



BCLA Board Meeting Minutes September 23, 2022

Present: Alyssa Green, Rhiannon Wallace, Sajni Lacey (9-9:30am, 10:30am-12pm), Sarah Felkar, Shideh Taleban, Todd Mundle, Tracey Therrien (9-11am)

Regrets: Don Taylor, Jorge Cardenas, Karleen Delaurier-Lyle

Agenda

1. Call to Order (President)

2. Establishment of quorum (President)

3. Land Acknowledgment and Welcoming Remarks (President)

Todd shared his land acknowledgement at this meeting. Upcoming land acknowledgements:
December – Rina; January – Tracey; March – Don; June (AGM) - Todd

4. Adoption of the Regular Agenda (President)

Moved: Sarah Felkar

Seconded: Shideh Taleban

Result: Carried

5. Confidentiality Acknowledgement (President)

The Board is reminded that all items discussed at the Board meeting are confidential until the Board decides otherwise, as outlined in the [Confidentiality Policy](#).

6. Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement (President)

The Board is asked if any Director is in a conflict of interest position with any item of the agenda, as outlined in the [Conflict of Interest and Divided Loyalty Policy](#).

7. Consent Agenda

Moved: Sarah Felkar

Seconded: Tracey Therrien

Result: Carried

a) Executive Director's Report [supporting document 22-09-A]

b) Minutes from the previous Board meeting of April 1, 2022 [supporting document 22-09-B]

c) Reports from BCLA Sections, Committees, and Interest Groups

a. Climate Action Committee Annual Report 2022 [supporting document 22-09-C1]



- b. Community-Led Interest Group Community Development Days 2022 Report [supporting document 22-09-C2]
- d) Correspondence – the following officials or offices sent responses to the letters sent to government advocating for effective solutions to hate and discrimination:
 - a. Office of the Prime Minister [supporting document 22-09-D1 and D2]
 - b. Office of the BC Human Rights Commissioner [supporting document 22-09-D3]
 - c. Office of the Premier [supporting document 22-09-D4]
 - d. BC Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives Rachna Singh [supporting document 22-09-D5]
 - e. Office of the (Federal) Minister of Public Safety [supporting document 22-09-D6]
 - f. Leader of the Official Federal Opposition [supporting document 22-09-D7]

8. Regular Agenda Items

a) Financials

- i. For receipt: Quarterly Financial Update – Q2 2022 [supporting document 22-09-E]
Motion: *That the Board receives the financial update for Q2 2022.*
Moved: Sarah Felkar
Seconded: Alyssa Green
Result: Carried
- ii. For decision: Recommendation re Creating BC SRC Projects Balance Sheet Account [supporting document 22-09-F]
Motion: *That BCLA create an internally restricted balance sheet account for BC SRC Projects, funded by a transfer of \$30,000 from unallocated reserve funds.*
Moved: Sarah Felkar
Seconded: Alyssa Green
Result: Carried
- iii. For decision: Recommendation re Applying for Recovery and Resiliency Fund Grant [supporting document 22-09-G]
Motion: *That BCLA apply for a Recovery and Resiliency Fund grant, which would provide flexible funding of \$50,000 per year for three years.*
Moved: Sarah Felkar
Seconded: Shideh Taleban
Result: Carried

b) CFLA

- i. For information: Update from BCLA President in role as BC representative
 - Review of numerous [CFLA policies](#) this year
 - Copyright Committee shared statements, which will be shared publicly, identifying issues/lack of clarity with current Act in areas of text and data mining, and AI and authorship.



- [CFLA put forward a federal pre-budget ask](#), working with CARL and CULC to identify consistent requests where they have shared interests, ensuring this year's submission is both unified with the other national library associations while also being unique to CFLA
 - [Residential schools statement and press release](#) is coming – highlights the need for truth before reconciliation, and calls for the sharing of documents held by government and church with families and communities
 - There are plans to update the CFLA strategic plan before the February AGM
 - New CFLA Board in February
 - National Forum re-starts this year: 1 day – themes are intellectual freedom and climate change; happening in May attached to Quebec Library Association Conference
- ii. For decision: 2022 Proposed Joint OLA/BCLA Resolution to CFLA Board on Forming a National Climate Action Committee [supporting document 22-09-H]
Motion: That BCLA's President, in the role of BC's representative on the CFLA Board, bring the 2022 Proposed Joint OLA/BCLA Resolution to CFLA Board on Forming a National Climate Action Committee forward to the CFLA Board at the October meeting.
Moved: Rhiannon Wallace
Seconded: Tracey Therrien
Result: Carried
- c) Intellectual Freedom Statement Review
- i. For information: 2022 Intellectual Freedom Survey Results Summary [supporting document 22-09-I1]
 - ii. For information: Open letter to BCLA Board of Directors on Intellectual Freedom Survey, BCLA response, and BCLA General Message re Survey and Next Steps [supporting document 22-09-I2]
 - iii. For discussion: Timing of BCLA Intellectual Freedom Statement Review
 - IF is timely issue, concern that people are looking for answers now
 - Recognition of BCLA capacity limits
 - Important of communication to update that BCLA is being done right now (work doesn't stop because statement is pending review)Action: Rina to draft communication to member providing an update from BCLA
- d) For discussion: Emerging issue of challenges to materials in school libraries
- BCLA is playing supporting role, ensuring we are not taking over, as the teacher-librarians are the ones impacted and know best what is needed.
- e) For information: Update on Anti-racism work
- Project Advisory Group has first meeting Sept 27th, very exciting to see this start after all the background work
 - After first PAG meeting, will share information with members and the larger library sector



- f) For discussion: Board committee membership 2022-23 [supporting document 22-09-J]
Action: Rina to follow up with Jorge to see if he wishes to continue in his committee roles from last term
- g) For decision: Recommendation re Extending Current BCLA Strategic Plan [supporting document 22-09-K]
Motion: That BCLA extend the current BCLA Strategic Plan end date from January 2023 to the AGM in 2025, in recognition of the ongoing relevance of the current plan and the significant work to which BCLA has committed for 2022-2024.
Moved: Sarah Felkar
Seconded: Alyssa Green
Result: Carried
- h) For decision: Recommendation re Strategic Development of BCLA Provincial Mentorship Program [supporting document 22-09-L]
Rina stepped out for discussion and voting
Motion: *That the Board approve a budget of up to \$8,000 from deferred revenues (2740-35 · Prov. Strategic Plan – Other) for the strategic development of the BCLA Provincial Mentorship Program.*
Moved: Sarah Felkar
Seconded: Sajni Lacey
Result: vote deferred to allow input from directors who were not present at the meeting
- i) For decision: Multicultural Services Interest Group Terms of Reference [supporting document 22-09-M]
Motion: That the Multicultural Services Interest Group Terms of Reference be approved.
Moved: Shideh Taleban
Seconded: Alyssa Green
Result: Carried
9. BCLA Membership Review [supporting document 22-02-N] (Executive Director)
Motion: That the Board ratifies the approval of all memberships made from March 25, 2022 to September 15, 2022.
Moved: Sarah Felkar
Seconded: Sajni Lacey
Result: Carried
10. Closing Remarks (President)
A reminder that all agenda items and discussions are confidential. Board can decide if any items are not confidential.
11. Adjournment (President)
Moved: Alyssa Green
Seconded: Shideh Taleban



Result: Carried

The next Board meeting is December 9, 2022.

The BC Library Conference is April 12-14, 2023.