

**British Columbia Library Association  
Board Meeting  
Thursday, March 15, 2011  
8:30 am**

**Teleconference**

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**In Attendance:**

Amy Ashmore, Nancy Black, Ken Cooley, Sarah Donald, Allie Douglas, Rebecca Dowson, David Karppinen, Christopher Kevlahan, Chris Middlemass, Marjorie Mitchell, Errin Morrison, Diane Nelles, Anne Olsen, Debbie Schachter, Magda Skrypichayko, Sandra Wong

**Regrets:**

Fiona Anderson, Adrienne Wass

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**1. Call to Order and Introductions**

Marjorie Mitchell, BCLA President, called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

**2. Adoption of Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda contained the following items:

- a. *Minutes of January 20, 2011 Board Meeting*
- b. *President's Report*
- c. *Executive Director's Report*
- d. *Editor's Report*
- e. *YAACS Report*
- f. *ALPS Report*
- g. *Continuing Education Committee Report*
- h. *Nominations and Elections Committee Report*
- i. *Awards Committee Report*
- j. *Correspondence*
  - i. *Letter to Christina Neigel*
  - ii. *Letter to Bibliocommons*
  - iii. *January ED Missive to BCLA Members*
  - iv. *February ED Missive to BCLA Members*
  - v. *Chinese Cultural Centre Thank You Letter*
  - vi. *Letter from IFC re BCLA Financial Situation/Future*
  - vii. *Letter to CNIB re Interim Federal Funding*
  - viii. *Invitation to Meet with President*

***Moved by Nancy Black, Seconded by Anne Olsen:***

THAT the consent agenda be approved and adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 3. Adoption of Regular Agenda

Two new items were added to the agenda: *Treasurer's Report* (#4.e), and *Harper Collins* (#5.c).

***Moved by Chris Middlemass, Seconded by Chris Kevlahan:***

THAT the regular agenda be approved as presented and amended.

**CARRIED**

### 4. Business Arising

#### *a. Conference Planning Committee Report*

Alane Wilson has suggested that the conference evaluation be revised. In discussion the Board directed the Conference Planning Committee to review the conference evaluation structure to better meet future conference planning needs.

#### *b. Resolutions Committee Report*

A motion was presented to revise the composition of the Resolutions Committee. All committee members must be BCLA members in good standing.

***Moved by Ken Cooley, Seconded by Anne Olsen:***

THAT the composition of the new Resolutions Committee be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### *c. 2012 BC Library Conference*

A conference working group has been struck to investigate possibilities for a BC Library Conference to be held in the Lower Mainland in 2012. Results of the 2011 BCLA survey of members and non-members show that the annual conference is considered the most valuable benefit of membership in the association. The work of the subcommittee will be shared with Board members in the near future.

#### *d. Task Force on Strategic Sustainability Update*

Marjorie Mitchell spoke to this item. The task force analyzed various budget scenarios for the upcoming year, which were presented to the Board for consideration.

***Moved by Debbie Schachter, Seconded by Chris Middlemass:***

THAT BCLA board adopt budget scenario #2 as presented.

**CARRIED**

The Board expense policy was also presented for review. A recommendation was included that, if passed, would reimburse meeting expenses for officers of the association only, a group which includes the President, Vice President/President Elect, Second Vice President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. In discussion members felt that board members should have equal opportunities to participate in the governance of the association, irrespective of their physical location in the province. The proposal was tabled and no vote was held.

*e. Treasurer's Report*

Chris Middlemass provided the report. The annual financial statements are not yet completed but preliminary estimates indicate that there will be a small surplus this year of \$11,000. Next year's budget is expected to have a modest deficit, although a final plan will only be available after a detailed analysis is completed on the transfer of PLSB funding for database administration to the BC Libraries Cooperative.

**5. New Business**

*a. Proposed LGBTQ Interest Group*

Christopher Kevlahan spoke to this item. Deb Thomas has proposed that an interest group be created for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer people working in BC libraries and which will be open to all.

***Moved by Nancy Black, Seconded by Ken Cooley:***

THAT BCLA board approve the creation of the LGBTQ Interest Group.

**CARRIED**

*b. Proposed Change to 250/Sunshine Coast Grant*

Anne Olsen spoke to this item. The proposal is to change the award schedule to a calendar year basis and that funds awarded be used prior to the end of the same calendar year.

***Moved by Anne Olsen, Seconded by Debbie Schachter:***

THAT the 250/Sunshine Coast Grant schedule be revised and adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

*c. Harper Collins*

Harper Collins (Publisher) has recently announced a new policy regarding HarperCollins eBooks. Previously, eBooks "purchased" by libraries through programs such as OverDrive could be circulated an unlimited number of times. HarperCollins suggests that this is not economically sustaining and has determined that each eBook purchased can only circulate 26 times before the library must purchase an

additional 26 circulations. Needless to say, the policy is contentious in the library community. BC public libraries are customers of OverDrive (Library-to-Go) and have been working with the Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC) on a statement to better reflect library concerns. The BCLA Board elected to wait until CULC issues its statement before proceeding with any action on this issue.

#### **6. Next Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Victoria on Saturday, April 9. A meeting of the incoming and outgoing executive will be held on Sunday, April 10, 10:45 am at the Chateau Victoria hotel. The exact meeting timeline will be confirmed later.

#### **7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 am.