

**British Columbia Library Association
Annual General Meeting,
Saturday, May 11, 2002,
Whistler Convention Center, Whistler**

1. Call to Order. C. Elder called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
2. Establishment of Quorum. Quorum was established by S. Singh.
3. Announcement of Parliamentarian. R.Clancy was announced as Parliamentarian.
4. Approval of Agenda.

Motion to add the Approval of the Agenda to the Agenda.
Moved by T. Mundle. Seconded by J. Watkins. **Carried.**

5. Minutes of the 2001 Annual General Meeting, April 21, 2001.

Motion to approve the minutes of the 2001 Annual General Meeting. Moved by J. Looney. Seconded by R. Avigdor. **Carried.**

6. Annual Report.

Motion to accept the 2001/2002 Annual Report. Moved by D. Guinn. Seconded by J. Bradshaw. **Carried.**

7. Membership Secretary's Report.

S. Singh reported that the association currently has 731 members. The membership committee has been very active. Letters were sent to directors, new library employees and visits to library schools and technician programs were organized. A nonmembers survey was conducted with interesting findings from across the province. S. Singh presented an overview of the variety of attitudes towards BCLA. The Board examined the results of the survey and will investigate more effective communication. Posting the president's letters to the listserv is one example of improvement. Some survey participants belong to very specialized associations and others view an institutional membership as a personal membership. The Board asked who is our target market? Why are some committee members not members of BCLA? Some survey respondents felt BCLA is too remote. The Board asked that regional interest groups or regional geographic chapters of BCLA be created.

As a result of the non-membership survey, the BCLA Board has created a 2002/2003 Membership Committee Task Group to investigate the ideas generated by the survey and the Board.

Motion to accept the membership report. Moved by S. Roberts. Seconded by A. Nussbaumer. **Carried.**

8. Treasurer's Report.

N. McAllister thanked R. Avigdor and M. Burris for all their help during his appointment as treasurer.

- a) 2001 Financial statements. N. McAllister presented the 2001 financial statements. He reported that the association is in good shape and the auditors were pleased with the healthy financial state of the association. Conference revenue was up by \$8,000 and overall funds are up by \$4,000 thanks to donations. Another change is BCLA's relationship with the Vancouver Foundation. Our account has \$375,000. The Vancouver Foundation has matched our investments up to \$300,000, \$150,000 being contributed by each party. Money for operations being generated from the interest. However, as this money is not accessible, the auditors asked that the \$375,000 be removed as an asset from the books. The Board also looked at diversification and invested in a \$10,000 GIC with the Royal Bank. In response to a question from the floor regarding the Vancouver Foundation, N. McAllister recommended that we continue to diversify as we have maximized the matching funds potential with the Foundation. The BCLA grant came through and, even with some decrease in interest, the 2002 budget looks good.

Motion to accept the 2001 financial statements. Moved N. Gick. Seconded by A. Duval. **Carried.**

- b) Appointment of Auditors.

Motion that Collin Barrow be appointed as auditors in 2002. Moved by S. Roberts. Seconded by T. Benson. **Carried.**

9. Nominations Committee Report.

C. Elder announced the acclamation of the Association's new Board. C. Elder also thanked J. Spurrell (Chair) for her work. Last year G. Ashoughian was vice president/president elect but will not be able to accept the presidency this year. Under Section 6.12 of the constitution, if there are no nominations from the floor the Board will appoint the president's position. C. Elder was asked to stay on as BCLA president for another year and accepted. R. Clancy will fill the past president position.

President: Carol Elder

Vice President/President-Elect: Alison Nussbaumer

Past President: Ron Clancy

Treasurer: Ada Con

Assistant Treasurer: Sylvia Roberts

Membership Secretary: Jeff Conatser

2 year Director (Conference Planning): Carole Compton-Smith (2nd year)

2 year Director (Continuing Education): Melanie Holden (2nd year)
2 year Director (Conference Planning): Art Knight (1st year)
1 year Director: Sandra Singh (appointed)
YAACS Chair: Eva Wilson
ALPS Chair: Mark Bodnar
Recording Secretary: Gretchen Goertz
Reporter Editor (ex officio): Ted Benson
LSB Liaison (ex officio): Jim Looney

Motion to accept the new Board by acclamation. Moved by D. Thomas. Seconded by P. Swanson. **Carried.**

10. Resolutions Committee Report.

Two resolutions were presented by J. Bradshaw. Both were submitted by the Information Policy Committee and distributed at the meeting in print.

Motion to approve the first resolution concerning the Legal Services Society and Legal Resource Centre. Moved by S. Roberts. Seconded by P. Whitney. **Carried.**

Second resolution regarding the Freedom of Information Act.

Motion to amend the last paragraph as follows: "And Be It Further Resolved that BCLA write to the Premier and Attorney General and the NDP Leader expressing the opposition of BCLA to the cutbacks imposed on the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner and the Departmental Information Access Coordinators, and encourage individual librarians and library Boards to also write to the Premier, Attorney-General, municipal councils, NDP Leader and local MLAs expressing their opposition. Copies of such correspondence should be distributed to the media." Moved by S. Singh. Seconded by P. Groves. **Carried.**

Motion to amend the seventh paragraph as follows: "And Whereas the present government is introducing a vast range of legislation which is not made available to the Commissioner in a timely manner so the Commissioner's Office can perform its mandated responsibilities to review and comment on the legislation." Moved by A. Cox. Seconded by E. Wilson. **Carried.**

11. Other business. None.

12. President's Report.

C. Elder reported a very successful year for the association, building on our strengths and gaining a reputation provincially and internationally. A goals and objectives session at Port Moody Public Library provided a document to guide our projects throughout the year. It was reviewed at the last Board meeting and advocacy and the continued development of relationships with groups, the media and students was reaffirmed. Three student representatives were active on the Board this year: Mari Martin (SLAIS), Susan Nesbitt (Langara) and Nancy Merritt (UCFV). The SLAIS representative will serve as BCLA liaison on the executive of

the SLAIS initiated joint CLA/BCLA student chapter. Work with the ABCPLD continued with informal strategic planning sessions. One result was the very successful Union of BC Municipalities reception. It was held in Vancouver and provided an opportunity to meet Minister George Abbott for the first time. C. Elder, B. Qualey and J. Barton also met with George Abbott to address funding issues for library services. Work with the Minister will continue this year, especially given some of the current events. Met with Jerry Sinclair, President of the Premier's Technology Council, and made a submission regarding Internet access. Important work continued to be carried out by sections, committees and interest groups throughout the year. A reception was held to show appreciation to all those people for their commitment and hard work. C. Elder also thanked all the members of the Board, Michael Burris and Shelley Smolka for their work over the year.

Michael Burris thanked Carol for her work as incoming and outgoing president and presented her with a gift.

13. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn by M. Allen. Seconded by M. Bodnar. **Carried**. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Minutes: Gretchen Goertz.