

British Columbia Library Association
Minutes of the meeting of the Board

Friday September 26th, 2014 9:00 a.m.
BCLA Boardroom: 900 Howe Street
Teleconference: Access Code,

Present: Gwen Bird, Annette DeFaveri, Caroline Daniels, Stephanie Kripps, Allie Douglas, , Heather Buzzell, Ursula Brigl, Daphne Wood, Heidi Schiller, Margot Schiller, Sarah Felkar, Shirley Lew, Roën Janyk, Ashley Van Dijk, Angie Ayupova, Angela Fleming, Anna Ferri, Dane Praed, Leanna Jantzi.

Regrets: Kaylea Prime

1. Call to Order (Heather Buzzell)

Heather called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Adoption of Regular Agenda (Heather Buzzell)

Gwen noted that the agenda was slightly amended and asked for a motion to adopt the amended regular agenda.

MOVED by Heidi, SECONDED by Gwen, THAT the regular agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Welcoming Remarks and Introducing new Board members (Heather Buzzell)

Roën Janyk (ALS Chair) and Shirley Lew (President's One Year Appointment) were welcomed.

4. Introduction to Micheal Vonn (Heather Buzzell)

Micheal is the Policy Director of the BC Civil Liberties Association, as well as a lawyer and frequent lecturer at UBC in a number of capacities. Vonn was invited to address the Board about intellectual freedom in general and public library Internet use policies in particular.

5. Micheal Vonn: Public Libraries and the principles of intellectual freedom

Board members benefitted from informative, facilitated discussion regarding ways to encourage broadest possible information access while balancing the challenges of shared public space. Questions included which staff members might be making decisions on content restriction, what kind of training they might have, the breadth of community consultation that might inform such policies, and the importance of an assessment and evaluation framework. BCLA will consider follow up that supports the needs of members and the Association such as preparing a position paper and including the topic as a possible conference session. Additionally, BCLA will be partnering with InterLink to present Micheal Vonn in a more public forum later in November

6. Break

7. Verbal Reports

a) Executive Director's Report (Annette DeFaveri)

Annette spoke on several key activities.

- Membership survey, to determine direction members wish the organization to take in its four strategic areas of advocacy, communication, finances and professional development.
- One of the roles of Shirley Lew on the Board -- to use her expertise to create guidelines and templates for others to help write position papers.
- Conference - planning of the tradeshow, updating of exhibitor package.
- Upcoming meeting of Council of Post-Secondary Library Directors (CPSLD) which Annette will attend in person for the first time, to learn more about their needs and interests and to explore opportunities for relationship building.
- Discussing with Leanna ways that the *Browser* can be used more effectively as a communication tool.
- "Budget season" has begun; next Board meeting will include the 2015 budget review.
- First SCIGS website training session was successfully held, with thanks to Caroline and Allie.

b) Browser Editor's Report (Leanna Jantzi)

Leanna reported that the Editorial Board has now been established: Annette, Heidi, Anna, Ashely, all from the BCLA Board; and Christina Neigel as member-at-large. In addition three other highly qualified members volunteered for the Member-at-Large position. Efforts will be made to find meaningful support roles which can make use of their expertise.

Leanna expanded on the rationale for establishing an Editorial Board: to provide policy and direction; to allow more opinion, commentary and feedback than is possible with a single editor; to generally raise the profile of the publication which in turn further solidifies the identity and reputation of the Association.

c). Partnership Report (Sarah Felkar)

Sarah recently attended one of the two annual meetings of the Partnership, an association of library associations. The Partnership established the Job Board, the *Journal* and the Education Institute. Among the highlights was learning about the membership size and composition of other provincial and regional Library Associations, showing that BC's membership is very strong. Sarah will send out information about Education Institute opportunities as she learns about them, noting that BCLA receives a small payback whenever one of its identified members takes a course.

d) President's Report (Heather Buzzell)

Heather attended the Union of BC Municipalities with the Minister of Education. Delegates received the Minister's assurance that there are no plans to reduce library funding in the foreseeable future (although there was no mention of plans to increase funding, either). The Minister would like to see an articulated plan or vision of how public libraries see themselves

fitting into broad education planning, particularly advanced education, and noting the importance of “cross- sectorial partnerships.”

7. New Business

a) Filling the Director’s position vacated by Myron Groover (Heather Buzzell)

Myron’s contributions to BCLA, the Information Policy Committee and to the Board were recognised. Thanks on behalf of the Board were extended to Myron.

Options for temporarily filling the position, or leaving it temporarily vacant, were reviewed. Both are acceptable options according to the Societies Act which stipulates that a Board position may be left vacant provided the Board must never has fewer than 3 members; and according to the BCLA constitution which outlines how a temporary appointment may be permitted. If an appointment was made, it would be valid until the next AGM at which time election would take place for the remainder of term.

MOVED by Gwen, SECONDED by Caroline: THAT the position be left vacant until the AGM.

CARRIED.

b) Adding an additional signatory to the BCLA Account at Van City Credit Union

Many of the current Board members are from out of town, sometimes making it complex to obtain the necessary additional signatures on Board cheques. It was suggested that adding Stephanie as a signatory would be convenient as she works in the same downtown area of the BCLA office. Adding an additional signatory like this has been done in the past to mitigate similar challenges.

MOVED by Sarah, SECONDED by Caroline, THAT Stephanie Kripps (Recording Secretary) be added as a signatory subject to her agreement. Stephanie acknowledged her agreement.

CARRIED

Consent Agenda.

8. Letter to Libraries and Archives Canada
9. Board Contact List

MOVED by Gwen, SECONDED by Shirley, THAT the Consent Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

10. Closing Remarks (Heather Buzzell)

There were no closing remarks.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, Heather adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Next meeting: Friday December 5, 9:00 a.m.