

# New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors  
May 1, 2025 and May 3, 2025  
Hybrid, Fort William Henry Conference Center & Zoom



## Present

Tarki Heath, President	Jan Douglass	Dean Long
Greg Boyer, Treasurer (Zoom)	Walter Dutcher	Theresa Mayhew
Janet Andersen, Secretary	Amy Hetherington	John Murad
Ina Cholst	John Jablonski	Eric Randall
Don Cook (Zoom)	Betsy Landre	Laurel Wolfe

## Absent

Matthew Albright	Bill Harman, Vice President	Bernie Thoma
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## Also in Attendance

David Carr, NYSFOLA	Nancy Mueller, NYSFOLA	Julia Digiovanni, Sleepy Hollow
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- 1. Call to order.** President Tarki Heath called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm, and confirmed a quorum of the board was present. Board documents were available prior to the meeting via Dropbox.
- 2. Approval of minutes.** Laurel Wolfe moved and Jan Douglass seconded to approve the minutes of March 7, 2025; the motion carried.
- 3. NYSFOLA Policy Certification.** Jan Andersen referred to the NYSFOLA policies and collected certification signatures. She will follow up with those not in attendance.
- 4. Treasurer's Report.** Greg Boyer reviewed the financial documents previously shared, and said that the organization was in good financial shape. He was working with Nancy Mueller to get access to the new DEC voucher payment system for CSLAP reimbursements and one invoice was ready to go. Greg said that we will submit an extension for the IRS 990 filing. The updated budget indicates that we will need to get \$50K from the investment account: last year we got \$25K in dividends. Whatever dividends we make this year will form part of that \$50K. John Murad reported for the **Investment Committee**: they had met with RBC wealth management for advice. Current distribution is about 49% equity and 45% bonds. They are carefully watching the US financial markets. Dave Carr reported for the **Finance Committee**. The new bookkeeper is on board and is helping to improve the chart of accounts and the records in Quickbooks, and is working with the year end auditors. Dean Long moved to accept the budget, Jan Andersen seconded, and the motion carried. Terri Mayhew moved and Betsy Landre seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted and the motion carried.
- 5. Office Report.** Dave Carr indicated that the major activities were CSLAP and the conference. He reported that the office building containing the NYSFOLA office was for sale. We do not have a lease, and Dave will draft a lease agreement, but we do not know if the owner will sign. One option might be to move to an office across the parking lot which is owned by the same person. Dave will investigate other office space in the area.
- 6. CSLAP.** Nancy Mueller reported that she was getting ready for the 2025 CSLAP season. We have 155 new volunteers, 37 to be trained at the conference. The budget has funds carried forward in analytics because in the last two years more lakes than expected took the four sample option. Dean suggested adding more chloride samples, both throughout the season, and deep and shallow. We might also consider phycocyanin. The RFP for stories has been issued. Alene Onion of DEP will have to reissue 2024 reports for about 30 lakes. Nancy will set up a CSLAP committee meeting soon.
- 7. Gift and scholarship.** The committee met with Oneonta to discuss the costs of travel and increased funding needs. The silent auction proceeds will go towards Oneonta. We discussed exploring county or community foundation funding.

8. **Science Advisory.** Dean Long reported that he had drafted a committee charter and circulated it for comments, and hopes to have it completed by fall. Then recruitment of committee members can begin, and will consider academics and lake management vendors.
9. **Advocacy.** This group is working on definition and clarity of mission. Membership surveys show advocacy is desired. At the conference, FLWRA will present, and DEC will present on wetland regulations.
10. **Conference 2025 update.** Dave Carr said that registrations were at 265 attendees. Preliminary revenues were \$42K, with costs of \$30K. Dean Long challenged Dave to cover three months of his salary with the conference proceeds. A focus on students, with groups of high school, undergrad, and grad students in attendance. Dave thanked everyone for their help.
11. **General membership meeting.** Tarki Heath reminded us that the members meeting will be at lunch on Saturday. She thanked Laurel Wolfe, who is moving and thus stepping off the board, and thanked Matt Albright, Greg Boyer, Eric Randall, and Julia DiGiovanni for their willingness to serve. The board agreed to reconvene after that meeting to elect officers, and Tarki restated the need to find a president-elect.
12. **New business.** DEC has a Water and Management advisory committee that Rebecca Schneider had served on, and we need to find a NYSFOLA representative to attend. Board members asked for more information.
13. **Next meeting.** The next meeting will be a zoom meeting at 10am on September 25, 2025.
14. **Recess.** Laurel Wolfe moved, and John Jablonski seconded that the meeting be recessed at 5:15 pm, and will reconvene after the members meeting on May 3, 2025.
15. **Reconvened.** The NYSFOLA board meeting reconvened on May 3, 2025, at 1:16pm at Fort William Henry Conference Center. Eric Randall moved, and Terri Mayhew seconded, that the slate of officers consisting of Dean Long as president, Tarki Heath as vice president, Greg Boyer as treasurer, and Janet Andersen as secretary, be approved, and the motion carried. Board members thanked Tarki for her leadership over the last four years, and for continuing to serve as vice president. The board also thanked Dean for his willingness to serve as president.
16. **Adjournment.** John Jablonski moved, ad Terri Mayhew seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:17 pm and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janet Andersen*

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYSFOLA