

British Columbia Library Association
Wednesday, May 8th
Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel

Call to order - Shirley called the AGM to order at 16:04 and acknowledges territory.

1.0 Establishment of Quorum

- Todd Mundle confirms we have reached quorum.

2.0 Motion to adopt Regular Agenda

- Motion - Allison Sullivan
- Second – Adam Farrell

3.0 Motion to adopt the Rules of Order

- Motion - Sybil Harrison
- Second- Deb Hutchison-Koep

4.0 Motion to adopt the Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

- Motion - Anne Olsen
- Second - Stephanie Kripps

5.0 Motion to adopt the Minutes of the 2018 Special General Meeting

- Motion - Chris Middlemass
- Second - Ali de Haan

6.0 Executive Director's Report (Annette DeFaveri)

- Thanks everyone for being here and acknowledges those who are involved with organizing the conference.
- Hopes that the content of the conference is exciting and relevant to attendees.
- Acknowledges work of BCLA staff.
- Discusses what happens in the office on an ongoing basis.
- Funding for the Summer Reading Club is 65000, 39 cents per child. Really indicative of the work libraries do in their communities. They do so much with so little so broadly across the province.
- Thanks those who participated in professional development survey.
- BCLA office is located at 900 Howe, subletting a room from the People's Law School. Soon will need to relocate. Would be delighted to hear from those who have ideas on space.

7.0 Report on Canadian Federation of Library Associations (Chris Middlemass)

- Christine Middlemass has been the BCLA representative to CFLA since September 2018. CFLA is now 3 years old and still finding its way.

- Update key areas of the Indigenous Matters Committee.
- Survey on TRC was intended to identify opportunities to meet people and bring them together on initiatives and decolonize subject headings.
- National Indigenous Knowledge Alliance: build a network of professionals around indigenous ways of knowing. Working with copyright to account for indigenous modes of knowledge production.
- Looking for funding for rural broadband access and support of indigenous education.

8.0 Report on BC Partners (Annette DeFaveri)

- This organization is very new, including representatives from BC Library Trustees Association, Association of BC Public Library Directors, BC Library Association, and BC Libraries Cooperative.
- There is a shared interest to advocate for libraries. In the last year, BC Public Library Partners has worked effectively together, collecting stories to share with Minister Rob Fleming. The Partners are developing direct relationships with the Minister and Deputy Minister.
- The 2019 budget did not include an increase in funding public libraries.
- 25% cut in library funding in 2010. 13.7 to 14 million
- In 2013, lost budget sub vote. Provincial public libraries dropped into a category called "partner relations" where there was only a verbal commitment from the government that they will continue to fund libraries at the current level, \$14M. In 2019 there was an increase to Ministry of Education's budget of \$500M, but Libraries did not receive anything.
- Partners are developing new ways to advocate for Public Libraries.

9.0 Financial Status of the Association (Stephanie Kripps)

9.1 - Treasure's Report

- Was an interesting experience as Treasurer. Acknowledges help and support from Shirley Lew and Anne Olsen.
- Incoming Treasurer is Lilian Pintos.
- A very rewarding experience to look at the financial health of the BCLA.
- BCLA's fifth year with the auditor Steele and Co. who provide yearlong support.
- Auditor's opinion stated BCLA is in "fine financial health".
- A balanced budget for the 4th consecutive year.
- 2018 highlights: earned higher revenue from partnership job board and BC library conference due to the trade show component.
- Transitioning to QuickBooks.

9.2 - Motion to adopt the Auditor's Report

- Motion - Anne O'Shea
- Second - Lilian Pintos

9.3 - Motion to appoint Steele and Company as the 2019 Auditors

- Motion - Chris Middlemass
- Second - Adam Farrell

10.0 President's Address and introduction to the new BCLA President Chris Middlemass (Shirley Lew)

- BCLA received no resolutions for this AGM.
- Highlights from time as president: learned a lot; it's a tremendous amount of work; it's an active thinking and relational type of work.
- BCLA passed a comprehensive values statement. One of the statements is a direct result of resolutions on confidentiality/privacy.
- Bylaws update: after a year of painful work, bylaws passed at a special AGM. Now they are in compliance with the new Societies Act and adds items considered "best practice" for an Association of our size. For example quorum changed from 3 to 20.
- Drafted guidelines for personal research conducted on the listserv. Independent research doesn't always go through any ethics review. This speaks to the vulnerability of a non-moderated list. Suggested that questions are asked before participating. The listserv is not moderated by any staff. Requests go out without review.
- BCLA was invited to testify before the Standing Committee on Copyright, advocating a balance between creator and user rights. The process is long but positive. Acknowledged the work done by Don Taylor from SFU on behalf of BCLA.
- One resolution involved a letter to province to make government copyright material open by default, rather than public seeking permission. A persuasive letter to advocate for something that seems obvious.
- CUPE BC to support Summer Reading Club. New relationship and Partnership that adds financial support as well as community support.
- BCLA wrote a letter to CFLA in response to CFLA's position on intellectual freedom and the processes that the Federation uses to represent members. Wants to be clear that the intention of the letter was not an attack or critique. In the letter asked CFLA to reflect on mandate and reconsider taking a position on an issue that represents the ideas of all libraries. One issue is whether or not a federation of associations should be responding to a library that is not a direct member of CFLA. Is this the mandate of CFLA and if so how is CFLA different from CLA? The conversation needs to be open. Invites CFLA to be a part of an ongoing issue with all opinions being given an opportunity to be heard.
- Drafted a Code of Conduct for the BC Library Conference.
- Welcomes feedback. Guidelines on how to handle situations as they come up.
- BCLA is now an official member of BC Libraries Cooperative.
- GLAM partnership: The plan is for BCLA to continue to play a central role and for it to continue to grow.
- Digital Library Initiative renamed to Digital BC.
- Ends with words of thanks and introduces Chris Middlemass.

11.0 Incoming President's Address and 2019/2020 BCLA Board of Directors

- Thanks everyone for the honour of being the president in this term. Has experience in other Board positions so president was the position left to do.
- Ambitious year ahead with refreshed values statement and an advocacy toolkit.
- Work will be timely with the upcoming federal election. Wants to be prepared to support libraries at the provincial library. Libraries did not feature in the budget, there were missed opportunities.
- Strategic plan for BCLA will guide activities for the coming years.
- Diversity plan to support the strategic plan.
- More work to build our association. Previous bylaws included a lot of solid policies and guidelines which were not meant to be in bylaws so now need to be translated in to policies.
- Will build new relationships with organizations that share our values.
- Lists the amount of partnerships we have, stating we have a rich life with other associations.
- Introduces the incoming board.

12.0 Call for Adjournment

- Shirley calls for adjournment
- Motion - Stephanie Kripps
- Second: Adam Farrell
- Adjourned at 17:08