



British Columbia Library Association

Annual General Meeting

**8:30 am-10:15am Saturday April 18th, 2009
Hilton Metrotown Vancouver
Burnaby, BC**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order (L. Jordon)

- L. Jordon called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

2. Greetings from PNLA President (K. Watson)

- K. Watson thanked L. Jordon for the invitation to the BCLA Conference, and complimented the Conference. K. Watson reported that the Pacific Northwest Library Association offers its members: *the Quarterly*; the Young Readers' Choice Award; its job list; and the PNLA Leadership Institute programs. PNLA and BCLA work to strengthen bonds between the two organizations and the communities they represent. K. Watson asked the BCLA membership to think about how best they can support not only BCLA, but other organizations that partner with it.

3. Establishment of Quorum

- Quorum established.

4. Announcement of Parliamentarian

- L. Jordon announced T. Mundle as Parliamentarian.

5. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the Agenda for the 2009 BCLA Annual General Meeting be approved.

M. Burris. Seconded by J. Conatser. Carried.

6. Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting - Saturday April 19th 2008

- Spelling error in 2008 Minutes: Item 13 part 3: Resolution on Network (Net) Neutrality: correct spelling of name: **D. Greyson**. This change was noted but not voted upon.

MOTION: That the Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting from Saturday, April 19th 2008 be approved.

U. Benoit. Seconded by C. Middlemass. Carried.

7. Annual Report:

MOTION: That the BCLA Annual Report be approved as presented.

C. Elder. Seconded by U. Benoit. Carried.

8. Membership Secretary's Report (S. Wong)

- Available as part of the Annual Report.

9. Treasurer's Report (S. Hall)

MOTION: That the BCLA 2008 Financial Statements be approved.

S. Hall. Seconded by U. Benoit. Carried.

Highlights:

- 2008 was a year with higher expenditures than revenue, which is unusual. Costs associated with hiring new Executive Director and costs for funding IFLA conference which did not make its budget were two extraordinary expenditures for 2008. Note error on 2nd page of financial information, Statements of Operation and Changes in Fund Balances: ...should read \$46,229
- Vancouver Fund is making no money this year, and so we will have no earnings from that source for 2009.

MOTION: To appoint the firm of Collins Barrow Chartered Accountants as Auditor for 2009/2010.

S. Hall. Seconded by C. de Castell. Carried.

10. Resolutions Committee Report (D. Thomas)

Highlights:

MOTION: That the changes to the BCLA Constitution and Bylaws be approved as submitted, with changes to section 13.1 and 7.3.

K. Cooley. Seconded by O. Ma. Carried.

- Questions: Why the changes to the duties of the officer? Answer: We have hired the Exec Director for the Association, who performs common functions. Those are outlined here. Much of the correspondence is done by the President, but this sentence reflects some operational correspondence done by the Executive Director. Also, the
- Sections 13.1 and 7.3 make conflicting statements about the ex-officio roles of the President and the Executive Director. Section 13.1 to be corrected to read: "The President and Executive Director are ex-officio members of every Committee." Section 7.3 is correct as it reads, "The President and Executive Director shall be members ex-officio of every committee of the Association."

Resolutions:

1. Resolution on Free Speech BC's Election Act.

BE IT RESOLVED that BCLA endorse the work of the Free to Speak Campaign on this issue;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BCLA take a public position against the provisions in the Election Act that restrict the ability of individuals and organizations to speak freely on matters of public interest;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BCLA write to Elections BC to inform them of the association's position.

MOTION: That the body of the resolution be read into the minutes.

J. Davis. Seconded C. Johnson. Carried.

- Discussion: Anyone advertising during an election campaign, unregistered, is subject to fines or possible jail time under the BC Election Act. This includes any individual or group, and it infringes on free speech.
- Change to second sentence under point 2., Rationale: "...changes to the Election Act which among other things extended restrictions on 'advertising' during election campaigns to include individuals and groups..." to be changed to "...changes to the

Election Act which among other things extended restrictions on ‘advertising’ during election campaigns. Restrictions include individuals and groups spending less than \$500...”

MOTION: That the resolution be approved with changes as noted.

J. Davis. Seconded C. Johnson. Carried.

11. President’s Report (L. Jordon)

Highlights

- *The BCLA Reporter* has been redesigned as *The Browser*.
- The President forged new liaisons with groups such as Archivists and Special Librarians; there is hope that they will join us at future conferences.
- Extensive changes were made to the BCLA Bylaws and Constitution
- A submission was made to comment on changes to the Library Act
- BCLA Board continued to monitor the Copyright Act and TILMA legislation

12. Nominations Committee Report (D. Thomas)

Nominations of Officers and Directors for the 2009/2010 BCLA Board of Directors:

- Vice President/President Elect: Marjorie Mitchell (UBC Okanagan)
- Assistant Treasurer: Christine Middlemass (Vancouver Public Library)
- 2nd Vice President Adrienne Wass: (Greater Victoria Public Library)
- Director (2-Year) Diane Nelles: (Self-employed)
- Director (2-Year) Anne Olsen: (Vancouver Public Library)
- Director (1 year) appointed: Mari Martin (Prince George Public Library)

MOTION: to accept nominations to positions listed.

D. Thomas. Seconded by U. Brigl. Carried.

Slate of candidates elected by acclamation.

Appointed Recording Secretary: David Karppinen.

13. Incoming President’s Report

Highlights

- K. Cooley said that he is happy and honoured to take the position of BCLA President. During his term, K. Cooley plans to:
- Continue to review bylaws
- Continue to review Library Act
- Look at BCLA’s advocacy role
- Continue to monitor TILMA legislation
- Continue to fret about BCLA’s finances
- Continue to work on membership and the Penticton Conference

14. Other Business

- Beyond Hope Conference: M. Martin: Beyond Hope Conference will take place June 8 and 9 2009. The theme is “Change Your Mind and the Rest Will Follow.” Featured sessions include Conflict Resolution, Storytelling, Facebook/Blogging, Cataloguing, and De-stressing. \$85 registration fee covers 2 days and includes food.

15. 2010 AGM

- 2010 AGM will take place on April 24, in Penticton BC

16. Adjournment

M. Burris.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am.