

Northern Lights Library System Board

Regular Meeting

Northern Lights Library System

Via Zoom

10:00 AM Saturday, May 28, 2022

Minutes

1. Call to order 10:00 am
2. Acknowledgement of Treaty 6 and Land of the Metis:

Northern Lights Library System respectfully acknowledges that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory and a traditional meeting ground and home for many Indigenous Peoples, including Cree, Saulteaux, Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, and Nakota Sioux Peoples.

3. Quorum

	Municipality	Zone	Name	Present
1	Athabasca County	Zone 1	Kelly Chamzuk	Absent
2	Beaver County	Zone 3	Barry Bruce	Present
3	City of Cold Lake	Zone 2	Vicky Lefebvre	Present
4	County of Minburn	Zone 4	Joey Nafziger	Absent
5	County of St. Paul	Zone 2	Maxine Fodness	Present
6	County of St. Paul	Zone 2	Ross Krekoski	Present
7	County of Two Hills	Zone 2	Dianne Saskiw	Present
8	County of Vermilion River	Zone 4	Leslie Cusack	Present
9	Fishing Lake	Zone 2	Karen Telford	Absent
10	Frog Lake First Nation	Zone 2	Glenda Bristow	Absent
11	Lac La Biche County	Zone 2	Darlene Beniuk	Present
12	Lamont County	Zone 3	Daniel Warawa	Absent
13	M.D. of Bonnyville	Zone 2	Josh Crick	Present
14	M.D. of Wainwright	Zone 4	Robin Leighton	Present
15	S.V. Island Lk/South/Sunset Beach/Whispering Hills	Zone 1	Curtis Schoepp	Present
16	S.V. of Bondiss	Zone 1	Edwin Tomaszuk	Absent
17	S.V. of Mewatha Beach	Zone 1	Larry Tiedemann	Present
18	S.V. of West Baptiste	Zone 1	Amelia (Myn) Hursin	Absent
19	Smoky Lake County	Zone 1	Linda Fenerty	Absent
20	Sturgeon County	Zone 3	Matthew McLennan	Present
21	Thorhild County	Zone 1	Janine Paly	Present
22	Town of Athabasca	Zone 1	Edith Yuill	Present
23	Town of Bon Accord	Zone 3	Tanya May	Present
24	Town of Bonnyville	Zone 2	David Sharun	Present
25	Town of Bruderheim	Zone 3	Len Falardeau	Present
26	Town of Elk Point	Zone 2	Wanda Cochrane	Present
27	Town of Gibbons	Zone 3	Loraine Berry	Present
28	Town of Lamont	Zone 3	Colleen Holowaychuk	Present

29	Town of Morinville	Zone 3	Stephen Dafoe	Present
30	Town of Morinville	Zone 3	Jennifer Anheliger	Present
31	Town of Mundare	Zone 3	Eddie Sheppel	Absent
32	Town of Redwater	Zone 3	Dwayne Spicer	Present
33	Town of Smoky Lake	Zone 1	Amy Cherniwchan	Present
34	Town of St. Paul	Zone 2	Norm Noel	Absent
35	Town of St. Paul	Zone 2	Sid Sood	Absent
36	Town of Tofield	Zone 3	Harold Conquest	Present
37	Town of Two Hills	Zone 2	Keegan Thompson	Absent
38	Town of Vegreville	Zone 4	Taneen Rudyk	Present
39	Town of Vermilion	Zone 4	Kirby Whitlock	Present
40	Town of Viking	Zone 3	Gary Hafso	Absent
41	Town of Wainwright	Zone 4	Rick Fountain	Present
42	Village of Andrew	Zone 3	Barry Goertz	Absent
43	Village of Boyle	Zone 1	Barbara Smith	Present
44	Village of Chauvin	Zone 4	Sheila Donally	Present
45	Village of Edgerton	Zone 4	Jennifer Beattie	Present
46	Village of Holden	Zone 3	Travis Schiewe	Present
47	Village of Innisfree	Zone 4	Jennifer Johnson	Present
48	Village of Irma	Zone 4	Brandon Parsons	Absent
49	Village of Kitscoty	Zone 4	Daryl Frank	Absent
50	Village of Mannville	Zone 4	Shantell Bielesch	Absent
51	Village of Marwayne	Zone 4	Ashley Rainey	Present
52	Village of Myrnam	Zone 2	Donna Rudolf	Present
53	Village of Paradise Valley	Zone 4	Mary Arnold	Present
54	Village of Vilna	Zone 1	Leroy Kunyk	Absent
55	Village of Waskatenau	Zone 1	Tyson Berlinguette	Absent
56	Village of Ryley	Zone 3	Annette Short	Absent

36 Representatives present – quorum achieved
 Guests – Melanie Pole ALPEG; Jodi Dahlgren LMC Chair
 Staff – James MacDonald, Joanne Knysh, Tracy Paradis

4. Adoption of Agenda

**M: Dwayne Spicer moved to adopt the agenda as presented.
 Carried.**

5. [Minutes of the March 4th](#) NLLS Board meeting

**M: Curtis Schoepp moved to accept the March 4th minutes with the amendment that Janine Paly be marked as present for that meeting.
 Carried.**

6. Introductions/Roundtable

- Representatives took a moment to introduce themselves

For Information

7. Chairperson's Report – Vicky Lefebvre

- Report on the conference this past two days
- Positive feedback on the first local chair's meeting
- Notes on the role of the Alberta Library Trustee's Association

8. Public Library Services Branch (PLSB) update – James MacDonald

- No update provided

9. Library Manager's Council (LMC) Report – Jodi Dahlgren

M: Darlene Beniuk moved to accept the Library Manager's Council report as presented. Carried.

10. [Alberta Library Trustee Association \(ALTA\) report](#) – Jennifer Anheliger

M: Amy Cherniwchan moved to accept the ALTA report as presented Carried.

11. [Financial Report](#) - Year to Date – James MacDonald

M: Darlene Beniuk moved to accept the financial report as presented. Carried.

12. Levies and Population Lists Explained – James MacDonald

- An overview of system funding and its relationship to population lists was presented
- Thorough discussion was had on system funding and population

A: Executive Director to send follow up letter to all NLLS representatives outlining the population lists and levies once there is confirmation on the province's numbers.

M: Lorraine Berry moved that the budget committee prepare cost comparisons for a variety of Board and committee meeting formats.

Carried.

Elections

Executive Committee	Term End Date
Vicky Lefebvre (City of Cold Lake) (Chair)	May 2023
Larry Tiedemann (S.V. of Mewatha Beach) (Zone 1)	May 2023
Maxine Fodness (County of St. Paul) (Zone 2)	May 2024
Dwayne Spicer (Town of Redwater) (Zone 3)	May 2023
Leslie Cusack (County of Vermilion River) (Zone 4)	May 2024
Matthew McLennan (Sturgeon County auto. seat)	May 2024
Barb Smith (Village of Boyle) (member-at-large)	May 2022
Jennifer Anheliger (Town of Morinville) (member-at-large)	May 2022
Josh Crick (M.D. of Bonnyville) (member-at-large)	May 2024
Curtis Schoepp (S.V. Isl.Lk/Isl.Lk S/Sunset Beach/Whisp.Hills) (S.V. Seat)	May 2024

Briefing Note: The election of the Executive Committee is [governed by policy](#). This policy was updated in March 2022 to include a permanent seat for a representative from our indigenous

communities and our summer villages. Should these positions not receive a nomination from an eligible member at the time of voting the positions will revert to being filled by members-at-large.

We have 2 member-at-large positions with an expiring term. We will call first for nominations for a member from our indigenous member communities.

Once these nominations and potential election has completed, we will call for nominations for members-at-large (1 or 2 seats as required).

ELECTION:

1st Call for Nominations

Edith Yuill nominated Barb Smith for a member-at-large position on the Executive Committee.

Barb accepted the nomination.

Dwayne Spicer nominated Jennifer Anheliger for a member-at-large position on the Executive Committee.

Jennifer accepted the nomination.

2nd Call for nominations

No one nominated.

3rd call for nominations

No one nominated.

M: Maxine Fodness moved that nominations cease.

Carried.

Barb Smith and Jennifer Anheliger were acclaimed for member-at-large positions on the Executive Committee.

Standing Committees	
Advocacy Committee	Term
Barb Smith (Zone 1)	May 2024
Dianne Saskiw (Zone 2)	May 2024
Dwayne Spicer (Zone 3)	May 2024
Chris Neureuter (Zone 4)	Resigned
Larry Tiedemann (member-at-large)	May 2024
Grievance Committee	
Barbara Smith (Zone 1)	May 2024
Wanda Cochrane (Zone 2)	May 2024
Dwayne Spicer (Zone 3)	May 2024
Mary Arnold (Zone 4)	May 2024
Rick Fontaine (member-at-large)	May 2024
Policy Committee	

Barbara Smith (Zone 1)	May 2024
Josh Crick (Zone 2)	May 2024
Loraine Berry (Zone 3)	May 2024
Daryl Frank (Zone 4)	May 2024
Dwayne Spicer (member-at-large)	May 2024
ED Evaluation Committee	
Executive Committee Chair	Ongoing
Executive Committee Vice Chair	Ongoing
Larry Tiedemann	May 2024

Briefing note: We have one vacancy in our standing committees. Chris Neureuter has resigned from the Board and his vacancy has been filled by Ashley Rainey. Members from Zone 4 are eligible for this position on the [Advocacy Committee](#).

Election:

1st call for nominations

Diane Saskiw nominated Kirby Whitlock (Zone 4) as a member of the Advocacy Committee. Kirby accepted the nomination.

2nd call for nominations

No one nominated.

3rd call for nominations

No one nominated.

M: Robin Leighton moved that nominations cease. Carried.

Kirby Whitlock was acclaimed as the Zone 4 representative on the Advocacy Committee.

Zones

Zone 1

Athabasca County
S.V. of Bondiss
S.V. of Sunset Beach
S.V. of Island Lake
S.V. of Island Lake South
S.V. of Mewatha Beach
S.V. of West Baptiste
S.V. of Whispering Hills
Smoky Lake County
Thorhild County
Town of Athabasca
Town of Smoky Lake
Village of Boyle
Village of Vilna
Village of Waskatenau

Zone 2

City of Cold Lake
County of St. Paul
County of Two Hills
Fishing Lake
Frog Lake
Lac La Biche County
M.D. of Bonnyville
S.V. of Pelican Narrows
Town of Bonnyville
Town of Elk Point
Town of St. Paul
Town of Two Hills
Village of Myrnam

Zone 3

Beaver County
Lamont County
Sturgeon County
Town of Bon Accord
Town of Bruderheim
Town of Gibbons
Town of Lamont
Town of Morinville
Town of Mundare
Town of Redwater
Town of Tofield
Town of Viking
Village of Andrew
Village of Holden
Village of Ryley

Zone 4

County of Minburn
County of Vermilion River
M.D. of Wainwright
Town of Vegreville
Town of Vermilion
Town of Wainwright
Village of Chauvin
Village of Edgerton
Village of Innisfree
Village of Irma
Village of Kitscoty
Village of Mannville
Village of Marwayne
Village of Paradise Valley

Decisions

13. Board Meetings

Briefing Note: Meetings are generally held the last Friday or Saturday of February, May, August, and November. With such a new board we'd like to determine if there is a preference for Fridays or Saturdays.

M: Darlene Beniuk moved that future general board meetings will be held the last Saturday of February, May, August, and November.

M: Josh Crick moved to table the question of general board meeting dates to the August general board meeting and the availability of cost comparisons of meeting formats.

9. Adjournment

Josh Crick moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:03pm.

Carried.

Approved by

Date