

**Secretary Notes**

**NSLA Board Meeting Agenda**

**December 2, 2020**

**6:00 pm via zoom**

**I. Call to Order**

Please enter your name to signify you are present:

Beth Eilers	Courtney Pentland		
Mary Gregoski	Peggy Bourge		
Angie Blankenship	Andrea Ripp		
Mandy Peterson	Kelly Kenny		
Emmy Fiala	Crys Bauermeister		

**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 [October 17, 2020 Board Meeting](#) / Minutes Approval**

**Minutes approved by Beth Eilers Seconded by Mandy Peterson**

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Checking Account Balance as of 11/30/2020= \$6,579.91

PayPal Account Balance as of 11/30/2020= \$11,867.25

Checking Account + PayPal Account Total =\$18,447.16

[FY 2021 Budget](#)

[YTD Treasurer's Report \(7/1/2020 to 11/30/2020\)](#)

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

- **Beth said we are sitting pretty. Fall School Librarian's Day brought in about \$7500. We probably want to talk in the future what we want to do with all the excess. Typically the money goes toward our NETA speaker fees. Beth also mentioned that the accounting software seems out of date, but she will look at alternative options.**
- **Use the money we have to bring someone big in next year, draw people back**
- **Software used for budget isn't the greatest**

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

1. Update on UNK/UNO presentations.
  - **Presentations went well, and we gained student members**
  - **Maybe try to plan it before our fall conference to boost attendance**
2. Review [Member Essentials](#).
  - P. 1-13 - Can be updated by Executive Secretary change (corrections and additions)
  - P. 14-25 changes would have to be approved by membership - Let's save these sections for either April or the retreat in July.
  - P. 26-55 - Can be updated by board vote
  - From Mandy: Do we want to discuss the disparity of scholarship form due dates vs. award dates? It's 3 months between right now. We beat that date

consistently. Maybe we keep it just knowing that we always beat it. Cynthia and Beth thoughts?

○ **Board Meeting Changes -**

■ **Courties [Motion to change: Chris Bauermeister, seconded by: Mary Gregoski]**

1. **Focus wording specifically to the board and take out the member par too - group is too big to manage**
2. **Remove note about sending a note to members with serious illness**
3. **If current board member dies, card and memorial to board member (take out flowers)**

■ **Student Representative Liaison**

1. **Take out the reference to Media**

■ **Change NSLA Blog to be NSLA Publication**

3. Future Meeting Dates:

February 3, 2021 (Zoom) 7:00 PM CST

- **Review Member Essentials - Finalize Liaison, look through Executive Secretary**

March 25, 2021 (will be at NETA)

April 28, 2021 (Zoom) 7:00 PM CST

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

[Click here for report](#)

- **232 Active Members**
- **Notification went out to members who haven't paid their dues**
- **Scholarship notification has gone out to members**
- **Do we want to do a mid-year join at half-price? Buddy with PD**

**VIII. Communications (Anyone) / No Approval Needed**

**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**

Next board meeting: December 12th at 10 am via zoom

The December newsletter, *The Sentinel*, is available [online](#). The annual meeting had the most members ever due to being on zoom.

Jim Shaw from the UNO Criss library presented on licensing resources versus ownership. Important for our members if budgets are getting cut.

**B. Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) Liaison: Chris Haeffner**

- **Ad-Hoc to revise wording for state library requirements**
  - **Briefly talked about the role of school librarians vs public librarians in school**

**C. Nebraska Library Association (NLA) Liaison:**

**D. NSLA Liaison to NLA: Angie Blankenship**

- No update at this time. They have a board meeting scheduled this week.

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

*The Library Commission's [NCompass Live webinars](#) often include presentations relevant to school librarians. Upcoming topics include teaching students to podcast and reading diversely.*

*The [Library Innovation Studios project](#) includes public libraries as hosts but there is a direct connection with schools, and some of the project libraries are joint public-school libraries (Loup City, Laurel, St. Paul). This is a grant that will continue until June of 2021 and its goal is to strengthen the makerspace concept in Nebraska libraries.*

*The [Big Talk From Small Libraries 2021](#) online conference opened on October 22 – this will likely include some presentations that would be of interest to school librarians. The conference will be held on Friday, February 26, 2021. For details go to <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/bigtalk/>*

**F. Nebraska State Advisory Council Liaison: Joy Harvey**

- Next meeting 11/20/20

**G. Awards and Scholarships: Cynthia Stogdill**

- Did we award any scholarships July 1? Just double checking my
- December 1 was our latest scholarship Deadline
- I'll review applications and send to committee early next week.
- Scholarship Applications:
  - 3 Praxis (4 Awarded this Spring)
  - 4 Continuing Education (1 Awarded in July)
  - 1 Karla Wendelin

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

- As a chapter of AASL, we have the opportunity to put forth concerns and commendations.
  - **We haven't submitted before, may think about it? (Advocate for our organization) Mandy says YES :)**
  - **Deadline? Courtney will look into it**
- Presentation to the AASL Member Engagement Committee and AASL Chapter reps that included information about our 2017 survey to SLs in Nebraska
  - **Topic member engagement**
  - **Discussed our membership survey**
  - **Arizona +1 other state contacted about using our survey**
- Do we want to do anything special for School Library Month?
  - **April**
  - **Great month for advocacy with administrators**
- Student members can attend this year's virtual MidWinter meeting for free: Join us for a fresh take on the ALA Midwinter Meeting - the online event will offer many of the experiences from past Midwinter Meetings, mixing in NEW activities and interactive features. ALA Members can register for \$130 (a savings of \$120!) with deeper discounts available for retired, trustee, support staff, or non-salaried members (members recently furloughed, laid off, or experiencing reduced work hours register at no cost). Plus – ALA Student members can register for FREE! The savings don't stop there – members will also be eligible for a 25% discount on ALA Store purchases of \$40 or more. Registration closes on January 15th.

#### **I. Student Representative Liaison: Peggy Bourge**

- Dr. Henning would just like to thank those who Zoomed with our Administration of the School Library class at UNK. Students gained good information.
- No information was received from Dr. Churchill

#### **J. NSLA Webmaster: Mandy Peterson**

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

- PD
- Awards and scholarships
- Blog

#### **K. Future Ready: Emmy Fiala**

#### **L. Social Media Committee: Emmy Fiala, Mandy Peterson**

#### **M. Professional Development Committee: Courtney Pentland**

##### **NETA**

NETA is changing their format for this year. Instead of one in person event, they are going to be offering opportunities throughout Jan, February, and March.

Cynthia is giving a presentation in January and they are looking for an elementary librarian for March. Registration price will remain the same to honor the vouchers for folks from last year and because attendees will have access to more content than they would have in person--even though there are fewer sessions overall.

From NSLA, they are seeking one presentation. This could be pre-recorded OR if we want to make it significantly interactive, we can do live. See PDF Agreement.

Changes for Jennisen Lucas--Already contacted her regarding the change which she anticipated. We discussed a possible 1-2 hour session from her either on a weeknight or weekend. She's pretty flexible, so we could pick the date. Would we want to do what would have been the Saturday after NETA (March 27th) or another date?

- **Prerecorded vs Interactive presentation by NSLA**
- **Ignite Session - prerecorded would probably be the easiest**
- **Use Jennisen's presentation as a mid year kick off - School Library Month in April. Courtney will check to see her availability 9-11am**

**ESU Conferences:**

ESU 13 Mid-Winter Conference 2021

ESU 3

### **Special Webinar Series**

Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Series --

Jan 21st 7:30 PM Molly Schnabel, President of the School Social Worker Assoc of NE--Homeless Services in the School Setting: What All Staff Need to Know

Contacted Misty Fraizer, Executive Director - Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Coalition -- waiting for response

Will be contacting folks for sessions on: LGBTQIA+ & Migrant/Refugee

- **UNO Gender Studies - Reaching out to them**

Information Literacy Series -- Common Sense Media Update

Community & Conversations Chats -- 7:30 PM CST via Zoom

Should we continue into next semester?

- **Just one other thing in the already busy spring**

### **Summer Collaborations--waiting to be contacted for 2021**

School Librarians in the Digital Age

Future Ready Nebraska Conference

- **Do we charge non members \$5 for our webinars**
- **We provide lots of free stuff already**
- **Membership has dropped by about 100**

### **N. Membership committee: Joy Harvey**

- Committee's 1st meeting was October 13, 2020
- Members: Brenna Barney, Carol Matthews
- Open to additional members
- Will make an effort to contact members who have not renewed their membership especially those in our area
- Would like to bring back member spotlights on the blog.
- Brainstorming ideas for recruiting and retaining members

## **X. Old Business / Possible Approval Needed**

## **XI. New Business / Possible Approval Needed**

1. Member Essentials review?
2. NETA updated format.
3. Request on Twitter for state school library associations to submit a joint statement to Dr. Biden & transition 46 team to help advocate for strong school library programs.

**a. Are we open to this possibility? Get the statement first - then as a board decide yes or now**

## **XII. Adjournment**

**Motion to end meeting by Beth Eilers**

**Seconded by Courtney Pentland**