

NSLA Board Meeting Minutes

Rodd Grand, Yarmouth

September 28, 2018

Attendance: Ann-Marie Mathieu, Dale MacMillan, Jai Soloy, Denise Corey, Alison Brown, Angela Reynolds, Bill Morgan, Yvette Frost

Regrets: Eric Pottie, Kristel Fleuren-Hunter, Cindy Lelliott, Katharine McCoubrey

1. Call to order.

Ann-Marie called the meeting to order at 4:12pm.

2. Approval of the agenda.

Additions:

6.2 Professional Support and development Fund request from ECRL.

6.3 Orientation Guide

6.4 Financial assistance request

Moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Corey / Reynolds **Motion carried.**

3. Approval of minutes.

There were 2 errors. In the President's Report section Literacy Marketplace should read Library Marketplace

In Section 5.5 Change should read changes.

Moved to accept the minutes as amended.

Reynolds / Morgan **Motion carried.**

4. Old Business and Business arising from the minutes.

The First Nations Acknowledgement Protocol By-law as proposed has the wrong date. The date needs to be changes to 1725 from 1726. The date on Katherine's report has been changed and initialed.

There has also been a change in the wording of the Acknowledgement since the board passed the protocol; therefore we are changing the wording we will be using to follow the official Government version.

5. Reports.

5.1 President

The President's report was placed on file.

Ann-Marie shared discussions from the Partnership meeting in August. She and Denise were not happy with the explanation with the discussion on Perkopolis. They came away knowing no more than when they went. Ann-Marie explained how we had had our own discussion with Perkopolis and that NSLA can have their own agreement and did not have to stay with the OLA plan.

Motion

There was a motion that NSLA enter into an agreement with Perkopolis: this would be a benefit to our membership.

Corey / MacMillan **Motion Carried.**

Another topic from the Partnership meeting that Ann-Marie felt was very important was Strategic Planning. Some associations have Strategic Plans

and others do not. NSLA does not have a Strategic Plan. It was decided that as a board we should look at doing a strategic plan.

ACTION:

Strategic Planning be placed on the November 2018 Board Meeting agenda. Several areas of discussion points included: Financial process, social media awareness, conference speakers and expenses.

As a pre-strategic planning tool conference attendees will be asked for feedback on what NSLA means to them, what we can do for them, or what can we do better. Post-it notes and a bulletin board will be provided for attendees.

5.2 Vice-President.

Report placed on file.

5.3 Past President.

Report placed on file.

Ann-Marie informed the board that Cindy has indicated that she will remain on the board for the next year.

5.4 Treasurer's Report

Report placed on file.

Bill moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report dated September 28, 2018 as presented.

Morgan / Reynolds **MOTION CARRIED**

5.5 By-Laws Convener

Report placed on file.

Changes made during old business noted and will be made to report before presentation to the membership at the AGM.

5.6 Newsletter Convener

No report filed.

Board was asked who was left to submit bios: Dale, Ray and Yvette.

5.7 Membership Convener

Membership report placed on file.

Dale highlighted that we had our first Retired member-Ros Morrison, and that we are up 18%. Ann-Marie indicated this was good news as many associations have falling memberships.

There will be another membership drive to get students from SIM and NSCC.

5.8 Website Convener

Report placed on file.

Jai informed us that he was continuing to work on the site and changes were coming.

5.9 Public Relations and Promotions Convener

Report placed on file

5.10 Nominations Convener

Report placed on file.

5.11 Conference Convener

No report

5.12 Professional Development Convener

Report placed on file.

6 New Business

6.1 2018-2019 Budget.

Bill Morgan presented the 2018-2019 budget.

Bill moved that the 2018-2019 NSLA budget be approved as presented.

Morgan / Corey **Motion carried.**

6.2 Professional Support and development Fund request from ECRL.

Eastern Counties Regional Library has submitted a request for funding assistance for a project for their **Open Library Pilot Project**. The documentation to support the request has been placed on file.

After some discussion it was decided to support the ECRL project from the NSLA Professional Support and Development Fund with a grant of \$1000.00

Move that we support the ECRL request for support from the Professional Support and Development Fund in the amount of \$1000.

Reynolds / Morgan **Motion carried.**

6.3 Orientation Guide

Ann-Marie asked that everyone look at their Orientation section o for board members and prepare any changes for the November board meeting. (**ACTION**)

6.4 Financial assistance request

There had been a request from a board member for financial support to attend the conference.

It was moved to award Alison Brown the Conference Bursary for first time attendance to the NSLA conference.

Corey / Soloy **Motion carried.**

7. Next meeting.

The next meeting will be immediately after the AGM on Sunday Morning.

8 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

