



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 2013

8:30 am, Saturday May 11th, 2013  
Westminster Rooms 1, 2 and 3, Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel  
7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond BC

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Presiding: June Stockdale, President

Parliamentarian: Todd Mundle

Recording Secretary: Stephanie Kripps

### 1.0 Opening Remarks

June Stockdale, BCLA President, called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

### 2.0 Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was confirmed by Parliamentarian Todd Mundle.

### 3.0 Motion to Adopt Consent Agenda

The consent agenda contained the following items:

- 3.1 Minutes 2012 Annual General Meeting, Saturday May 12th, 2012
- 3.2 PNLA President's message to BCLA
- 3.3 Nominations Committee Report
- 3.4 Awards Committee Report
- 3.5 Resolutions Committee Report

***Moved by Charles Hogg, Seconded by Patti Mills***

THAT the Consent Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 4.0 Motion to Adopt Regular Agenda

***Moved by Chris Middlemass, Seconded by Ursula Brigl***

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 5.0 Financial Status of the Association (Heather Compeau)

#### 5.1 Treasurer's Report



A copy of the Treasurer's report was distributed.

Christina de Castell observed that some of the Treasurer's notes were missing from the report that was distributed. The Treasurer read aloud from her own notes to supply the missing details. A brief question and answer period followed.

#### **5.2 Motion to Adopt Auditor's Report** (distributed)

***Moved by Steph Hall, Seconded by Charles Hogg***  
THAT the Auditor's Report be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### **5.3 Motion to appoint auditors, Collins Barrow Chartered Accountants**

***Moved by Christina de Castell, Seconded by Heather Compeau***  
THAT Collins Barrow Chartered Accountants be appointed as auditors.

**CARRIED**

#### **6.0 Resolutions** (Christopher Kevlahan)

##### **6.1 Adjustment to LTAS Constitution**

**Moved by Tamarack Hockin, seconded by Anita Thompson:**

Be it resolved that Item 4.1 in Bylaws amend the terms served by Executive Committee members in all LTAS positions from two (2) years to one (1) year;  
And Item 4.2 in Bylaws amend that positions be held until the following AGM or until another predetermined date.

**CARRIED**

##### **6.2 Aaron Swartz Memorial**

***Addendum: recognition may be required by OLA or OLITA.***

**Moved by Myron Groover, Seconded by Bradley Gordon:**

Whereas the British Columbia Library Association (BCLA) and the broader community of those who support open access to published materials lost a valued colleague on January 11, 2013, with the tragic death of 26-year-old Aaron Swartz;

Whereas Aaron Swartz was a tireless and outspoken advocate of intellectual freedom and the rights of individuals to freely access information;

Whereas he was a team member of Creative Commons, a group that simplifies access to free copyright licenses for authors;

Whereas Aaron Swartz founded the organization Demand Progress, which campaigned against the "Stop Online Piracy Act" (SOPA) and the Protect IP Act, thus contributing to the failure of the legislation;

Whereas the international library community lost a leader who was the chief architect of Open Library.org – an online project that fostered collaboration with librarians and intended to



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“...build the world’s greatest library, then put it up on the Internet free for all to use...”according to Swartz in a 2007 announcement of the project;

Whereas Aaron Swartz was a member of a group that co-authored RSS 1.0 (also known as Really Simple Syndication) –a widely used Internet- based tool that enables publishers and users the ability to syndicate and/or manage digital data from multiple source points;

Whereas he helped to create Reddit, Inc – a social news and entertainment site which holds the distinction of being the first social media site to be used by a sitting United States President (President Barack Obama) to engage with voters in a live online question and answer session;

Whereas Aaron Swartz was dedicated to the exploration and understanding of ethics, political action, and how to apply knowledge to improving people’s lives, as demonstrated by his 2010-2011 tenure as a fellow at the Harvard University Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics;

Whereas Aaron Swartz was loved and respected by his family, friends, co-workers, and many individuals, both in the Canada and around the world; and

Whereas his true legacy lies in the profound effect that he had on countless individuals and institutions to engage in critical conversations regarding the importance of open access and the dissolving of Internet censorship;

Therefore be it Resolved, that the British Columbia Library Association (BCLA) on behalf of its members;

1. recognizes the significant contributions of Aaron Swartz over the course of his distinguished career and mourns his death;
2. expresses its sincere sympathy to his family, loved ones, and colleagues throughout the world, and his many friends and admirers both within and outside of the library community; and
3. encourages libraries and librarians to remain vigilant in protecting and extending the public domain, and to promoting and developing new means of providing access to and openly disseminating information.

**CARRIED** with Addendum.

### **6.3 Muzzling of Government Employees**

***A Friendly Amendment was proposed for this resolution. The revised version is as follows:***

**Moved by Myron Groover, Seconded by Heather Morrison**

Whereas the Canadian federal government is actively muzzling government employees, including librarians, archivists and scientists; and

Whereas evidence-based policy making and the practice of democracy require access to the information that these government employees normally make available to the public; and

Whereas the expertise of government employees is essential to education at all levels, and to the professional development of librarians and archivists; and

Whereas the Government of Canada has joined the Open Government Partnership, committing to an open government approach at complete odds with this muzzling; and

Whereas this muzzling has further tarnished the Government of Canada’s reputation both at home and abroad, drawing astonishment and derision from influential voices in the international community; and



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Whereas BCLA and other library associations strongly support intellectual freedom;

Therefore, be it resolved that BCLA affirms the right and responsibility of government employees to conduct their work in the open, including interacting with the public and the media without delay and actively participating in publishing, teaching, and conference presentations; and BCLA undertakes to support these rights and responsibilities through such means as writing letters to government officials and press releases.

**CARRIED** as Amended.

#### **6.4 Update BCLA By-Laws 13 and 14**

***Ursula Brigl proposed a Friendly Amendment ... "that BCLA shall not collect fees from Committees and Interest Groups."***

**Moved by Ursula Brigl, seconded by Chris Middlemass:**

Whereas BCLA Committees should elect and appoint their own Chair,  
Whereas Interest Groups should be formally recognized as providing support and information directly to the BCLA Board,  
Whereas any group in BCLA should be able to decide whether they want to be designated an Interest Group or a Committee,  
Whereas BCLA needs a formal articulation of the difference between a Working Group and Committees and Interest Groups,

Therefore be it resolved that,  
BCLA will adjust by-law sections 13 and 14 to:

- Allow Committees to elect and appoint their own Chairs,
- Formally recognize the importance and role of Interest Group in providing information to the BCLA Board,
- Support any BCLA group's decision to call themselves either an Interest Group or Committee.

**CARRIED** as Amended.

#### **7.0 Introducing the new members of the 2013/2014 BCLA Board (June Stockdale)**

The Nomination Committee Members were:

- Christopher Kevlahan, Chair (Past President)
- Julie Iannacone
- Baharak Yousefi
- Todd Rowlett
- June Stockdale, President (ex officio)
- Annette DeFaveri, Executive Director (ex officio)

**New members for 2013/2014:**



Acclaimed positions:

- **Vice President/President Elect (3 year term)** Heather Buzzell (Acclaimed)
- **Second Vice President (2 year term)** Myron Groover (Acclaimed)
- **Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer (2 year term)** Ursula Brigl (Acclaimed)
- **Director (President's Appointment (1 year term))** Caroline Daniels (Appointed)
- **Director at Large, 2 positions (2 year term)**
  - Daphne Wood (Elected)
  - Heidi Schiller (Elected)

The President thanked the outgoing Board members and welcomed the new ones.

## **8.0 President's Report (June Stockdale)**

### **8.1 Introduce Strategic Plan**

The President thanked the numerous committees and individuals who have been contributing to this collaborative endeavor.

### **8.2 Introduce website (Jon Whipple)**

Jon described the multiple purposes of the organization's website and some of the improvements that members and the public can expect to see immediately and in the near future.

## **9.0 Incoming President's Report (Gwen Bird)**

Gwen Bird addressed the meeting.

## **10.0 New Business (June Stockdale)**

No new business was presented from the floor.

## **11.0 Call for Adjournment (June Stockdale)**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.