



Minutes of the Board
Monday, July 18, 2016
9:30 am to 12:30 pm
BCLA Boardroom #150 - 900 Howe Street

Chair: Daphne Wood, President

Present: Daphne Wood, Annette de Faveri, Stephanie Kripps, Anne Olsen, Cara Pryor, Sarah Sutherland, Thom Knutson, Chris Middlemass, Adam Farrell, Krissy Bublitz, Dana Horrocks, Timothy McMillan, Michelle Spelay.

Minutes: Stephanie Kripps & Lilian Pintos

Regrets: Caroline Daniels, Dawn Ibey and Lin Brander

1. Call to Order (Chair, Daphne Wood)

Daphne welcomed the Board to its first meeting of 2016.

2. Board Introductions (Daphne Wood)

Daphne invited all members to introduce themselves.

3. Board Orientation (Nicki Kahnamoui)

Daphne introduced Nicki Kahnamoui, who provided a clear and insightful overview of the strategic and practical roles and responsibilities of not-for-profit organizations and their Board members. Points of discussion included the strategic plan, the operational plan, individual workplaces and structures, and modes of governance. Annette provided further examples specific to BCLA. Additional attention was given to the upcoming changes to by-laws in order to be in compliance with the revised B.C. Societies Act.

Coffee Break

4. Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) Calls to Action (Barb Kelly)

Daphne introduced Barb Kelly who facilitated a discussion on Truth and Reconciliation centered on cultural humility and systemic racism against the Aboriginal community. Barb requested that we consider the role of the Board within TRC calls to action, and to reflect on what reconciliation might mean to individual Board members.

5. Verbal Reports

a. President's Report (Daphne Wood)

- **Advocacy Initiative:** There is a yearly opportunity for a partnership with Trustees, the BC Libraries Cooperative, the Association of British Columbia Public Library Directors (ABCPLD), and the Minister of Education. The meeting will take place in September. This year, Daphne would like to focus more on commonalities among each group's strategic plan, and establish connections with the Ministry of Education's strategic objectives, in order to produce a consolidated presentation on the collective impact of libraries, as well as to consider potential new funders.
- A planning meeting regarding the Provincial Digital Library Project took place in May; a report can be found on the BCLA website.
- Daphne asked the Board to consider whether to pursue an initiative for Canadian Library Month.

b. Executive Director's Report (Annette DeFaveri)

- Annette reported that this year's BCLA conference was a success; the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Participants expressed interest in having more sessions and more frequent conferences. Annette noted that while we normally measure the success of our conference by counting attendance, there was an evident increase in participants' engagement.
- The Professional Development survey is currently being coded and analyzed; findings will be reported in September.
- Annette also mentioned that at the end of the provincial government's fiscal year (April) any leftover funds are allocated to various grants; as a result, this year funds were available for BC Libraries Co-op and InterLINK to develop and host an accessibility workshop.

Consent Agenda

There are no items on the Consent Agenda.

6. Closing Remarks (Daphne Wood)

Daphne invited a roundtable to express closing remarks; she noted that there will be a further check-in on the Board's thoughts about Barb Kelly's presentation during the next meeting, scheduled for Monday, September 19, at 9:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.