

**British Columbia Library Association  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, June 19, 2004  
Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria, BC**

**1. Call to Order**

A. Nussbaumer called the AGM to order at 7:40am.

**2. Establishment of Quorum**

Quorum established by P. Burry.

**3. Announcement of Parliamentarian**

T. Mundle announced as Parliamentarian.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion to approve the agenda.*

Moved by E. Annis. Seconded by T. Thiessen. Carried.

**5. Minutes of the 2003 Annual General Meeting - Saturday, May 31, 2003**

*Motion to approve the minutes of the 2003 Annual General Meeting.*

Moved by J. Backer. Seconded by A. Knight. Carried.

**6. Annual Report**

*Motion to accept the 2003/2004 Annual Report.*

Moved by J. Huebert. Seconded by M. Bodnar. Carried.

**7. Membership Secretary's Report**

P. Burry.

- Ambassador Program began this year. A group of BCLA ambassadors contacted and welcomed new members and introduced them to section and interest groups. Also advised new members about opportunities for involvement in BCLA. Thanks to M. Bodnar for taking the lead on this program. Feedback from new members thus far has been very good.
- Developed draft strategic plan for membership with very tangible goals.
- Visited library schools in Lower Mainland - UCFV, Langara College, and SLAIS - an important task for the membership secretary. All visits went well and the schools all expressed their appreciation for the support of BCLA.
- The redesign of the BCLA web site has been a major undertaking this year. Last fall a committee was struck to identify what BCLA wanted out of a new web site. After clarifying this, and RFP was prepared. In early 2004, RFP submissions were reviewed. A vendor was selected and the new web site is ready to be previewed.

- M. Burris provided membership with preview of the site.
- An integrated association management portal.
  - Designed to attract and maintain membership.
  - Almost ready to launch.
  - More content driven home page than current site, with more links direct from the home page.
  - Key features include: news, jobs, online vendor exhibit hall, library profiles, profiles of affinity partners, online calendar of events, and online registration.
  - Sections and Interest Groups will be able to maintain their own sites.

*Motion to accept the Membership Report.*

Moved by S. Singh. Seconded by M. Allen. Carried.

## 8. Treasurer's Report

S. Roberts.

### a. 2003 Financial Statements

- BCLA ended 2003 with a surplus, and is in good financial health.
- Conference planning, Continuing Education Committee, Fund Development Committee all made many contributions to the financial health of BCLA in 2004.
- \$20,000 to Vancouver Foundation B.C. Libraries Endowment Trust. The Trust Fund's market value is \$423,000.
- S. Roberts acknowledged the work of R. Avigdor, BCLA's bookkeeper.
- S. Roberts thanked M. Burris, A. Douglas, and T. Thiessen for their assistance with all financial details.

*Motion to accept the financial statement and accept the Treasurer's report.*

Moved by M. Bodnar. Seconded by D. Hutchison. Carried.

### b. Appointment of Auditor

*Motion to accept Collins Barrow as auditors for 2004.*

Moved by N. Gick. Seconded by C. Daniels. Carried.

## 9. Nominations Committee Report

C. Elder. This year we had a BCLA election. It was a pleasure to have so much interest in the Board. C. Elder thanked everyone for letting their names stand. Special thanks to S. Bedi for serving as the BCLA/CLA Conference Chair.

### a. Election results

<b>Position</b>	<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Vice President/President-Elect	M. Houlden	86
	E. Toner-Rogala	79
Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer Elect	A. Duval	85
	A. Knight	77
Membership Secretary	P. Burry	75
	M. Martin	46
	G. Rawson	38
Director 2-year [Conference]	S. Singh	Acclaimed

Continuing Members of the Executive include:

- D. Guinn, Incoming President
- A. Nussbaumer, Past President
- T. Thiessen, Treasurer
- D. Thomas, Director, Chair of Continuing Education
- S. Bedi, Director, Conference
- G. Reisner, YAACS Chair
- B. Nadiger, ALPS Chair
- T. Benson, Reporter Editor
- T. Rosseel, Recording Secretary

*Motion to accept the new board.*

Moved by C. Elder. Seconded by J. Spurrell. Carried.

*Motion to destroy ballots.*

Moved by C. Elder. Seconded by B. Campbell. Carried.

## **10. Resolutions Committee Report**

### a. Update of 2003 resolutions

A. Nussbaumer thanked all committees who put forth resolutions last year and acknowledged the significant amount of activity that took place.

### b. BCLA Special Resolution - By-Laws

- T. Mundle read through this resolution.
- M. Burris clarified the desire for BCLA to clean up the language in the current by-laws, and add two new membership categories - one for retired members, and 1 for personal/joint members [BCLA and another related association].
- M. Burris noted desire to strip out commercial enterprises from library community and have it as a separate category of membership.

*Motion to accept the Notice of Special Resolution 1: Membership By-Laws.*

Moved by S. Roberts. Seconded by G. Coleman. Carried.

### c. BCLA Ordinary Resolution - Fees

- T. Mundle read through this resolution.
- Question asked about what enhanced means in relation to commercial members. Enhanced means that members in this category will be provided with additional services in the online vendor exhibit hall, beyond a basic entry.

*Motion to accept Ordinary Resolution - Membership Fees.*

Moved by T. Thiessen. Seconded by J. Conatser. Carried.

### d. Member resolutions

Various member resolutions were put forth by the Information Policy Committee. T. Mundle presented all three member resolutions.

i. A Resolution on Access to Government Information

With the upcoming election and the Olympic Games coming to Vancouver, citizens need more information about the government. Last year V. Adams and P. Groves conducted a survey of depository libraries regarding concerns about access to government information. This resolution comes forth as a result of these discussions. BCLA needs to concentrate on improving access to government information, with a final goal of identifying a plan for ensuring archival access to government information, much like the resolution recently passed in Saskatchewan.

*Motion to approve the Resolution on Access to Government Information.*  
Moved by P. Groves. Seconded by U. Brigl. Carried.

ii. A Resolution on Medical Services Plan Records Administration

The B.C. Government Employees Union has received a legal opinion from the American Civil Liberties Union that BCGEU would be vulnerable to the Patriot Act. We need to come to agreement with U.S. based vendors regarding how much information is stored about our libraries and our patrons. Vancouver Public Library has endorsed this resolution at the committee level. On July 7th, 2004 Jameel Jaffer, of the American Civil Liberties Union, will speak about the USA Patriot Act and American court cases involving privacy and national security. This free session is sponsored by Freedom of Information and Privacy Association, BC Persona with AIDS Society, BC Coalition of People with Disabilities, BC Health Coalition, BC Seniors' Network, BC Library Association, and Women Elders in Action.

*Motion to approve the Resolution on Medical Services Plan Records Administration.*  
Moved by B. Campbell. Seconded by C. Graebner. Carried.

iii. A Resolution on Open Access

H. Morrison thanked and congratulated BCLA on making the BCLA Reporter open and available as soon as it is online via the web site. She also noted the many open access initiatives underway in the library community, and noted the over 1,100 journal available open access via CUFTS.

*Motion to approve the Resolution on Open Access.*  
Moved by H. Morrison. Seconded by T. O'Coffey. Carried.

A. Nussbaumer thanked all committees bringing resolutions forward.

## 11. Other business

Member requested that in future resolutions be emailed to membership prior to the AGM for review, and that there be an online only option for receiving the BCLA Reporter. M. Burris will consider for future.

## **12. President's Report**

Due to time constraints, A. Nussbaumer referred membership to her full print report in the BCLA Annual Report. She recognized departing board members and the BCLA office staff.

*Motion to accept the President's report.*

Moved by S. Roberts. Seconded by M. Bodnar. Carried.

a. ALPS award

Simon Fraser University's Ask Us Here Project

b. BCLA conference awards

Ken Haycock Student Award - H. Dean and M. Schiller.

Virginia Chisholm Memorial Award - C. White

Alice Bacon Continuing Education Scholarship - M. Stoll and J. Huebert

## **13. Incoming President's report**

D. Guinn thanked A. Nussbaumer for serving as President from May 03 - June 04. She acknowledged A. Nussbaumer's leadership, motivation, enthusiasm and stewardship and presented her with a gift of appreciation from the board.

D. Guinn announced that she is honoured to serve as the upcoming president and that she is proud to serve an association comprised of committed library professionals. She is preparing to build on the recent accomplishments and is looking forward to year ahead. Some of the priorities for 2004-05 are to prepare for the provincial election in May, to partner and assist the national association and other provincial associations with common concerns, to continue to offer support to school libraries/schools/library workers in BC, and to ensure that BCLA is represented on the BC Premier's Literacy panel. She announced that she has appointed Rhian Piprell from Coquitlam Public Library as a one year director, and that the BCLA conference in 2005 will take place in Burnaby in April.

## **14. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn the meeting.*

Moved by A. Nussbaumer. Seconded by S. Singh. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55am.