

Minutes of the British Columbia Library Association Annual General Meeting (DRAFT)
9:00am Saturday, April 21, 2001
Metrotown Hilton, Burnaby, BC

1. Call to Order

J.Spurrell called the meeting to order at 9:10am.

2. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established by J.Diamanti.

3. Announcement of Parliamentarian

Ron Clancy was announced as Parliamentarian.

4. Minutes of the 2000 Annual General Meeting – May 27, 2000

Motion to approve the minutes of the 2000 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by T.Mundle. Seconded by C.Smith.

Carried.

5. Annual Report

Motion to accept the 2000/2001 Annual Report.

Moved by S.Harrison. Seconded by N.McAllister

Carried.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

J.Diamanti reported that the Association currently has 723 members. She presented preliminary results from the membership survey conducted this year. Handouts were provided. Results to date are based on 96 responses, representing a 12% response rate. A final report will be produced when all results have been received.

7. Treasurer's Report

a) 2000 Financial Statements

D.Guinn presented the 2000 financial statements. She reported that the year-end fund balance represented a \$56,140 surplus, and that the auditors were pleased with the healthy financial state of the Association. Fundraising and conference revenues were strong. The capital asset of \$91,062 reflects the new Bill and Melinda Gates mobile computer lab. In response to a question from the floor, D.Guinn explained that the line item "Clerical Assistance" includes salaries for office staff.

Motion to accept the 2000 financial statements.

Moved by D.Guinn. Seconded by M.Allen

Carried.

b) Appointment of Auditors

Motion that Collins Barrow be appointed as auditors in 2001.

Moved by D.Guinn. Seconded by J.Bradshaw.

Carried.

8. Nominations Committee Report

S.Harrison announced the acclamation of the Association's new Board.

President: Carol Elder

Vice-President/President-Elect: vacant

Past President: Julie Spurrell
Treasurer: Neil McAllister
Assistant Treasurer: Ada Con
Membership Secretary: Sandra Singh
2-year Director (conference): Carole Compton-Smith
2-year Director (CE): Melanie Houlden
1-year Director: to be appointed
YAACS Chair: Lysanne Fox
ALPS Chair: David Kisly
Recording Secretary: to be appointed
Reporter Liaison (ex officio): Ted Benson
LSB Liaison (ex officio): Jim Looney

S.Harrison read section 6.12 from the Association by-laws pertaining to the appointment of positions not elected at the AGM, and noted that nominations are not accepted from the floor. As the Vice-President/President-Elect will be appointed this year, rather than elected, this position will come before the AGM for confirmation next year, rather than moving automatically into the President role.

Motion to accept the new Board by acclamation.
Moved by C.Elder. Seconded by N.McAllister.
Carried.

9. Resolutions Committee Report

One resolution was presented by J.Bradshaw.

The resolution, concerning the Free Trade Area of the Americas, was brought forward by Brian Campbell and distributed at the meeting in print.

Motion to amend the final paragraph as follows:

“And Be It Further Resolved that BCLA write to all BC Library Boards and Directors encouraging them to make informing the public about these international trade agreements and their implications an information access priority.”

Amendment moved by S.Roberts. Seconded by J.Bradshaw

Carried

Moved (entire resolution as amended) by B.Campbell. Seconded by N.Hannum.

Carried

10. Other Business

none

11. President's Report

J.Spurrell reported on a successful year for the Association. During the year, longtime Office Assistant Trish Fraser resigned, and was replaced by Shelley Smolka. BCLA co-sponsored a successful reception at the Union of BC Municipalities conference in conjunction with the BC Library Trustees Association and the Association of BC Public Library Directors. The Association has also worked hard this year to create advocacy tools such as the advocacy toolkit website and the advocacy listserv. BCLA's relationship with the Red Cedar Awards was cemented this year with BCLA's Executive Director and the YAACS Chair now serving on the Red Cedar Board, and the BCLA office providing administrative support for the award program.

Continuing Education held successful workshops on electronic books, and web usability, among other topics. Access to CE was enhanced for members in rural areas by increasing the amount of the 250+ Sunshine Coast grants from \$250 to \$750.

J.Spurrell thanked M.Burris and the members of the Board for their work over the year.

12. Incoming President's Report

C.Elder announced that the Board was embarking on a planning process, and that there were a number of programs and projects planned for the coming year. She thanked J.Spurrell for her work as President over the past year, and presented her with a gift.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by J.Bradshaw. Seconded by S.Roberts.
The meeting was adjourned at 10am.

Minutes: Gwen Bird.