



## BCLA Board Meeting Minutes January 23, 2026 1-2:30 pm

Present: Ann Johannes, Anton Dounts, Emily Gow, Hilary Bloom, Jane Jun, Mar González Palacios, Sarah Tarcea, Susie (joined at 1:11pm) Suzanne Rackover (President/Chair)

Regrets: Ignacio Albarracin, Mari Paz Vera

Minutes: Rina Hadziev

### **1. Call to Order (President)**

### **2. Establishment of quorum (President)**

### **3. Territory Acknowledgment and Welcoming Remarks (President)**

Suzanne shared her territorial acknowledgement.

### **4. Adoption of the Agenda (President)**

Moved: Ann Johannes

Seconded: Hilary Bloom

Result: passed

### **5. Confidentiality Acknowledgement (President)**

### **6. Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement (President)**

### **7. For information: Brief review of process (President/Executive Director)**

A brief overview of the process thus far was provided, including the original board decision dictating the process and approach, as well as the results of the surveys and focus groups conducted as part of the process.

### **8. For discussion: Review of Intellectual Freedom Committee Recommendation**

The recommended wording was reviewed and discussed. Discussion focused on ensuring clarity of wording and that the content aligns with the purpose of the statement, as well as making the best decision to reflect BCLA's scope and role.

### **9. For decision: Decision on final wording of revised BCLA Intellectual Freedom Statement**

Feeling that there was not enough time to complete the discussion of the draft wording, this decision has been delayed until the upcoming Board meeting.



#### **10. Next steps (President/Executive Director)**

The motion to approve the revised BCLA Intellectual Freedom Statement will be brought to the upcoming Board meeting. The edited Statement reflecting the discussions at this meeting will be included in the board package for that meeting. Board members were encouraged to reflect on the draft before the meeting and come prepared with additional thoughts or suggestions.

There was appreciation for the thoughtful and respectful way that all board members engaged in this meeting and the opportunity for dialogue and sharing differing perspectives.

#### **11. Closing Remarks (President)**

A reminder that all agenda items and discussions are confidential. Board members were encouraged to contact each other, the President, or the Executive Director if they wish to discuss the meeting.

#### **12. Adjournment (President)**

Moved: Hilary Bloom

Result: passed