



**Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005  
Hilton Vancouver Metrotown, Burnaby, BC**

**1. Call to Order**

D. Guinn called the AGM to order at 9:10am.

**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 A. Nussbaumer. Seconded by D. Thomas. Carried.

**5. Minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting – Saturday, June 19, 2004**

Motion to approve the minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting.

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

**6. Annual Report**

Motion to accept the 2004/2005 Annual Report.

Moved by E. Toner-Rogala. Seconded by S. Singh. Carried.

**7. Membership Secretary's Report – P. Burry**

- BCLA web site was launched this year. Thanks to M. Burris, A. Douglas, and J. Conatser for all their work with implementation and troubleshooting. Key features of the site include: online registration and renewal; automation of renewal notices; online event registration; and committee and interest group sites. Statistical and usage reports will be evaluated to identify required improvements to the site in the future.

- Thanks to M. Bodnar for two years of excellent service to the new BCLA Ambassador Program. This program welcomes new members, and informs them about ways they can get involved in BCLA through sections and interest groups. Feedback from new members has been very positive. BCLA is in search of a new leader for the program.
- Thanks to the Membership Committee for all their help testing the functionality of the new web site and updating its content throughout the year. This coming year the committee will build and expand on existing affinity programs that partner BCLA with different kinds of businesses for member discounts.
- The Membership Committee is proud to be sponsoring a lunch social event at the Beyond Hope Conference, April 25-26. A. Nussbaumer will speak on behalf of BCLA. This is a great outreach opportunity for BCLA to demonstrate what it can offer to members across the province.
- Thanks to SLAIS, Langara, and UCFV for their ongoing support of BCLA, including the incorporation of BCLA visits into their curriculum.
- The Membership Committee coordinated BCLA's inaugural First Timer's Breakfast at this conference. It was very well attended, with very interesting musical entertainment. It is hoped that this will become a regular event at the annual conference.

*Motion to accept the Membership Secretary's Report.*

Moved by M. Bodnar. Seconded by A. Duval. Carried.

## **8. Treasurer's Report – T. Thiessen**

### **A. 2004 Financial Statements**

BCLA ended 2004 with a surplus, and is good financial health. Thanks to the BCLA Executive, M. Burris, A. Douglas, and R. Avigdor for all of their assistance. \$5000 was deposited in the Vancouver Foundation BC Libraries Endowment Trust, with the hope that contributions will increase in the coming year. Although the joint CLA/BCLA conference revenue from 2004 was less than previous years, it did come to more than \$15000. This was in line with the budget projection.

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

Moved by T. Thiessen. Seconded by S. Roberts. Carried

### **B. Appointment of Auditor**

*Motion to accept Collins Barrow as auditors for 2005.*

Moved by. T. Thiessen. Seconded by M. Houlden. Carried.

## 9. Nominations Committee Report – A. Nussbaumer

Thanks to everyone for letting their names stand for the BCLA election. Those who were not elected this year are encouraged to run again next year. Below are the election results.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Vice President/President Elect	I. Kehoe	Acclaimed
Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer Elect	C. Hogg N. Fouquette	87 78
Membership Secretary	M. Martin	Acclaimed
Director, [2 year - Conference]	J. Huebert P. Medland	66 90
Director, [2 year – Continuing Education]	S. Bhogal T. Peacock	130 32

Continuing members of the Executive include:

- M. Houlden, Incoming President
- D. Guinn, Past President
- A. Duval, Treasurer
- S. Singh, Director
- G. Thomson, YAACS Chair
- C. Davis, ALPS Chair
- D. Hutchison, Recording Secretary [appointed]
- T. Benson, Reporter Editor

Thanks to outgoing Executive members T. Rosseel and D. Thomas.

*Motion to accept the new BCLA Board.*

Moved by A. Nussbaumer. Seconded by T. Thiessen. Carried.

*Motion to destroy ballots.*

Moved by M. Bodnar. Seconded by A. Nussbaumer. Carried.

## 10. Resolutions Committee Report

T. Mundle read through the following resolutions.

### **A. Resolution on the International Development Agenda for WIPO**

H. Morrison spoke to this resolution on behalf of the BCLA Information Policy Committee.

*Motion to accept Resolution on the International Development Agenda for WIPO.*

Moved by H. Morrison. Seconded by B. Campbell. Carried.

### **B. Resolution on Community Television**

H. Morrison spoke to this resolution on behalf of the BCLA Information Policy Committee. Community television was recently an IPC Salon topic, and concern was raised regarding the lack of air time being given to community groups by local cable companies. This resolution requests that BCLA ask the Government of Canada to address the situation. Discussion ensued regarding ways to strengthen the resolution, and ensure that it refers only to the specific sections in *Our Cultural Sovereignty* that are relevant to this issue. Friendly amendments suggested by E. Toner-Rogala and P. Whitney.

*Motion to accept Resolution on Community Television, as amended.*

Moved by H. Morrison. Seconded by D. Hutchison. Carried.

### **C. Resolution Opposing the Termination of the Urban Community Access Program**

B. Campbell spoke to this resolution on behalf of the BCLA Information Policy Committee. The Urban Community Access Program has been an important source of funding for libraries, and has supported the provision of free, public Internet access to library users. Given this access, organizations like HRDC are directing people to libraries to get assistance with downloading and completing government forms, training, etc. The CAP funding enables libraries to offer these services, and its termination will negatively impact their ability to do so. Discussion ensued regarding whether the program has been terminated or will take another form in the future; whether the focus is urban, rural, or both; and which is the most appropriate agency to direct this resolution to. Corrections were suggested.

*Motion to accept Resolution Opposing the Termination of the Urban Cap Program, as amended.*

Moved by B. Campbell. Seconded by A. Fennema. Carried.

### **D. Resolution on Lawful Access**

C. Graebner spoke to this resolution on behalf of the BCLA Information Policy Committee. The series of legislative reforms that the Government of Canada has proposed, but not yet ratified, threaten the safeguards that limit access to personal information by law enforcement and national security agencies. The government wants to move beyond reasonable belief of wrongdoing to reasonable suspicion as the basis for requesting personal information from telecommunications service providers. This is highly problematic, and requires further debate and discussion.

*Motion to accept Resolution on Lawful Access.*

Moved by C. Graebner. Seconded by J. Davis. Carried.

### **E. Resolution on Legal Information and Legal Aid Services in the Province of BC**

B. May spoke to this resolution on behalf of the BCLA Information Policy Committee. This resolution builds on one from 2002 expressing opposition of BC libraries to the cutbacks imposed on the Legal Services Society. There have been two follow up studies – by Gillian Creese and Victoria Strong-Boag at UBC and by West Coast LEAF – that validate concerns about the impact of cutbacks to legal aid services in the areas of family, poverty, and immigration law on women. The UN Commission has criticized the BC government for this

erosion of women's rights and this resolution seeks to address this. A friendly amendment was suggested.

*Motion to accept Resolution on Legal Information and Legal Aid Services in the Province of BC, as amended.*

Moved by B. May. Seconded by B. Campbell. Carried.

After the acceptance of the resolutions presented, B. Campbell expressed concern about the problems of following up on the status of resolutions that have been passed at BCLA. They can't be found on the BCLA web site, and BCLA doesn't allocate resources to deal with them. He asked the new executive to consider ways to improve this process. Several ideas were discussed, including: sharing the letters written by BCLA that address the resolutions as part of the AGM package; adding actions taken with regard to the resolutions to a Resolutions section of the BCLA Annual Report; getting more information about the resolutions out to the public via newspapers and other media.

## **11. Other Business**

None.

## **12. President's Report – D. Guinn**

Highlights of the year included:

- BCLA's Libraries Across Borders recently received a \$25000 donation to contribute to projects in developing countries. The interest group will develop a plan for using these monies.
- The Books for Babies Program will rollout this fall. Thanks to R. Piprell and J. Douglas for their work leading this initiative.
- Special thanks for S. Singh for all of her work on the Beyond Words Essay Contest.
- Thanks to M. Burris, A. Douglas, R. Avigdor, outgoing board members, conference organizers S. Singh and S. Bedi, and Conference Committee members M. Moses, J. Backer, and Peggy Lees
- See the Annual Report for more information.

## **13. Incoming President's Report – M. Houlden**

M. Houlden thanked D. Guinn for all of her work this year, and looks forward to her role over the coming year.

## **14. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn the meeting.*

Moved by T. Thiessen.