

**NHLTA Education Committee
December 16, 2025
10:00 AM via Zoom**

Present: Mark Branoff, Cathy Harvey, Tammy Hooker, Janet Hromjak, Marcia McLaughlin, Sue Nieman, Jeanne Palleiko, Kathy Parenti, Ann Xavier. **Absent:** Cliff Blake, Katrinka Pellecchia, Sue Whitbeck. *Marcia will report for Connie and Katrinka.*

Cathy Harvey called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Minutes: Ann made a motion to approve the Minutes of November 18, 2025 as written. Janet seconded it. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Conference: Janet and Tammy gave updates.

- 18 RFP's have been received. They will be reviewed and decisions made about acceptance on December 19, 2025.
- Scholarships will be the next item to discuss.
- Ashley will have menus and A/V quote in January. Tammy said to expect at least a \$2.00/per person increase for food.
- Meeting dates with Ashley have been set for January - May.
- There are 21 exhibit tables at present.
- Jeanne is working on projecting finances at the end of the conference.

Credit Union:

- The Board has voted for membership in the Library of Congress Federal Credit Union. No 1. Remaining Board in Favor. Vote Passed.
- A concern is who will be the lead/point person?
- Janet would like to respond to Paul Lucas from the LCFCU about advertising. Will we allow it in newsletter or website?
- In Katrinka's absence, Marcia noted that space issues in the newsletter are Katrinka's concern.
- Discussion:
 - What does "lead" mean?
 - Not overthinking; find out what they want.
 - How often to advertise? Quarterly?
 - What will we charge for advertising?
 - Anything to reduce cost of newsletter is good.

Marcia made a motion, seconded by Tammy to approve advertising from the LCFCU. All in favor. The motion passed.

Jeanne made a motion, seconded by Janet, to open the door to allowing LCFCU to advertise in the NHLTA newsletter.

Discussion:

- We need additional research, and should not allow this year.
- Katrinka needs to be a part of it.
- We have joined but are not ready to move forward with advertising at this time.
- The Credit Union should have a standard contract to review.
- Amount Credit Union would pay for advertising; how to negotiate.

A vote was taken. Yes 4. No 3. Abstentions 2. The motion passed.

Marcia will send the recording of this discussion to Katrinka to review, and get her opinion. She can meet with Paul Lucas, as well. Then Janet can provide a response to LCFCU.

A vote can be taken by e-mail, before the January Board meeting, when more information is available and we have Katrinka's input.

New Business:

- Marcia updated the Board about illness in Sue Whitbeck's family, Cliff Blake's ongoing focus on health. Sue Nieman has resigned due to personal health reasons.
- As agreed upon in the Strategic Plan, Tammy will be sending the Membership Survey to members as a test this week, and requests feedback. Ashley will send the survey to the entire NHLTA membership in an e-blast on January 13, 2026, unless there are conflicts.
- Marcia stated the need for new Board members! Please think about possibilities.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Adjournment: Marcia made a motion, seconded by Kathy to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Nieman, Secretary

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