



USATLA General Membership Meeting
Friday, December 3, 2021
Via Teleconference

MINUTES

Attendees: DIRECTORS: Martin Stone-President, Anne Friederichs-Treasurer, Anelis Coscioni, Nina Hillery, Sue Kirshner. STAFF: Judith Iacuzzi-Executive Director, Tony Iacuzzi- WEB manager, MEMBERS: Lara Lehman, Leigh Fernandez, Rose Baily, Melissa Herrera, all from New Mexico

WELCOME: President Stone welcomed those in attendance and made introductions.

A. MINUTES of 12-4-20 MEETING

Anne moved and Sue seconded that the minutes from the 12-4-20 meeting be approved. There were no additions or corrections. Motion passed.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasure Anne Friederichs reported an annual balance as of 8-15-21 as \$41,812.11. Expenses were \$5,963.52 for the same period. The report is filed subject to review.

C. BOARD OF ELECTION RESULTS

Nina Hillery and Sue Kirshner were re-elected to the board; Anelis Coscioni was elected to the board. All will serve three -year terms, 2021 - 2024.

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- During the pandemic USATLA posted video and ads on its Facebook page some 140 ideas for families to engage in and play with their children.
- USATLA has filled two free-standing display cases at the Northbrook Public Library, Northbrook, IL, with toy library materials and information. The display will stand at the entrance of the library for two months.
- In its ongoing attempt to build an accurate Directory of Toy Libraries, USATLA is asking state librarians for their help through an email campaign. This program will launch in January 2022.

E. FUNDRAISING

- The annual Valentine Appeal will mail in January. All suggestions for possible donors should be given to Judy Iacuzzi, Executive Director, at usatla.org@gmail.com.

F. INTERNATIONAL TOY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ITLA)

- The ITLA is 25 years old and has held eight conferences throughout the world, most recently in South Africa. The 2023 conference will be held in Melbourne, Australia.

- USATLA works with the Western Hemisphere group of the ITLA and attends periodic meetings on Zoom.
- USATLA endorses World Play Day which is May 28 of each year.
- ITLA is developing a standards guide for toy librarians and toy libraries throughout the world, a significant undertaking. The first draft was presented at a December 2021 board meeting of ITLA.
- ITLA membership is open to all who are interested and membership information may be found at <http://itla-toylibraries.org/home/become-a-member/>

G. NEWSLETTER

- The USATLA newsletter, *Child's Play*, is published electronically bi-annually. Story suggestions, including photos, may be sent to Judy Iacuzzi, usatla.org@gmail.com. We are always interested in what our members are exploring!

H. OTHER

Lara Lehman inquired about how toy librarians could more effectively communicate with each other and collaborate on ideas. It was noted that the Community Forum site at usatla.org members can post questions and communicate ideas.

Lara suggested holding periodic ZOOM meetings on specific topics of interest and concern to the wider membership. A committee including Judy, Anelis, Sue, Marty and Anne, agreed to investigate this idea and get back to Lara.*

- The next General membership meeting will be held in December 2022.

Nina moved and Anne seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 EST.

** Note bene (The first or four Quarterly Conversations will be held January 21, 2022 on Zoom)*