

**British Columbia Library Association
Board Meeting
Thursday, June 21, 2011
8:30 am**

Teleconference

In Attendance:

Beverly Braaten, Heather Compeau, Patricia Cumming, Melanie Houlden, Leanna Jantzi, David Karpinen, Christopher Kevlahan, Darby Love, Marjorie Mitchell, Errin Morrison, Heather Morrison, Todd Rowlatt, Debbie Schachter, June Stockdale

Regrets:

Fiona Anderson, Jamie Anderson, Fiona Chiu, Allie Douglas

1. Call to Order

Christopher Kevlahan, 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 March 15, 2011 Board Meeting*
- b. *Board Orientation Package*
- c. *President's Report*
- d. *Executive Director's Report*
- e. *Editor's Report*
- f. *YAACS Report*
- g. *May 19 Meeting with Deputy Minister of Education*
- h. *Conference Working Group Minutes*
- i. *Correspondence*
 - i. *Letter to Hon. George Abbott*
 - ii. *Letter from Hon. George Abbott*
 - iii. *Letter from BCLA re Long Form Census Resolution*
 - iv. *Letter re Long Form Census Resolution*
 - v. *Letter from Vancouver Foundation*
 - vi. *March ED Missive to BCLA Members*
 - vii. *April ED Missive to BCLA Members*
 - viii. *May ED Missive to BCLA Members*
 - ix. *Libraries & Literacy Announcement*
 - x. *2012/13 BC Library Conference Announcement*

It was requested that items #2.b, #2.c, #2.d, and #2.e be removed from the consent agenda and added to the regular agenda as items #4.e, #4.f, #4.g, and #4.h respectively.

Moved by Todd Rowlett, Seconded by Heather Morrison:

THAT the consent agenda be approved and adopted as presented and amended.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Regular Agenda

The motion was approved in discussion.

4. Business Arising

a. 2011/12 BCLA Priorities

Five priorities were listed for the upcoming year. They include:

- **Creation of a Communications Committee**, which will investigate BCLA's interaction with members via tools such as the website and social media. The Committee membership consists of Vicki Donoghue, Anne Olsen, and June Stockdale. One member from the academic library community and one other from outside the Lower Mainland are being sought to complete the membership roster. Leanna Jantzi and Darby Love also volunteered to have the BCLA Browser and YAACS involved in the activities of the Communications Committee.
- **Creation of a BCLA mentorship program**, an issue which came out of the 2010 member survey. Working on this are Tamarack Hockin, Heather Morrison, Amy Ashmore, Patricia Cumming, Melanie Houlden and Fiona Chiu.
- **Membership drive** led by Heather Morrison, Christopher Kevlahan and Errin Morrison. A particular focus will be increasing membership at colleges and universities in the province.
- **Revision of the BCLA website**, spearheaded by Errin Morrison and Allie Douglas.
- **Organization of the 2012 conference**. A call for members to join the conference planning committee will go out soon. Due to lack of funds, the conference planning will be carried out primarily on a volunteer basis.

In discussion it was also agreed to add a sixth priority, namely **advocacy work on behalf of the library community**. Advocacy is stressed as separate from communications, and board members felt it should be ongoing, proactive and positive in nature.

Moved by Patricia Cumming, Seconded by Melanie Houlden:

THAT the suggested priority activities for 2011/12 be approved as presented.

b. 2011/12 BCLA Working Groups, Committees and Appointments

Christopher Kevlahan spoke to this item. Those wishing to join BCLA working groups and committees are asked to e-mail Errin Morrison with expressions of interest. Volunteers for the position of PNLA representative are welcome; Melanie Houlden becomes the Continuing Education representative; and Jamie Anderson has been appointed as a director for a one-year term.

Moved by Debbie Schachter, Seconded by Todd Rowlatt:

THAT the suggested committees be constituted with their respective memberships to be confirmed.

CARRIED

c. Treasurer's Report

Debbie Schachter provided the report. The draft BCLA budget for 2011 was circulated, and it includes a deficit. The 2010 budget originally forecast a deficit but the year ended with a small surplus. Budget scenarios for the year were attached and will be discussed in future. Final conference accounting will be available at the end of the summer.

d. ALPS Report

Todd Rowlatt spoke to this item. The BCLA Board was asked to approve amendments to the ALPS constitution approved by ALPS members at the April 2011 AGM. Amendments included: addition of a second continuing education coordinator; the requirement that all ALPS members also be current members of BCLA (excepting honorary members); and adding the allowance that non-members may participate in events at a non-member rate.

Moved by Todd Rowlatt, Seconded by Heather Morrison:

THAT the ALPS constitution be approved as updated.

CARRIED

e. Board Orientation Package

Christopher Kevlahan and Errin Morrison will discuss the board structure and performance document created in July 2010 with interested board members.

f. President's Report

Christopher Kevlahan gave a verbal report of his recent activities as president of the Association, including the following:

- The 2012 and 2013 BC Library Conferences will be held at the Sheraton hotel in Richmond.

- Events attended include the BC Book Prizes, SLAIS 50th anniversary celebration, SLAIS graduation, May 12 media training workshop, and June 29 event to celebrate the publication of Dave Obee's book, *The Library Book: A History of Service to British Columbia*.
- Bibliocommons discussions.
- Meeting on May 19 with Deputy Minister of Education James Gorman.
- Judge (with Sarah Ellis) of Express Yourself: The BC Kids Writing Contest.
- Working with Jamie Anderson to review the results of the 2010 BCLA member survey.

g. Executive Director's Report

Errin Morrison reported on a meeting with Jacqueline van Dyk from Libraries & Literacy (formerly Public Library Services Branch) regarding the recent branch name change.

Errin will confirm the amount of BCLA's annual grant with Jacqueline van Dyk.

h. Editor's Report

Leanna Jantzi provided a verbal report on her activities as editor of the BCLA Browser.

5. New Business

a. BCLA Participation in 2011 UBCM Convention

Options were discussed for joint participation with the Association of British Columbia Public Library Directors and the British Columbia Library Trustees Association at the annual convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. A final decision will be made in July.

Moved by Pat Cumming, Seconded by June Stockdale:

THAT the BCLA endorse the Association's participation at the annual UBCM convention.

CARRIED

6. Next Meeting

Moved by Debbie Schachter, Seconded by Todd Rowlett:

THAT the 2011/2012 BCLA meetings be held in September 2011, November 2011, February 2012 and May 2012, with specific dates to be determined.

CARRIED

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.