

**Regular Meeting  
Nioga Board of Trustees  
April 28, 2026  
Nioga Headquarters**

Approved

The regular meeting of the Nioga Library System Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

**Present:** Marilyn Zaciewski, Charles Begley, Jeffrey Laub, Patty Nagel, Andrea Fetterly, Tammam Kinan, Dan Haight, Jeanne Tuohey, Craig Bacon and Howard Balaban

**Excused:** None

**Staff members present:** Tom Bindeman, and Laura Jeffery

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Haight.

**OPEN HEARING:**

There was no business brought forth in the Open Hearing.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Begley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Action:** It was moved by Mr. Haight to accept the minutes from the March 24, 2026 meeting as corrected. Ms. Tuohey seconded and the motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance and Audit Committee:**

The Monthly Budget Reports for March 2026 were included in the Board Packet.

**Schedule of Payments**

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| a) March 2026        |               |
| General Fund 2026-03 | \$ 105,974.58 |
| SRF Account 2026-03  | \$ 355,136.23 |
| LAA Account 2026-03  | \$1,955.16    |

March 2026 Employee monthly payroll reports were also included in the Board packet. Mr. Haight reported that the accounts look good.

**Nominating Committee:**

Mr. Laub gave an update on the two vacancies on the Nioga Board of Trustees: The At Large seat and the Genesee County Seat. Mr. Laub also stated Ms. Andrea Fetterly agreed to run for her second term for the Genesee County seat. There are three nominations for the At Large seat. The three At Large nominations forms will be placed in the folders.

Mr. Begley stated someone could be appointed to finish out the term (term is up May 2030) of the vacant Genesee County seat.

The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Laub stated the Slate of Officers

2026/2027 Slate of Officers:

President – Mr. Begley

Vice-President – Mr. Laub

Treasurer – Mr. Haight

Secretary – Mr. Haight (Mar, Apr. and May)

Secretary – Mr. Bacon (starting in June 2026)

**Program Committee**

**Annual Dinner:**

Ms. Zaciewski updated the Board on plans for the Annual Dinner scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2026 in Genesee County at Batavia Downs in the Park Lane Room, Batavia, NY. The cost per person will be \$35.00. Invitations were included in the Board Packet. The invitations to our member library board of Trustees and Directors have been mailed out. Ms. Zaciewski had asked the Nioga Board of Trustees for Volunteers to help in finishing up plans.

**The Norman Sinclair Award:**

Ms. Zaciewski stated that the Program Committee has recommended Ms. Maggie Steyn, Youngstown Free Library.

**The Annual Outreach Award:**

Ms. Zaciewski stated that the Program Committee has recommended Beverly Eiler, Wilson Community Library for the annual outreach award.

**Personnel Committee**

**Update on Executive Director Search:**

Ms. Zaciewski stated they have received twelve resumes. The committee and the Attorney are reviewing all twelve.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Trustee Training Sessions:**

Mr. Begley stated two trustee training sessions have taken place via Zoom in March 2026.

Mr. Begley also stated there are two additional zoom sessions scheduled in October 2026.

**Update on the Sexual Harassment prevention workshops:**

Sexual Harassment Prevention workshops took place on April 1, 2026 for Directors and staff and April 8, 2026 for Trustees via Zoom. Certificates will be e-mailed to participants.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Update on State Budget:**

Thomas Bindeman stated that the New York State Budget hasn't finalized hopefully soon.

**Update on Outreach Vacancy:**

Thomas Bindeman stated he has received approximately 8 resumes.

## **Communications, Advocacy & Outreach**

### **Youth Services Update:**

A report on activities in Youth Services was also included in the Board packet.

### **Passport Program:**

Thomas Bindeman stated that member libraries are participating in the Passport Program this summer.

### **Summer Reading Program Grant (SRP):**

Thomas Bindeman stated all member libraries are receiving \$400.00 each for Summer Reading Grant program. Member libraries are also receiving Love Your Library Grant of \$125.00 each.

### **Extension Services Update:**

A report for the month was included in the Board packet.

### **Medical Insurance paid July through December 2026:**

**Action:** A motion was made by Ms. Zaciewski and seconded by Mr. Haight to approve the payment of Mr. Bindeman's health insurance premiums for the 2026 coverage year. and the motion carried.

## **MEMBER LIBRARY DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES COMMENTS, ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Balaban stated Yates Library, Lyndonville is creating silly videos on social media to entice patrons to come to the library.

### **OTHER:**

Annual Dinner: May 20, 2026 Batavia Downs Events Center, Batavia, NY opening at 5:30 PM

Next regular meeting: June 23, 2026

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM

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Secretary