



Minutes from September 2016 Board Meeting

Monday, September 19th, 2016
Boardroom, 900 Howe Street, 9:30 am to 11:30pm
Teleconference Numbers:
1-877-216-4736 Conference Code: 2936450874

Present: Daphne Wood, Dana Horrocks, Caroline Daniels, Tim McMillan, Dawn Ibey, Cara Pryor, Anne Olsen, Krissy Bublitz, Thom Knutson, Adam Farrell, Chris Middlemass, Sarah Sutherland, Michelle Spelay, Lin Brander, Lilian Pintos, Anita Cocchia.

1. Call to Order (Daphne Wood)

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. Adoption of the Regular Agenda (Daphne Wood)

MOVED by Adam Farrell, SECONDED by Chris Middlemass, that the consent agenda is presented after the adoption of the regular agenda. CARRIED.

3. Consent Agenda

MOVED by Chris Middlemass, SECONDED by Anne Olsen, that the contents of the consent agenda be approved as they consist only of the minutes from the July 18th, 2016 Board meeting.

4. Provincial Digital Library (Caroline Daniels with guest Anita Cocchia, Executive Director, BC ELN)

Caroline Daniels introduced Anita Cocchia, Executive Director, BC ELN. Caroline provided background information on the Provincial Digital Library and its importance to BCLA. Caroline noted that BCLAD currently hosts the Provincial Digital Library's website, which currently features all public information available.

Anita Cocchia provided an overview of the conception of the Provincial Digital Library, explaining that it emerged from a core provincial review and was supported by the Ministry of Advanced Education. A consultation process involving thirty private and public postsecondary members took place, involving surveys, engagement sessions, and response analysis. A number of conversations between Anita, the BC COOP, library industry staff, and the Ministry of Advanced Education resulted in a proposal ultimately championed by BCLA.

Annette emphasized the need for public libraries to advocate for themselves, as otherwise the province may only focus on the impact of the Provincial Digital Library on K12 through postsecondary, despite the fact that this is an information sector platform.

Coffee

5. CFLA-FCAB update, including Canadian Library Month (Annette DeFaveri and



Daphne Wood)

Daphne provided that CFLA is at a stage where there is an interim Board tasked with focusing heavily on advocacy.

Canadian Library Month - The Board discussed potential approaches for this initiative. Given the feedback received, BCLA has chosen not to have more national involvement in the Canadian Library Month.

Sarah Sutherland asked whether there is any evidence of the impact of advocating for the Canadian Library Month. Annette expressed that this is exactly a point that should be addressed by the CFLA in the interest of advancing advocacy work made to implement decisions that the province makes about libraries.

Annette also clarified that given the operational situation at BCLA, she is no longer a member of the CLFA Board. Daphne is the interim representative from BCLA, and the official transition will take place in January 2017.

6. BC Provincial Archives MOU (Daphne Wood)

Daphne explained that while the draft document is not meant for distribution, BCLA has an opportunity to sign on it. Daphne met with the president of the BC Museum Association and agreed to create an MOU to outline potential opportunities for collaboration, including joint conference presentations, resource sharing, and more. The document does not currently outline financial details; it is meant to foster discussion and shared initiatives. The MOU will be circulated to several organizations and brought to the Board for endorsement.

7. Verbal Reports

7a. President's Report (Daphne Wood)

Provincial Strategic Plan - Daphne explained that the Provincial Strategic Plan is being developed by the Ministry of Education. While BCLA is a stakeholder, it is not formally obliged to any of the strategies, suggested actions, or viewed as an author of the Plan. This document is meant to replace Libraries Without Walls and focuses on a 3-year timeframe and currently includes high-level strategies. Daphne provided an overview of the current four strategies.

7b. Executive Director's Report (Annette DeFaveri)

Annette provided an overview of the recent changes in the office, and welcomed Cassie McFadden to the office team.

Annette reported that the 2017 conference is set to take place in April and that preparation for it has already begun. Heidi Schiller has been confirmed as co-chair. The sponsorship and trade show details are being overseen by Chris Middlemass (VPL). Annette noted that the hotel was booked for April dates in order to reduce costs for hotel guests. It is intended that this venue will generate increased interest in the conference by virtue of its location in the downtown core. Registration for the conference will continue to be done through Eventbrite for the time being.



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Bylaw Review - The government of British Columbia has modified the Society's Act; since and our bylaws need to reflect the structure and purpose of the Act and the intention is to amend it accordingly under the advice of a lawyer.

Financial Committee - Annette provided an overview of the Financial Committee's workflow, noting that she, Lin Brander, and Dawn Ibey will undertake the review and reconciliation. The upcoming meeting will be highly focused on financials, including balancing the budget and discussing the operational budget for the coming year.

8. Closing Remarks (Daphne Wood)

The next meeting will take place December 5th, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Anne Olsen SECONDED by Caroline Daniels. Meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.