



**British Columbia  
Library Association**

BCLA Board Meeting

Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

900 Howe Street, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Teleconference Numbers:

1-877-216-4736 Conference Code: 2936450874

ITEM	ACTION	ATTACHMENT
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Present: Danielle LaFrance, Annette DeFaveri, Shirley Lew, Anne Olsen, Chris Middlemass, Allison Sullivan, Bronwen Sprout, Stephanie Kripps, Wanda Power, Lilian Pintos

Phone: Anne O'Shea, Kate Sloan, Wendy Wright

Recording Secretary: Danielle LaFrance

Guest: Donald Taylor

1. Call to Order (Shirley Lew)

- Meeting commenced at 9:33.

2. Adoption of the Regular Agenda (Shirley Lew)

- Anne Olsen MOTIONED, Chris Middlemas SECONDED.

3. Welcoming Remarks (Shirley Lew)

- Shirley Lew stated it is a privilege to be meeting on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish Peoples. She thanked everyone for coming to the meeting today.
- This is the last meeting of the year.

4. Copyright Act Review, update (Donald Taylor)

- Shirley Lew introduced Donald Taylor.
- Donald Taylor shared an update highlighting the new copyright act. Every 5 years it needs to be reviewed.
- This review process will be wrapped in Jan-Feb 2019. It is completed in three phases. Phase two involves hearing from Indigenous Groups and the final stage involves discussions with lawyers and academics.
- The Committee does not sit through everyone's brief. The more times an issue is brought up it is scored higher on the priorities list. All the submitted briefs asked for a slight liberalization of the rights, which was a reoccurring theme throughout.
- Discussion about whether or not copyright is the right place to compensate the culture industries. Using the copyright act to remunerate artists has not worked out historically.
- For further notes please see email that Donald distributed to the board.

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- Shirley Lew asked about the opaqueness of licence materials. Publishers often do not know they are signing away their rights. It is a question about accountability. Donald stated that many collective rights organizations, like SLOCAN, do not know exactly what to ask companies like Youtube and Netflix. There is a sense they are getting less money. It is a huge issue contending with multinational corporations.
5. (NEW AGENDA ITEM) Donald Taylor to continue on for another 2 year term.
- Stephanie Kripps MOTIONED and Anne O'Shea SECONDED.
6. 2018 Budget Review and 2019 Draft budget, motions required (Stephanie Kripps).....Draft Budget to be distributed
- Stephanie Kripps discussed budget, starting with 2018. Going line by line.
  - There were no revenue questions.
  - Overall Conference costs were higher in 2018, largely to do with costs associated with GLAM and of course inflation.
  - For 2019 discussion of staff wages and bonuses. Changes to wages in camera.
  - Stephanie Kripps discussed 2019 budget line by line. Shredding costs have increased office expenses.
  - 2019 Conference will be more expensive than last year, because keynote speakers will be recorded. This is a 21<sup>st</sup> century expectation.
  - Discussion about printed program for conference. It is a huge amount of work with additional costs but we consistently hear that delegates want a print program.
  - There are two additional lines in budget for office move and equipment. If the right opportunity comes along there is budget available. There is no requirement to spend this money as it can roll over into the following year.
  - Stephanie Kripps MOTIONED to accept the 2019 operating budget including the increase to wages discussed in camera. SECONDED by Chris Middlemass.
  - Stephanie Kripps MOTIONED to allocate staff bonuses as discussed in camera. Anne O'Shea SECONDED.
  - Stephanie Kripps MOTIONED for a \$30000 transfer to support moving budget and office equipment. SECONDED by Anne O'Shea.
  - Budget configurations will be amended to match the discussions in camera.

Coffee Break

7. CFLA Update (Chris Middlemass)

- CFLA is going through a budget approval and estimations. As well as an extension to their strategic planning survey.
- National forum is a revamped version of the CLA annual conference approached as a thematic conference on intellectual freedom and artificial intelligence.

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- Connecting local initiatives to a national vision is never simple.
- RDA toolkits discussion: ALA, CFLA, CP (UK version) members of this agreement to develop the toolkit. There is revenue to be made from the toolkit. Still looking for more northern library memberships. Northwest Territories have received separate funding.

8. Letter from Joelle Samson (Shirley Lew).....√

- Letter indicates BCLA representative Joelle Samson is going on maternity leave. Will need support for her replacement, Jessica Humphries.

9. BC Public Library Partners update (Shirley Lew and Annette DeFaveri).....√

- Discussion of productive ways to advocate for libraries given a lack of increase to funding. Digital literacy can be defined by each library, no umbrella terminology. Library needs are not the same across the board.
- Primary goal is to increase funding for libraries and awareness of libraries, particularly when it comes to establishing equitable access. Deputy Minister, specifically, appreciated the time spent focusing on libraries, but that it needs to be translated into a fiscal response. Told to be persistent, keep talking, don't leave the table.

10. BC Digital Library update (Bronwen Sprout and Shirley Lew)

- BC Digital Library invited stake holders from UVIC, UBC, SFU to facilitate discussion to test commitment potential. Dr. Katherine Skinner designed and facilitated the day, which involved reviewing a thought piece sketching out different models to be formalized over a two year period.
- There are “alignment challenges” around prospective activities.
- Mutual interest, however, in how to explore digitization (funding), crowd sourcing (digital collection, tag photos, incorporate community input), and linked open data.
- Next steps involve a white paper outlining what is meant by these mutual interests.

11. BC SRC Funding update (Annette DeFaveri)

- Royal Bank of Canada has been lobbied to shift their funding goals. RBC will no longer fund BC SRC medals.
- Medals are well-received and very important to maintain.
- Alternative funding sources were discussed.

12. Conference Code of Conduct (Shirley Lew)



- Whether or not there should be a Conference Code of Conduct was raised at AGM. Currently do not have one. It would be a good time to draft one.
- Annette discussed background.
- Questions about what the process is for a member if something does happen to them.
- There is risk without guidelines. Wanda Power, Anne O’Shea, and Danielle LaFrance are interested in participating in drafting terms.

13. BCLA to join the BC Libraries Cooperative (Shirley Lew)

<https://bc.libraries.coop/about/join/>

- BCLA is formally becoming a member of BC Libraries Cooperative.

14. Verbal Reports

a) President’s Report: Shirley Lew

- No report. A thank you, however, to Anne O’Shea, Kyla Epstein and Jorge Cardenas. (Time limitation)

b) Executive Director’s Report: Annette DeFaveri

- No report. (Time limitation)

Consent Agenda

Items on the Consent Agenda will be voted on as a group. At the request of a Board Member a consent item may be separated from the group and discussed by the Board.

- A) Minutes from Special General Meeting.....√
- B) CFLA Intellectual Freedom Report.....√
- C) Minutes from the September 24<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.....√

- Lilian Pintos MOTIONED to accept the consent agenda. Stephanie Kripps SECONDED. ALL APPROVED.

15. Closing Remarks and next Board Meeting February 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 (Shirley Lew)

- Shirley wishes everyone a relaxing and delicious holiday season.

16. Adjournment (Shirley Lew)

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- Meeting ended at 12:09 pm.