



BCLA Board Meeting Minutes September 22, 2023, 9am-noon

Present: David Gill, Emily Gow, Ignacio Albarracin, Jorge Cárdenas, Saara Itkonen, Sajni Lacey, Sarah Felkar, Shideh Taleban, Suzanne Rackover, Tracey Therrien

Regrets: Aditi Gupta

Minutes: Rina Hadziev

Agenda

1. Call to Order (President)
2. Establishment of quorum (President)
3. Land Acknowledgment and Welcoming Remarks
Tracey shared her land acknowledgement at this meeting.
4. Adoption of the Regular Agenda
Moved: Suzanne Rackover
Seconded: Sajni Lacey
Result: Carried
5. Confidentiality Acknowledgement (President)
6. Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement (President)
7. Introductions (all)
8. Consent Agenda
Moved: Sajni Lacey
Seconded: Saara Itkonen
Result: Carried
- a) Executive Director's Report
- b) Minutes from the previous Board meeting of March 24, 2023
- c) Resolutions passed via email
 - i. That Aditi Gupta be appointed to the BCLA Board to fill the vacant Director-at-Large position until the 2024 AGM.



- ii. That BCLA endorse the statement put forward by OLA: "In Defence of Drag Storytime: A Statement of Support from Canada's Library Associations"

9. Regular Agenda Items

a) For information: CFLA Update from BCLA President in role as BC representative (President)

CFLA Board meets monthly. Highlights from the summer included:

- [Canadian Statement on IFLA decision to hold WLIC in Dubai](#)
- CFLA provided some media training to members through Impact Affairs
- CFLA Budget passed at September meeting
- New Strategic Plan passed for 2023-27
- [Written Submission for the Finance Canada Budget Consultations in Advance of the 2024 Federal Budget 2024:](#)
 1. Introduce legislation to ensure that Canada's libraries and users have access on reasonable terms to e-content from multinational publishers.
 2. Commit \$200 million over the next four years to help implement efficient and cost-effective green infrastructure in vital community hubs from coast to coast. Investment in a targeted library upgrade investment fund supports the circular economy and Canada's Federal Sustainable Development Strategies.
 3. Increase support for Indigenous libraries and Indigenous library workers, including:
 - Investments of funding to support scholarships, training and paid internships for Indigenous librarians and library technicians.
 - Sustained multi-year funding for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation and libraries for improved access to records, particularly related to residential schools and other aspects of Indigenous experiences
- From the September CFLA Board meeting: BCLA has brought forward a request first raised by BCALS and supported by other members of The Partnership for CFLA to make a statement on Meta and news access in Canada. The CFLA Board is reviewing a briefing paper produced by one of their members familiar with the issue and will make a decision regarding a statement at their October meeting.

b) For information: Update on anti-racism work (Executive Director)

- The Board has a 2 part retreat coming up with The Commons to start the next phase of BCLA's anti-racism work.
- A questionnaire will go out to all board members in mid-October to help inform the retreat agenda.



- Jorge and Sajni volunteered to provide input and feedback on the planning of the retreat.
- In addition to the retreat, BCLA is trying out a new model of having the Commons on retainer for a certain number of hours to support staff and Board as needed over the next year. This is similar to the way the organization has other key experts (IT, lawyer, accountant) to provide support and advice.

c) For information: BCLA Provincial Professional Development Program (Executive Director)

- BCLA received a grant from the Province for a 3 year pilot, with a focus on virtual offerings applicable to public library workers but open to all (based on the terms of the grant).
- Natalie Porter is the new Provincial Professional Development Coordinator
- BCLA's goal is to create something sustainable
- BCLA will be experimenting with equity pricing structure.
- Accessibility training will be free for the first 2 years as funded by the Province.

d) For receipt: Quarterly Update for BCLA Financials at end of Q2 2023 (Treasurer)

Motion: *That the Board receive the financial update for up to the end of Q2 2023.*

Moved: Shideh Taleban

Seconded: Saara Itkonen

Result: Passed

e) For decision: Revised BCLA Privacy Policy

Motion: *That the Board pass the revised Privacy Policy which replaced the word "listserv" with "forum" to accurately reflect current practice.*

Moved: Sarah Felkar

Seconded: Emily Gow

Result: Passed

f) For decision: Board committee membership 2022-23

g) For decision: BCLA Intellectual Freedom Statement Review [supporting document 23-09-G]

Motion: *That the Board delegate the review and revision of the Statement to a reconstituted BCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC), with the Board to retain final approval of a revised Statement. The Chair will be appointed by the Board Executive, and they will work with the Executive Director on updated Committee terms of reference and committee member recruitment and selection.*

- The Board discussed possible options and models for the review before deciding to proceed with the motion, including acknowledging the importance of this work, and the fact that it can be a challenging and emotional subject.



Moved: Sarah Felkar

Seconded: David Gill

Result: Carried

10. BCLA Membership Review

Motion: *That the Board ratifies the approval of all memberships made from March 18, 2023 to September 15, 2023.*

Moved: David Gill

Seconded: Shideh Taleban

Result: Carried

11. Closing Remarks (President)

12. Adjournment