

**NEBRASKA LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE FIRST BOARD MEETING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019  
April 29, 2018  
Teresa Hartwig, Secretary**

**Call to Order.** The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Legal Professionals Association was held on Sunday, April 29, 2018, at the Holiday Inn Omaha Southwest, Legacy Room, Omaha, Nebraska. The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by President, Valentina Harris. Valentina welcomed everyone in attendance at the Board Meeting and Teresa Hartwig read the Mission Statement and Standing Rule No. 17.

**Roll Call.** Roll call was taken by President, Valentina Harris, as follows:

<b>Roll Call of Officers:</b>	<b><u>Present/Absent</u></b>
Valentina Harris, President	Present
Sheila Anderson, Vice President	Absent
Teresa Hartwig, Secretary	Present
Alicia Hunt, Treasurer	Present
Jody Weinmeister, Parliamentarian	Present

**Roll Call of Chapter Representatives and Chapter Count:**

	<b><u>Present/Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Chapter Count</u></b>
LLPA –Sandie Smith, PLS	Present	2
OLPA – Donna Olson-Pro Tem	Present	11
Members-at-Large – Jody Weinmeister, Karen Niedfelt, Teresa Hartwig	Present	<u>3</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>

A quorum was established.

**Other Chairpersons/Members/Guests Present:** Sharon Huber, Nadine Ostrow, Lynda Henningsen, Jean Roeder, Cherie Sempek, Carol Sperry, Bonnie Kudron, Dianne Rosenthal, and Sherry Mitchell, PLS.

**Officer Reports:**

**President:** Valentina Harris stated she's excited about the new year and thanked the outgoing officers and chapter representatives, and also thanked the incoming members of the Board for taking on new responsibilities. Valentina shared her vision for the upcoming year stating she would like to video tape speakers from chapter meetings to share with each chapter as well as reaching out to potential members in central and western Nebraska. This would require purchasing equipment such as

tripods, cameras, projectors, and screens. It was suggested Valentina appoint an ad hoc committee to research the steps that would be involved in carrying out this type of endeavor. Carol Sperry suggested contacting area community colleges. Perhaps we could have access to their equipment. After more discussion, it was decided to table this matter at this time, and members were asked to visit about this matter in their respective chapters.

**Vice President:** Sheila Anderson was not present and had no report.

**Secretary:** Teresa Hartwig will email minutes of the April 28, 2018 meeting to members.

**Treasurer:** Alicia Hunt reported LLPA has 19 members; OLPA has 36, and there are four Members-at-Large; resulting in a total membership of 59 at this time.

**Parliamentarian:** Jody Weinmeister thanked Valentina for the opportunity to serve as Parliamentarian.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Annual Convention:** Bonnie Kudron reported a final report will be submitted after they have received the final expenses.

**Budget:** Alicia Hunt reported the budget will be discussed during the June Board Meeting.

**Historian:** Valentina asked members to submit pictures/articles to Vickie Starr.

**Legal Education:** It was decided all members will be responsible for Legal Education and to submit articles to the *SideBar* or blog.

**Legal Professional of the Year:** Congratulations to Vickie Starr for winning the award.

**Nominations & Elections.** Position is vacant at this time.

**Scholarship:** Position is vacant at this time.

**Fall Seminar:** Will be hosted by OLPA.

**Website/Webmaster:** Daniel Harris will be assisting Alicia Hunt on this committee.

**Ways & Means:** Will be determined by LLPA.

**SideBar:** The deadline for submission of reports for the next edition of the *SideBar* is May 11, 2018. Kathy Bass, CP, has chosen to not continue as chairperson. Position will be vacant.

**Chapter Reports:** Please see Annual Convention booklet.

**Old Business.** Minutes of the April 28, 2018 Annual Meeting were distributed. Several corrections were made; however, Teresa will email the minutes to allow members sufficient time to review. Members were reminded articles for the *SideBar* are due to Kathy Bass, CP, by May 11, 2018.

**New Business.**

**Calendar for Term.** The following dates were determined:

Board Meeting – June 9, 2018 – Chances “R” in York  
Fall Seminar – October 13, 2018 with an alternate date of October 6, 2018 – OLPA (location to be announced)  
Winter Board Meeting – January 19, 2019 – in Lincoln (location to be announced)  
Spring Board Meeting – March 2, 2019 – in Omaha (location to be announced)  
Annual Convention – Tentatively set for April 26, 27, 28, 2019 – LLPA (location to be announced)

**State Association Preservation Ad-Hoc Committee.**

Kathy Eidenmiller has expressed an interest in chairing this committee and Valentina Harris and Sheila Andersen will be ex-officio members.

**Committee Assignments.**

Members were asked to return to their chapters and request members to fill vacant committees.

**Budget Items:**

- **Chapter Membership Funds.**

Alicia Hunt inquired as to whether we want to give a stipend to each chapter for their recruitment of new members. Last year NLPA gave each chapter \$150.00. It was noted the balance in the NLPA treasury is adequate to fund stipends of this nature. Discussion then ensued. Jody Weinmeister moved to give OLPA and LLPA each \$200.00 to be used in their recruitment of new members. Cherie Sempek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **Meeting Equipment.**

Members will return to their respective chapters and discuss the proposed purchasing of video equipment.

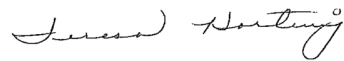
**For the Good of the Organization.**

**Acknowledgements/Celebrations:**

A thank you card will be sent to Laura Cejka for spearheading and organizing the Annual Convention booklet.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next Board Meeting will be held at Chances "R" in York, Nebraska on Saturday, June 9, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Teresa Hartwig".

Teresa Hartwig, Secretary

On May 2, 2018 Alicia Hunt moved to approve the minutes from the April 29, 2018 First Board Meeting. Jody Weinmeister seconded the motion. Motion carried.