

Annual General Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 21, 2007
Hilton Vancouver Metrotown, Burnaby, BC

1. Call to order

I. Kehoe called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum established by T. Miller.

Greetings and congratulations received by BCLA membership from L. Cook on behalf of CLA.

3. Announcement of Parliamentarian

L. Crema announced as Parliamentarian.

4. Approval of agenda

Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by E. Fairey. Seconded by K. Nelson. Carried.

5. Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by A. Duval. Seconded by T. Mundle. Carried.

6. Annual Report

Motion to accept the 2006/2007 Annual Report.

Moved by P. Medland. Seconded by C. Durston.

7. Membership Secretary's Report – T. Miller

- Details in Annual Report.
- Highlights:
 - Established a special membership task force to review membership benefits; resurrect the Ambassador program; and explore ways to attract and retain retired members of the profession in BCLA.
 - Task force members came from across the province and from across the library spectrum; Academic and Public libraries, SLAIS and a retired librarian are all represented.
 - Membership secretary visited students in Library Technician programs at UCFV and at Langara College, and at SLAIS, to introduce BCLA to up-and-coming professionals.

- Current BCLA membership stands at a very healthy 824.

Motion to accept the Membership Secretary's Report.

Moved by N. Catto. Seconded by K. Nelson. Carried.

8. Treasurer's Report – C. Hogg

8a. 2006 Financial Statements

C. Hogg extends thanks to R. Avigdor, A. Douglas, and M. Burris for making the Treasurer's job easier.

Highlights

- BCLA did not run a deficit this year and shows a very healthy balance.
- 2006 conference revenue surpassed \$48,000.
- 2006 saw an increase of 20% in membership revenue.
- Excellent conference revenue and increase in membership revenue contribute to BCLA's ability to keep membership rates static and affordable this year.

Some discussion ensued over details of budget lines to clarify for membership present.

Motion to accept 2006 financial statement and the Treasurer's Report.

Moved by U. Brigl. Seconded by S. Hall. Carried.

8b. Appointment of Auditor

Motion to accept Collins-Barrow as auditors for 2007.

Moved by K. Nelson. Seconded by T. Mundle.

9. Nominations Committee Report - I. Kehoe

Thank you to everyone who put their name forwarded.

New Board Members:

- VP/Pres elect: Lynne Jordon (acclaimed)
- Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer Elect: Stephanie Hall (acclaimed)
- Membership Secretary: Virginia Charron (acclaimed)
- 2-Year Director for Conference: Chris Middlemass (acclaimed)
- Director for Continuing Education: Heather Scoular (elected)
- Director: Kevin Kierans (appointed by President)

Continuing Members of the Executive:

- Incoming President: Deb Thomas
- Past President: Inba Kehoe
- Treasurer: Katy Nelson
- Director of Conference: Trish Rosseel

- YAACS Chair: Vicki Donoghue
- ALPS Chair: Sylvia Roberts
- BCLA Reporter Editor: Ted Benson.
- Recording Secretary: TBA

I. Kehoe extends thanks to the outgoing Board Executive:

- Melanie Houlden (outgoing Past President)
- Charles Hogg (outgoing Treasurer)
- Pam Medland (outgoing Conference Director)
- Trish Miller (outgoing Membership Secretary)
- Heather Morrison (outgoing ALPS Chair)
- Chris Kevlahan (outgoing YAACS Chair)

Motion to accept the new BCLA Board.

Moved by S. Singh. Seconded by S. Roberts. Carried.

Motion to destroy the ballots.

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

10. Resolutions Committee Report - T. Mundle.

10a 2006 Resolutions Update – I. Kehoe

- WIPO resolution: BCLA endorsed library related principles for WIPO referred issue to CLA International Trade Agreements working group.
- Update on other resolutions to be distributed.

b. Member resolutions – T. Mundle

T. Mundle read through the following resolutions (full text attached to end of minutes).

A. Resolution on Support for the BC Legislative Library

N. Hannum spoke to this resolution, and ready from a letter to the *Victoria Times Colonist* from BC Legislative Library Librarian Jane Taylor. In her letter, Taylor acknowledges concerns of the library community around the closure of the Legislative Library. It is unusual that a Legislative Library Librarian would write to the *Times Colonist*, and that she would acknowledge comments from the community. Taylor mentions problems with present facility such as the lack of fire suppression and climate control; states that a new facility for the BC Legislative Library would solve these problems. Some discussion of grammar, spelling and punctuation ensued; friendly amendments proposed and accepted. Additional amendment proposed and accepted: BCLA shall ask BCLTA and their member boards to contact their MLAs and encourage their support for maintaining BC's Legislative Library.

Motion to accept resolution of support for Legislative Library as amended.

Moved by N. Hannum. Seconded by S. Roberts. Carried.

B. Resolution on TILMA (Trade, Investment, and Labour Mobility Agreement)

C. Graebner reports that TILMA hasn't been reported much in the media, nor debated in the legislature. It is an agreement that weighs the opinions of business interests heavily, placing control of city design in the hands of developers and removing it from the public and their governments. Concern expressed by J Conatser that opposing TILMA also opposes breaking down barriers which prevent skilled workers and professionals from transferring skills earned in other jurisdictions and having their qualifications recognized to work in other jurisdictions. Discussion of that concern concluded with statement that BCLA does not oppose the reduction of mobility of labour, but does oppose the TILMA agreement, which has not been sufficiently debated and which does set a dangerous precedent. A small group removed to the hallway to move amendments to the resolution.

Motion to remove paragraph "And Whereas a weakening of one sector of the public domain puts added pressure on other areas"

Moved by T. Robertson. Seconded by E. Toner-Rogala. Carried.

Motion to add paragraph "And Whereas TILMA reduces the autonomy of representative institutions to make decisions and provide services in the public good"

Moved by C. Graebner. Seconded by S. Roberts. Carried.

Motion to accept TILMA Resolution as amended.

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

C. Resolution on Child Care Resource and Referral Centres

D. Greyson reported in the BCLA Reporter on CCRR service cuts; see article for more detail. Public libraries have close links to CCRR programs, and Vancouver's central CCRR Library has been given 6 weeks to close due to cuts to funding, despite the restoration of 2/3rds of CCRR funding. More voices protesting this new round of cuts that include that closure could make a difference.

Motion to accept the resolution on support for the protest to cuts to the Child Care Resource and Referral Centres as amended.

Moved by D. Greyson. Seconded by B.J. May. Carried.

D. Resolution on Libraries and Media Concentration

B.J. May spoke to this resolution. It is a lengthy resolution, related in part to a similar resolution from the 2003 BCLA AGM. Media concentration continues to roll along in Canada. Canada ranked 18th behind countries such as Bolivia in last ranking of oppression of the press by Reporters Without Borders. It is significant that CRTC is holding hearings, but 3 big deals are lined up already and CRTC discussion comes too late to address those. With the CRTC discussion, there is still an opportunity for voices to be heard. No amendments to this resolution were proposed.

Motion to accept the resolution on Libraries and Media Concentration without amendments.

Moved by C. Graebner. Seconded by B.J. May. Carried.

E. Resolution on Little Sister's Bookstore

Presented by the BCLA Information Policy and Intellectual Freedom Committees

T. Robertson commented that in January this year Supreme Court of Canada overturned the BC Supreme Court decision to award Little Sister's Bookstore costs; Little Sister's Bookstore now has to challenge each shipment of books individually at great cost, which is detrimental to this landmark censorship case. A series of friendly amendments were proposed for clarity and consistency of expression; a small group met outside the room to work on acceptable wording.

Recommendation: That the incoming board of BCLA find a way to make a financial grant to Little Sister's Bookstore, even in a symbolic amount, to show support.

Recommended by P. Medland. Board will consider.

Motion to accept amendments to Resolution on Little Sister's Bookstore.

Moved by T. Robertson. Seconded by M. Gonzales Palacios. Carried.

Motion to accept the resolution on Little Sister's Bookstore as amended.

Moved by T. Roberston. Seconded by M. Gonzales Palacios. Carried.

11. **Other business – NONE**

12. **President's Report – I. Kehoe.**

- Thank you to P. Medland and conference committee for this year's conference.
- Acknowledgement of M. Martin; "she is the shining light in the North!"
- Strategic Plan report to be distributed via BCLA website; BCLA Reporter; BCLA Listserv.
- I. Kehoe says, "Thanks for the ride!" She has Kehoe has enjoyed her time as President and has enjoyed meeting everyone.

13. Incoming President's Report – D. Thomas

- Thanks to I. Kehoe for her assistance as outgoing President. Full report to be distributed in BCLA Reporter.

14. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by I. Kehoe.