

Shepherd re-elected NFLA president; contributions-policy amendment passes

Aug. 2, 2008 —Molly Shepherd was elected to her second consecutive one-year term as president, and Oliver Meister was elected to his second consecutive one-year term as vice president at the Aug. 2 business meeting of the North Fork Landowners' Association at Sondreson Hall. The NFLA bylaws specify a two-term limit for president but no term limit for vice president.

Also at the meeting, Jon Cole and Gerry Stearns announced they would not be running for re-election to their director positions. Jan Caldwell was elected to a two-year term as south director, replacing Stearns. It will be the first time Caldwell serves on the NFLA board of directors. Steve Berg, was elected to a two-year term as north director, replacing Cole. Berg had served as president of the NFLA years ago.

All candidates ran unopposed.

Pat Cole was appointed by Shepherd to yet another term as secretary-treasurer. Directors who will continue to serve on the board are North Director Lynn Ogle and South Director Frank Vitale, both half way through their two-year terms, and Immediate Past President Ed Heger, who will vacate this position upon election of a new president in 2009.

Members also decided the fate of four proposed bylaws amendments at the meeting. An amendment prohibiting financial contributions to other organizations was passed nearly unanimously by members. A proposed amendment specifying a process for handling divisive issues did not receive the two-thirds majority vote necessary for passage.

A “housekeeping” proposal to strike an earlier “Complete and Current Bylaws” amendment was approved nearly unanimously. And a proposed amendment that would have prohibited officers in other North Fork organizations from serving as officers in the NFLA was defeated by an approximate 3-to-1 vote. The proposed amendments were published in full on the **Bylaws** page following their presentation at the July business meeting. We've updated those items with results above.

In other business conducted at the August meeting, members voted to uphold the hall-rental policy established by the board of directors. The charge for renting the hall is \$75 for non-NFLA-sponsored events. And members upheld the board's recommendation not to “partner” with the North Fork Road Coalition for Health and Safety