onion, DEC

1. **Call to Order.** President Tarki Heath called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. She welcomed the board members and thanked them for participating in this meeting.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Don Cook moved and Terri Mayhew seconded that the minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting be approved as amended and the motion carried. Janet Andersen reminded the board of the NYS requirement for acknowledgement of the conflict of interest statements and asked the board to sign and send them to her.
3. **Treasurer's report.** Walt Dutcher reminded the board he has been treasurer since 2010. He reviewed the reports that he distributed, indicating a profit for 2022. He said the conference was profitable and donations continued to come in. He noted that we had sold all the Diet books in the financial inventory. Nancy reported that we have 34 paperback copies and hundreds of hardcopies. Don Cook moved and Terri Mayhew seconded that we should send a copy with equipment to each new CSLAP lake, and the motion carried. Jan Andersen moved, and Laurel Wolfe seconded that we send a dozen copies to Bill Harman for his students, and the motion carried. Walter said that some of the investment accounts did not contribute as in the past. Laurel Wolfe moved and Jan Andersen seconded that the treasurer's report be approved, and the motion carried. Walter also said that both John Murad and Dean Long are now signatories on the Vanguard accounts. Tarki thanked Walter.
4. **Office report.** Nancy Mueller reported that Owen had left and she was looking for a part time assistant. CSLAP applications are coming in ahead of the February 1 deadline. The conference preparation is going well, and the registration forms are on the website.
5. **CSLAP report.** Brian Duffy and Alene Onion joined the call for this portion of the meeting. Alene reported on the webinar on considerations of 4 vs 8 samples. On that call, Tony Prestigiacomo also reported that multiple sampling locations on a Finger Lake did not show significant differences. Alene said the 4 or 8 issue was nuanced and she can discuss with individual lakes. She can provide analysis on trends and where current year trends are lost by going to 4 samples. Nancy reports that the signups are about 50 – 50 between 8x and 4x, and that many of the 8x are driven by management reports and HABs issues. Alene Onion strongly encouraged lakes to create 9E plans. We

discussed the difficulty and expense of completing 9E plans, and Alene mentioned a 9E pilot and the use of the waterwheel. We also discussed the cost of undertaking in-lake or watershed actions once a 9E plan was in place. Nancy reviewed the NALMS drive for clean lakes funding.

6. **Break.** 10:41 – 10:46.
7. **Office report, continued.** Nancy said she had attended the NALMS conference virtually. Next year NALMS will be Oct 22 - 26 in Erie, PA. She said that TMDLs often did not accurately reflect lakes. On a new hire, Nancy said she would send the job description to the board. Succession is important as she plans to leave in 4 years (2027).
8. **Regional meetings.** Don Cook asked who would run regional board meetings and agreed to run a committee to share ideas on the importance and approach. Board members asked to be alerted to the regional meetings as they were scheduled and how they were publicized.
9. **Committees.** Tarki Heath reviewed the committee list and encouraged board members to join any committee of interest. She proposed membership in NYCON, the NY Conference of Non-Profits, at \$160/year. Eric Randall moved, and Terri Mayhew seconded that NYSFOLA join NYCON, and the motion passed. Tarki will share how board members can get access to the information.
10. **Finance committee.** Tarki Heath reported that the initial work had been on goals and analysis. Jan Andersen presented a preliminary budget for 2023. She asked for inputs from investment and other committees, and the budget will be refined at the next Finance Committee meeting. Dean Long moved and Don Cook seconded that the budget be approved, and the motion carried.
11. **Benefits and comp committee.** Tarki Heath reported that the committee has met and is adjusting to the change in personnel, and plan to have a contract proposal for our March meeting.
12. **Nominating committee.** Tarki Heath reported that we have two openings, and the nominating committee had identified candidates. We reviewed the resumes of Bernard Thoma and Betsy Landre, who have agreed to be brought forward as candidates. In addition, the following 5 board members have agreed to stand for another term when their term expires in May: Janet Andersen, Don Cook, Walter Dutcher, John Jablonski, and John Murad. Jan Andersen moved and Don Cook seconded that this slate of 5 returning and 2 new candidates will be brought to the members meeting as board nominees, and the motion carried. Tarki Heath asked that board members consider becoming president-elect let her know. This is an important need.
13. **Exploratory committee.** Eric Randall has accepted the role of chair of this committee and sent out some questions, and he will gather the data and proceed from there.
14. **Scholarship committee.** Nancy will lead this committee and refine the criteria used to assess lakes. We discussed interested lakes.
15. **Science committee.** Work is being divided into two major areas. One is outreach to a variety of schools to explain the concept and get interested participants, and Tarki Heath and Don Cook have agreed to do that. Rebecca Schneider has volunteered to continue to review and edit the articles for publication in Waterworks.
16. **Next meeting:** Board members set our next meeting for March 30, 2023, at 9:30 am. We also agreed to meet before the annual conference on May 4, 2023, at 4pm, in the Glens Falls Room.
17. **Adjournment.** Terry Mayhew moved, and Don Cook seconded that the meeting should adjourn at 12:43 pm, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYSFOLA