

Secretary Notes

NSLA Board Meeting Agenda

April 28, 2021

6:00 pm via zoom

I. Call to Order

Please enter your name to signify you are present:

Mandy Peterson	Andrea Ripp		Cynthia Stogdill
Peggy Bourge	Courtney Pentland		Beth Eilers
Angela Blankenship	Crys Bauermeister		
Kelly Kenny			
Mary Gregoski			

Joy Harvey will not be attending.

Emmy Fiala will be joining late.

Review of [Meeting Norms](#)

Note on Voting:

Voting is limited to members of the executive board: president, president-elect, immediate past-president, secretary, treasurer, four members of the Association elected by the membership at large and the AASL liaison.

The Executive Secretary and all other liaison positions serve in advisory capacity, and do not vote.

II. Additions to Agenda / Agenda Approval

III. Minutes from [March 24, 2021 Board Meeting](#) / Minutes Approval

Motion to Approve by: Andrea Ripp Seconded By: Mary Gregoski

IV. Treasurer's Report

Checking Account Balance as of 4/28/2021 = **

PayPal Account Balance as of 4/28/2021= **

Checking Account + PayPal Account Total = **

[FY 2021 Budget](#)

[YTD Treasurer's Report \(7/1/2020 to 4/28/2021\)](#)

**** Reach out to Board Members if you have any questions regarding totals**

- **Income has been greater than anticipated**
- **AFTCO n - charged us twice on accident, asked to just extend our membership until 2023 instead of getting a refund and renewing last year.**

Request for Payment Form

PDF:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bxk1b099wz2Pc0ZoRk1LeThIVUE/view?usp=sharing>

GOOGLE DOC:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B8IhVVipCJwgh4uXoedRIGu-p8s4ipgmgS7i_9lk19s/edit?usp=sharing

VI. President's Report (Angela Blankenship) / No Approval Needed

1. Election update
 - a. **83 Votes (normally in the 90s)**
 - b. **Will close on May 1st**
2. Survey update
 - a. **240 responses - haven't checked to ensure they are all unique people yet**
 - b. **400 people last time**
 - c. **At this time - we have a pretty good number**
 - d. **169 are school librarians, 48 are librarians plus another position**
 - e. **Most respondents work in school with 250-499 population**
 - f. **Added people to committee based off questions on the survey**
 - i. **Most positive thing out of this survey**
 - ii. **People want to help and become involved**

- g. If interested in participating in survey discussion - contact Courtney**
3. PPLV Banned Book Issue and statement
 - a. Discussion held - response created and important information will be shared with members**
 4. Rule 10 update
 - a. Discussion held - response created and important information will be shared with members**
 5. May/June commitments for current board members
 - a. Survey Data Meeting - June (Those that are interested)
 6. Future Meeting Dates:
 - a. April 28, 2021 (Zoom) 6:00 PM CST
 - b. May/June- look at survey data
 - c. July board retreat date-set later by Crys

VII. Executive Secretary's Report (Mandy Peterson) / No Approval Needed

[Click here for report](#)

- Anna Chou is interested in being a library mentor.
- 82 votes in election as of 7am April 27.
- **Membership has gone up by 13 (flash sale is still going on)**
- **Fielding a few concerns about the statements - people want more information**
 - **Standard Response: We taking time to discuss with other organizations behind the scene - best to wait, we can only give feedback once**

VIII. Communications (Anyone) / No Approval Needed

- Assistance from board members with generating social media posts would be greatly appreciated. Heads up about events you saw that we should promote, cool blog posts, awesome things librarians are doing, etc. Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook. Links would be preferred to screenshots. You can send to Emmy at NSLApublications@gmail.com or Mandy at contactnsla@gmail.com

IX. Committee/Liaison Reports / No Approval Needed

1. PLEASE POST YOUR REPORTS (OR ANY INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE) BELOW YOUR NAME:

A. Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska (AFCON) Liaison: Kari Bulgrin

AFCON has taken positions on LB88, LB282, LB36, and the development of the Nebraska Health Education Standards. So far, the only action has been on legislative bill 88. On April 15th, it failed to pass out of committee due to the filibuster. LB88 would have extended free press protections to student journalists and their advisors.

LB282 would strip school and library personnel of protections under Nebraska's obscenity laws. According to Tom Schlechte, the president of AFCON, "This turns into a big intellectual freedom issue, in large part because no one can define what is obscene before an actual court case is brought, and therefore library and school personnel are likely to exercise an overabundance of caution in the selection of materials and in discussions." Finally, LB36 would require schools to place, "In God We Trust" which goes against the First Amendment.

There is a lot happening in our state right now in regards to AFCON. The April Newsletter, [The Sentinel](#), covers a lot of the news but does not mention the new controversy happening in the Papillion-LavVista School District. I have been told that Liz von Nagy spoke in front of the school board on behalf of the book that is in question and did an amazing job. As of April 15th, I have not spoken to her.

In other news related to academic freedom, ALA and the Banned Books Coalition just announced Jason Reynolds has been named the inaugural Honorary Chair for Banned Books Week 2021. Banned Books Week is September 26-October 2nd. The top ten banned books of 2020 were released and the themes are frightening. In 2019, the majority of the books being banned were based on sexual orientation and transgender characters. The themes in 2020 relate to race and police brutality. Something to pay attention to as the year continues.

C. Nebraska Library Association (NLA) Liaison: Ginger Jelinek

D. NSLA Liaison to NLA: Angie Blankenship

NLA board meeting is April 30, 2021. [Agenda](#)

I shared our initial statement with them that was sent to our membership regarding the banned book issue in Papillion LaVista.

Wouldn't make a statement themselves - not quite their lane, but in support of us

E. Nebraska Library Commission (NLC) Liaison: Kelly Melson

There is a **Pandemic Resources for Libraries – One Year Later** post on the Commission website dated April 23:

<http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/nlcblog/2021/04/23/pandemic-resources-for-libraries-one-year-later/>

Upcoming NCompass Live Shows: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/ncompasslive/>

April 28 – Pretty Sweet Tech – Computers in Libraries 2021: Highlights, Tips, and Tricks

May 5 – Adult Book Clubs During the Pandemic: Reports from the Field

May 19 – Going Solo in the Library

F. Nebraska State Advisory Council Liaison: Joy Harvey

- Did not meet since last meeting

G. Awards and Scholarships: Cynthia Stogdill

- Most recent recipients have been notified
- Next Scholarship Deadline - July 1, 2021

H. American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Liaison: Courtney Pentland

- Approval needed for Commendation submission.
 - **The video I Love Public Schools completed on Libraries**
 - **We send in the “cool” thing that we did**
 - **Goes to Delegate - they vote - and get a certificate**
 - **Nice gesture to I Love Public Schools for being supportive**
 - **She will send it out for our approval (doesn't have to be an official approval process)**
- Jennisen Lucas presentation
 - **Recording was sent out to all members (not on YouTube)**
- American Rescue Plan Act information
 - **What schools can do to apply for these funds**

- **Vocalized concern about Bills like LB 282 that are popping up across the country - If this is an issue many face, as a larger group maybe we should address it**

I. Student Representative Liaison: Peggy Bourge

Nothing to report at this time other than the concerns over changes to Rule 10

J. NSLA Webmaster: Mandy Peterson

Besides our home page, our top three pages this month were:

- Meet the candidates
- PD
- Blog

K. Future Ready: Emmy Fiala

- The draft for the new approval, accreditation, and accountability rules from the NDE was released. What is included in the draft regarding Rule 10 is not at all the recommendations made by the committee. Please provide feedback via the [website](#).

L. Publications Committee: Mandy Peterson

M. Professional Development Committee: Courtney Pentland

Previous Members: Dana Fontaine, and Nicki Dorsey

Adding: Konni Indenbosch, Erin Hanna, Jamie Hestermann, Christine Clayton

[PD Committee working document](#)

Possibility for NETA Speaker -- SLJ School Librarian of the Year Amanda Jones

- **1500+ Airfare and Hotel**
- **Courtney will go ahead and schedule here**

Possibility for NSLD Speaker -- Victoria Thompson

Title: Equity in Educational Technology

Description: In education we need to be committed to ensuring our efforts reflect the needs of our classrooms and schools, as well as equity and inclusion. How can we leverage technology to reach our goals? Come learn with us on how to navigate this landscape and how it can be possible. Attendees will learn about the intersectionality of equity and educational technology. New ideas and strategies that attendees will learn include vetting digital platforms and resources through an anti-racist lens, what an educator should look for when searching for equitable technology and technology platforms, the potential dangers of not checking a resource before you give it to students, the importance of student choice and voice, and the importance of elevating women and people of color in curriculum, among others. Attendees will also create or modify pre-existing or future lessons to incorporate technology with the purpose of making classrooms, lessons, and curriculum anti-racist. Ideally, attendees will use the strategies that are given in this session or will discover strategies of their own that may work in their classrooms.

- **Looking at getting diversity in our speakers**
- **Diversity audit of your technology tools - different take**
- **Spoke at a California Speaker**
- **\$1000 per hour, willing to work with us with price discussion on what we would offer, final decision to offer her full asking price**
- **Zoom her to each of the locations**

- **Possibly postpone one of our PD sessions that we tentatively scheduled with UNO**
- **Use an open discussion and time for people to ask questions**
 - **Offer a few times?**
- **Another Possible Speaker for SLD (Kristina Uihlen Holzweiss?)**
 - **Haven't reached out yet, she's usually busy**

N. Membership committee: Joy Harvey

- We have not met since the last board meeting
- We were excited to see the first membership spotlight posted. We'll get the next one written up by next week.
- Still need to ponder the possibility of of a mentor/mentor cadre program
- **Andrea will become chair**

X. Old Business / Possible Approval Needed

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XI. New Business / Possible Approval Needed

1. Statement regarding Papillion-LaVista banned book.
 - a. **Motion to approve by Courtney Pentland, seconded by Crys Bauermeister**
2. Statement regarding the proposal for the updated version of Rule 10.
 - a. **Motion to approve by Cynthia Stogdill, seconded by Beth Eilers**
3. Date for fall SLD- Saturday, October 16
4. Speaker for SLD (Kristina Uihlen Holzweiss?)

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Molly Gregoski

Seconded by Crys Bauermeister