



**British Columbia  
Library Association**  
 BCLA Board Meeting  
 Monday, April 1st, 2019  
 900 Howe Street, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm  
 Teleconference Numbers:  
 1-877-216-4736 Conference Code: 2936450874

ITEM	ACTION	ATTACHMENT
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Present: Wanda Power, Alli Sullivan, Chris Middlemass, Shirley Lew, Annette DeFaveri, Stephanie Kripps, Lilian Pintos, and Bronwyn Sprout.

On phone: Anne Olsen, Anne O'Shea, Kate Longley, Kate Sloan, and Wendy Wright.

Recording Secretary: Danielle LaFrance

1. Call to Order (Shirley Lew)
  - Meeting starts at 9:32am
  
2. Adoption of the Regular Agenda (Shirley Lew)
  - Alli motions, Stephanie seconds
  
3. Welcoming Remarks (Shirley Lew)
  - Shirley acknowledges the meeting takes place on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.
  
4. Treasurer's Update (Stephanie Kripps).....(to be distributed)
  - Not yet audited statement. Will have audited financials for May 8<sup>th</sup> AGM.
  - This will be the last year we have a gap between what we project at third quarter and final numbers. Quickbooks will allow us to see financials almost up to the date.
  - Overall: our revenue has increased with some corresponding expenditures. For example, interest rates have increased and job board produced more revenue than expected in final quarter.
  
5. Letter to the CFLA Board (Shirley Lew).....√
  - Two primary critiques indicated in the letter: 1) reaffirms CFLA's role and their capacity for response and 2) issue with speaking for the voice of all



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libraries as it may result in the unintended consequence of shutting the argument down.

- Some recommended edits noted for the last paragraph.
- Discussion about ensuring all information is factual accurate.
- Bronwyn motions to send letter to the President of CFLA, Alli seconds.

6. CFLA Update (Chris Middlemas)

- Strategic plan is under development. There is now a draft.
- Will forward information after the next CFLA board meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Met with ministers prior to 2019 budget.
- No changes as of yet to Copyright Act.
- Re: cataloguing/metadata: there is support for libraries to shift from MARC to BIBFRAME.
- Prep for national forum April 2020 is underway. Partnering with Manitoba Association. Still have yet to identify a theme.

7. Copyright Letter (Annette DeFaveri).....✓

<https://bclaconnect.ca/wp-uploads/2014/03/Resolution-Access-to-BC-government-publications-for-2018-AGM-1.pdf>

(Link to original resolution)

- Great letter!
- One clarification is made.
- Chris motions to endorse the letter, Lilian seconds.

8. BC Digital Library Update (Shirley Lew)

<https://bclaconnect.ca/perspectives/2019/03/03/bcdl/>

- Since the last conversation, UVIC and SFU are not interested in contributing resources to this project at this time. Now there is discussion about how to keep moving forward without their involvement.
- Renamed the initiative to Digital BC. New plans for communications. Also discussions about digitizing projects across BC (i.e., VIU digitizing Indigenous materials), acting as a digital library for the province.
- Conversation about whether or not there is provincial support for this initiative.

Coffee

9. BC Library Partners Update (Kevin Millsip)

- Describes recent Provincial Budget Lockup context/experience: every stake

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holder is in the room from business to antipoverty activists. Everyone surrenders mobile devices.

- Describes the process and the budget package. Explains how the budget package goes through legislation before anyone can publically speak about it.
- After scrambling to see whether public libraries are mentioned in the budget, not one additional dollar is allocated.
- Public libraries are housed within the Ministry of Education. Since 2009 the provincial government cut funding from 17.9 to 13.7 million. It has been 14 million leading to 2018-2019.
- Major takeaway from the process: there’s only so far our voices can carry. It is a political conversation we need to continue to have. We need to 1) change the way we advocate and 2) discuss more readily how the money is allocated.
- Discussion about leveraging storytelling to demand for more money. However, emotionally moving the ministry does not translate into fiscal changes.
- How about we be more direct with our demands, asking the question: “What does your community look like without a library?”

10. BC Library Conference Code of Conduct (Anne O’Shea) .....√

- Wanda and Annette have also been working on this document.
- It is not too long and wordy as it’s designed to make it clear to prevent harassment.
- We want people to feel comfortable coming forward.
- This is an active code of conduct for the upcoming conference. It will be sent to the board via email and receive board approval to, then, be included on the website.

11. BCLA Values Statement (Chris Middlemass).....√

- The intention of the values statement is to take us back to the principles we were attempting to achieve.
- Discusses the purpose of the values in action and how to adapt as processes/practices change. It is a guiding document.
- Discussion about whether to make this a public document or include in a board package.
- Lilian is thanked for her comments and contributions.
- Unanimous thrill at seeing “social responsibility” as a value.
- Bronwyn motions, Wendy Wright seconds.



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12. BCLA HR Committee Terms of Reference (Shirley Lew)

- Have yet to have a chance to meet. Purpose of the upcoming meeting is to draft terms of reference.
- Sick time is a discussion to have with ED

13. Professional Development Assessment Survey.....✓

- BCLA to distribute

14. Verbal Reports

a) Executive Director’s Report: Annette DeFaveri

- Thanks everyone for their time helping with the conference.
- The conference is proceeding steadily

b) President’s Report: Shirley Lew

- This is the last meeting with Shirley as BCLA president.
- Expresses a big thanks to everyone. Humbled by amount of work done behind the scenes. It is essential work and all worth it.
- Welcomes the new president into the position.

Consent Agenda

*Items on the Consent Agenda will be voted on as a group. At the request of a Board Member a consent item may be separated from the group and discussed by the Board.*

A) Minutes from the Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.....✓

- Minutes from the Feb 4th board meeting are modified.
- Chris motions, Stephanie seconds.

B) BCLA New Member Letter.....✓

15. Closing Remarks (Shirley Lew)

- Thanks everyone for their time and will see them in May.

16. Adjournment (Shirley Lew)



- Adjourned at 12:04pm.

The next BCLA Meeting is the AGM, Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>. Sign in at 3:30pm.