

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc.

Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 5 and 6, 2017



Appley Conference Center at White Eagle
Hamilton, NY

Present

Rich Henderson, President
Bill Harman, Vice President
Walter Dutcher, Treasurer
Janet Andersen, Secretary
Matthew Albright
Jack Baldwin
Donald Cook

Matt Dombrowski
Tarki Heath
John Jablonski
George Kelley
Dean Long
Laurel Mann
Theresa Mayhew

Rebecca Schneider
Jan Shields
John Slater
Robert Thill
Kristin Wilde

Absent

Jim Cunningham

Bob Rosati*

David Wright

Also in Attendance

Nancy Mueller, Manager

John Murad

- 1. Call to Order.** President-Rich Henderson called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.
- 2. Minutes of the March 25, 2017 Meeting.** Bob Thill moved, and Terri Mayhew seconded that the March 25, 2017 Board meeting minutes be approved, and the motion carried. The board reviewed the conflict of interest policy, and members who had not already signed the certification could sign.
- 3. Treasurer's Report.** Walter Dutcher reviewed the financial status. The balance sheet shows we have ample cash on hand and invested. CSLAP has more lakes in the program in 2017 and more CSLAP funding is providing higher revenues year to date. Walt reported that the accountant was working on the 990 and NYS Char 500 and expected to file on time. Bob Thill reported on the investment status and reported that Matt Dombrowski had joined the finance committee. Robert Thill moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Rebecca Schneider seconded, and the motion carried.
- 4. Office Report.** Nancy Mueller reviewed the conference status: over 200 attendees, and the new format seems attractive to attendees. Some people were turned away because of the lack of hotel rooms. The board thanked Nancy and the conference committee for their work.
- 5. Nominating Committee.** Rich Henderson introduced John Murad, an attorney who is willing to join NYS FOLA's board and provide counsel. John Slater reviewed the board members whose terms are up for renewal, and we agreed to stagger renewals to rebalance the terms. In addition to John, the board agreed to nominate Jan Andersen for 3 years, Don Cook for 3 years, Jim Cunningham for 3 years, Walter Dutcher for 3 years, Rich Henderson for 3 years, John Jablonski for 2 years, George Kelley for 3 years, John Slater for 3 years, Robert Thill for 1 year. Don Cook agreed to be the president-elect. On behalf of the board, Robert Thill praised the contributions and long service of Jack Baldwin and David Wright, who did not stand for another term. The board thanked them for their insights and guidance over the years.
- 6. 2018 Conference.** Nancy Mueller reviewed an alternate conference location, Fort William Henry on Lake George. Jan Andersen moved, and Bill Harmon seconded, that Nancy should be authorized to engage Fort

William Henry for the 2018 conference, our 35th, and also to pencil in the 2019 conference at both White Eagle and the new site, and the motion carried. This arrangement will provide flexibility to assess attendee reaction to the Lake George location. We felt many members and attendees were from the eastern part of the state. We agreed board meetings should remain centrally located.

7. **CSLAP.** Nancy Mueller reviewed the status of the 2017 CSLAP program. Packing of bottles and boxes is underway at UFI. With additional funding, we did not rotate any lakes out of the program, raising the number of usual sites to about 145. In addition, with supplemental funding and the staffing of the Finger Lakes HUB, the CSLAP program will include 2 sites at each Finger Lakes, or 22 sites, with potential for more in the future. Three training sessions are planned for these HUB locations. Some lakes may add more sites in the future. All Finger Lake sites are required to enter data online. Walter Dutcher expressed a concern with the financial impact of this program on NYS FOLA, and Scott Kishbaugh joined the meeting to address that concern. Scott discussed the sources of the funding in the state budget, including the Oceans and Great Lakes Initiative. The board agreed to ask the CSLAP committee to continue to monitor and to work on a budget to better explain the 2017 funding status. Scott also mentioned that the 2016 CSLAP lake reports had been reformatted to be sustainable going forward, and the board reported positive lake reception to these formats. Scott then left the meeting.
8. **NALMS.** John Jablonski moved, and Jan Andersen seconded, that Nancy Mueller should be authorized to attend the 2017 NALMS conference at a cost not to exceed \$1800, and the motion carried.
9. **NYS proposed wetland legislation.** Dean Long reviewed the proposed NYS senate bill that would extend state wetland protections from the current limit of 12.4 acres and larger to all wetlands greater than one acre in size, and to end the use of the state wetland map as wetland delineation. Dean was critical of the bill's lack of funding for staffing and enforcement. After discussion, Jan Andersen moved and Bill Harman seconded that a letter would be drafted by Laurel Mann, Dean Long, Rebecca Schneider, and Tarki Heath to support the proposal and indicate what would be required for success, and the motion carried. We also discussed the opportunity to comment on EPA rules by May 15.
10. **Gift.** We discussed that the 2016 gift for the lake management plan was not yet sent to the foundation. Since the lake had already been determined and the funding approved, Walter was directed to send a \$5000 check to the foundation. Rich Henderson stated that once the candidate lakes were selected, Nancy and he could use the approved criteria to select the highest ranking lake for the 2017 students.
11. **Regional Conferences:** We had authorized funding for up to 4 regional conferences at our March meeting.
12. **New Business.** Walter Dutcher said that the website host, mylaketown.com, had changed the pricing for his own lake association and was concerned about the future of the NYS FOLA website. We agreed that an RFP for a new website should be written and then distributed to potential website vendors.
13. **Recess.** At 5:00 pm Terri Mayhew moved, and Don Cook seconded, that the meeting should be reconvened after the general membership meeting on May 6, and the motion carried.
14. **Meeting Reconvened.** Rich Henderson reconvened the meeting on May 6 at 1:15 pm. *Bob Rosati joined the list of attendees above.
15. **Election of officers.** In recognition that the current officers had another year of their elected terms, Jan Andersen moved Laurel Mann seconded, that Don Cook should be elected as President-elect, and the motion passed. We also recognized that the members had not been presented with the board nominee John Murad, and Rich Henderson appointed John to a vacant board seat for the term of 3 years.
16. **Adjournment.** Laurel Mann moved for adjournment at 1:25 pm, Bob Rosati seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andersen

Janet Andersen, Secretary, NYS FOLA