



Annual Meeting Minutes

1 August 2019

Paul Smith's College, Paul Smith's NY

Directors Present: Ed Griesmer (ALA Director), John Jeffery (Region E, FCL) Guy Middleton (Region A, USLF), Margaret Murphy (Region B), Jane Smith (ALA Associate Director), Kelley Tucker (ALA Secretary, AsRA), Brendan Wiltse

Advisors Present: Ross Whaley, Matt Simpson, Dan Wilt

1. Meeting called to order 8:35

2. Welcome – Ed Griesmer

- Introduction of ALA directors and advisors
- Introduction of Judy Drabicki, Deputy Director for Natural Resources, NYSDEC
- Thanks to Paul Smith's for hosting ALA once again

3. Financials

- ALA income is dues-based
- Current balance is \$9,000 pre-conference costs
- A grant from International Paper is underwriting conference costs
- 2020 dues levels will remain the same as in 2019

4. Old Business

- At the last Executive Board Committee meeting, members reaffirmed the existing mission, goals, and programs of the ALA.

5. New Business

- The Executive Board member terms are expiring. Board members believe it is time to change the volunteer staffing of the ALA including: Director, Associate Director, and Secretary.
- The current directors are requesting all members to consider nominees for these posts.
- To move this change forward, the board will call a special meeting to be held on a yet to be determined Saturday in October of 2019. Details will be forwarded by email to all members with nomination details. It is important for a quorum of member to attend the special meeting.

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 AM