

**2017 Nebraska Library Association Annual Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 12, 2017**  
**Kearney, Nebraska**

A. Call to order -- Angela Kroeger called the meeting to order at 1:02p.m.

1. President Kroeger welcomed Joe Pittman as the new executive director. President Kroeger asked for approval of the meeting agenda. So moved and seconded.

Vote: Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

2. President's Report - The strategic planning committee is completing their first phase of work with the strategic directions document which they hope to share soon. The journal ceased publication earlier this year and will not be reinstituted this year after receiving member feedback and looking at readership numbers. The 2019 conference will be a joint conference with the Iowa Library Association in La Vista. Student members can now join ALA and NLA for \$40 total.

B. Secretary's Report -- Amy Wenzl

Draft of minutes from 2016 NLA Annual Business Meeting are online.

Motion for approval was moved and seconded. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

C. Treasurer's Report -- Christa Porter

The report was shared via the projector. NLA now has credit cards which can be used for NLA expenses with a credit limit of \$10,000. Accounts are being moved to Great Western. Some association funds are being used as collateral.

D. Conference Report, Executive Director's Report -- Michael Straatmann

This was the largest conference held in Kearney in a long time. Over 400 people came through the door and there were 46 vendors. NLA partnered with the NLC for the makerspace in the vendor space. We added several featured presentations/workshops in the morning as a new conference feature as well.

E. New Business

1. Proposed Bylaws Amendments

i. Discussion: The two amendments for discussion today are both name changes for committees. The duties of those committees are not changing. There were no questions or concerns posed on either proposed amendment.

ii. The vote on the proposed bylaw amendments will be held electronically after conference so that all members have the opportunity to vote.

2. NSLA Exploratory Committee on Merger

NSLA is exploring the idea of merging with NLA, perhaps being added as part of SCYP. No decisions have been made yet. NLA will be forming a joint committee to assist the NSLA committee. We are looking for two more members for this committee. Any interested parties can contact Angela Kroeger. She is hoping for a long-term NLA member who was around when the two groups split, and who knows how they worked together previously, as well as a newer member or member who has had experience working in a state where the two were combined.

F. Other Reports

1. ALA Councilor -- Brenda Ealey - Ealey's report is posted online. She wanted to stress what resources are available via ALA. Nebraska was recognized for officially becoming a joint student partner. There have been a lot of changes in leadership at ALA. They are currently looking for a new Executive Director. NLA put forward a resolution regarding support for accurate information. There are links in the report to annual events and conferences. Ealey welcomed Micki Dietrich as the new ALA Councilor and encouraged members to give her their support.

2. MPLA Representative -- Jake Rundle

MPLA has been busy this year. They also signed the resolution for accurate information. The annual conference will be in Nevada this year. Rundle encouraged NLA members to join and participate in MPLA. They are working to increase services for small and rural libraries across the 12 states and are using Zoom, a virtual meeting software, to make virtual participation in the organization easier.

3. Nebraska Library Commission -- Rod Wagner

Wagner expressed appreciation and admiration for NLA leadership and the good work that they have done over time and this past year in particular. Wagner singled out Steve Fosselman for his leadership in advocacy issues beyond advocacy day activities and encouraged members to participate in 2018.

4. Scholarship & Awards Committee -- Sky Seery

There were no nominations for the Mari Sandoz award in 2017. Seery encouraged members to nominate their colleagues next year as there are many deserving professionals in Nebraska.

The 2017 Meritorious Service Winner is Melodee Pedersen of Columbus. Pedersen was unable to accept her award due to other commitments, but she sent her thanks.

5. Nominating Committee -- Julee Hammer

Election results:

Nebraska Library Association Vice-President (2018)/President (2019):  
Rebecca McCorkindale

Nebraska Library Association Treasurer:  
Matt Kovar

American Library Association Councilor:  
Micki Dietrich

College and University Section (C&U) Vice-Chair (2018)/Chair (2019):  
Sherrie Dux-Ideus

College & University Section Secretary:  
Sky Seery

Public Library and Trustee Section (PLTS) Vice-Chair (2018)/Chair (2019):

Francine Canfield

School, Children's and Young People's Section (SCYP) Vice-Chair (2018)/Chair (2019):  
Leslie Kravitz

Special and Institutional Section (S&I) Vice-Chair (2018)/Chair (2019):  
Amanda Sweet

Special and Institutional Section (S&I) Secretary:  
Susie Dunn

New Members Round Table (NMRT) Vice-Chair (2018)/Chair (2019):  
Jennifer Lockwood

New Members Round Table (NMRT) Secretary:  
Elisa Cruz

Intellectual Freedom (IF) Vice-Chair (2018)/Chair (2019):  
Anna Wigtil

Intellectual Freedom (IF) Secretary:  
Maureen McCombs

Technical Services Round Table (TSRT) Vice-Chair (2018)/Chair (2019):  
Corinne Jacox

The election for paraprofessional section chair and treasurer were held at their annual meeting. Results:

Chair:  
Martha Ruff

Vice Chair:  
Janet Greser

#### 6. Lobbyist -- Andy Pollock

A LB969 type of bill did not come up in this past session. The legislature did not call for any resolutions that appear to immediately impact Nebraska libraries this session. This session, the NLC's budget was cut about 8% from the prior year's budget. Similar cuts were made across the board, so this was expected. They are getting to the point now where staff could be on the line, so members are encouraged to advocate for the NLC and library services across the state as well as attending the annual Advocacy Day event. Pollock encouraged members to think of advocacy as a year-round effort and to speak with their senators across the state. If you need help in that regard, speak with

the advocacy committee for support. Next year is an election year, and there are 6 senators who have hit term limits.

A key issue that will be debated this coming year is state tax reform, so it will consume a large amount of session time. The state has been sued by the ACLU regarding corrections issues, so this will also take a lot of senator's time. The state budget will also be discussed heavily, so librarians will want to continue to be aware of those discussions and advocate for their profession and communities.

#### G. Membership Drawing

Tim Lentz was the winner of the 1 year membership drawing for survey participants.

#### H. 2017 Presidential Award for Excellence -- Angela Kroeger

The 2017 Presidential Award for Excellence was awarded to Steve Fosselman for his continued engagement in the association and advocacy for both NLA and the profession as a whole.

#### I. Transfer of Office -- Angela Kroeger & Andrew Cano

The gavel was passed to Andrew Cano.

#### J. Plans for NLA in 2017-2018 -- Andrew Cano

Cano thanked Kroeger for her continued dedication to NLA and Nebraska libraries as well as her strategic visioning for the future. The strategic re-envisioning slogan is "#ourNLA" with a goal to serve all members the best we can, not just most members. He hopes to send a Nebraska Emerging Leader to ALA every year and increase continuing education opportunities throughout the year. Next year's conference is October 4-6, a Thursday through Saturday, which may allow more school librarians to attend.

1. Announcement of 2017-2018 committee appointments - the list of appointments was made available online and in the #OurNLA strategic planning document shared with membership via email.

#### K. 2018 Conference Invitation & Adjournment -- Andrew Cano

Meeting adjourned at 1:49pm.