



## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 2014**

May 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Vancouver Community College  
250 West Pender Street, Room 240  
Vancouver, BC

**Presiding:** Gwen Bird, President

**Parliamentarian:** Todd Mundle

**Recording Secretary:** Stephanie Kripps

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### **1.0 Opening Remarks** (Annette DeFaveri)

Executive Director Annette DeFaveri welcomed all members to the meeting and invited Gwen Bird to introduce the keynote speaker.

### **2.0 Keynote Speaker** Duncan McCue (introduced by Gwen Bird)

The presentation focused on the positive role that libraries can play in peoples' lives, provided they have access to libraries; and that the library profession can help address the education inequities which continue to be experienced by Aboriginal youth.

### **3.0 Establishment of Quorum** (Todd Mundle)

Quorum was confirmed by Parliamentarian Todd Mundle.

### **4.0 Motion to adopt Regular Agenda** (Gwen Bird)

**MOVED BY** Christina de Castell, **SECONDED BY** Elaine Fairey, **THAT** the meeting be called to order.

**CARRIED**

Gwen Bird therefore called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

### **5.0 President's Report** (Gwen Bird)

Gwen summarized a productive and rewarding year as President. Highlights included:

- Working with supportive Board members who were consistently willing and enthusiastic to volunteer

- Successful experimentation with Conference format
- Establishing mission, vision and values statements
- Launching the new website, with special thanks to Caroline Daniels
- Clarifying roles and portfolios of Board members
- Advocacy efforts on a number of issues, with special thanks to the Intellectual Freedom Committee, and Information Policy Committee
- Participating in the OLA Superconference
- Surpassing previous membership benchmarks, with 930 current members

## **6.0 Awards Presentation (Gwen Bird)**

### **6.1 ABCPLD Presentation**

Maureen Sawa and Rob O'Brennan presented the award to Sandra Singh of Vancouver Public Library.

### **6.2 ALPS Award**

Sarah Stang presented the award to the team of the Thesis Boot Camp, SFU Library.

### **6.3 YAACS Award**

Rei Kitano presented the award to Judith Saltman, UBC iSchool.

### **6.4 BCCATS Award**

Janette McConville presented the award to Nancy Stewart, Technical Services, University of Victoria libraries.

### **6.5 SRC Community Story Award**

Andrea Brown presented the award to Beverly Rintoul, Rossland Public Library.

### **6.6 BCLA Merit Awards**

#### **Programs or Services:**

Tamarack Hockin presented the award to Library Gay-Straight Alliance, Prince George Public Library.

#### **Building Project:**

Tamarack presented the award to Vancouver Island Regional Library for two recent projects, the new libraries for Cowichan Lake and Cumberland village.

#### **Advocacy or Marketing:**

Tamarack presented the award to Don't Read These Books, Prince George Public Library.

### **6.7 BCLA President's Award**

Gwen Bird presented the award to Ben Hyman, Executive Director of the BC Libraries Cooperative.

## **7.0 Financial Status of The Association**

### **7.1 Treasurer's Report** (Carla Graebner)

An overview and explanation was provided for the Financial Statements of December 31, 2013. Carla thanked the previous Treasurer, Heather Compeau, for her support.

### **7.2 Motion to adopt the Auditor's report** (Carla Graebner)

**MOVED BY** Deb Thomas, **SECONDED BY** Chris Middlemass, that the auditor's report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **8.0 Resolutions**

### **8.1 Change of Name of ALPS**

**MOVED BY** Sarah Stang, **SECONDED BY** Danielle Winn

Title/Rationale: To change the name from Academic Librarians in Public Service section to Academic Librarians section. This will allow the section to be more inclusive and better reflect the diverse roles academic librarians play and provide better support to academic librarians in BC.

WHEREAS there is no general academic librarians section of BCLA;

WHEREAS the current name of ALPS does not reflect the diversity of academic librarian roles;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the name of the ALPS section be changed to the Academic Librarians section.

**CARRIED**

### **8.2 Additional Level for Individual Membership Fees**

**MOVED BY** Carla Graebner, **SECONDED BY** Chris Middlemass

Title/Rationale: The addition of a new level of individual membership fees based on income recognizes the increasing number of positions in the library community that have an annual income of over \$75,000.

Proposed change to membership form:

My salary falls between \$75,000 and \$89,999 : \$140.00

My salary exceeds \$90,000 : \$160.00

**CARRIED**

**8.3. Amendment to update by-laws** to reflect changes in Board Member titles. Amendment to by-laws to change Board of Director election rotation to electing two Board Members per year. Extend current Second Vice President position by one year to balance shift in election schedule.

Title/Rationale: Amendment to update BCLA By-laws to reflect changes in Board member titles. Amendment to By-laws to change Board of Director election rotation to electing two directors each year. Extend the current Second Vice President position by one year to balance shift in election rotation schedule.

The BCLA Board of Directors voted unanimously to adopt the attached articulation of Board Roles and Responsibilities. As part of this motion the name “Second-Vice President” was changed to “Director” and thus relevant language in the By-laws needs to be amended to reflect this change.

Currently BCLA elects three directors one year (one being the Second Vice President) and one director the alternating year. In order to balance elections, maintain continuing Board knowledge, and to provide better recruitment opportunities, the BCLA Board proposes electing two directors in alternating years.

**MOVED BY** Myron Groover, **SECONDED BY** Heather Buzzell that:

By-law 4.2 changes from: “The Officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President/President elect, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Second Vice President” to “The Officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President/President elect, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.”

By-law 5.2 “The Second Vice-President shall serve a two (2) year term” is deleted and replaced by a change in By-law 5.4 from: “Three of the Directors at Large positions will be elected for two-year terms with the elections of one two-year position taking place in an alternate year.” To “Four Directors at Large will be elected for two-year terms, with the election of two Directors at Large taking place in alternate years.”

In order to facilitate this change the BCLA Board proposes extending the Second Vice President position one additional year as a Director at Large. This will allow for future elections to include two Directors per year.

**CARRIED**

#### **8.4 Change Auditors for BCLA Finances**

Title/Rationale: The BCLA is committed to providing transparent and understandable financial accounts. To streamline accounting practices, the Board recommends engaging the services of an auditor who understands the specific needs of charitable organizations like the BCLA. Changing auditors from time to time is a normal practice for any association. We believe that working with a new auditing firm will give us a fresh perspective on current financial practices and provide assistance with our budgeting

process. We plan to continue to evolve our accounting practices so they are clear and transparent to members, and believe that the guidance of a new auditing firm will move the Association further in this direction.

**MOVED by** Carla Graebner, **SECONDED BY** Sarah Stang

That the BCLA Board discharge the current Auditors, Collins Barrow per the direction in the Societies Act and hire David Steele and Company to audit the BC Library Association in 2014.

**CARRIED**

**9.0 Thank outgoing Board members and introduce incoming BCLA President**  
(Gwen Bird)

Gwen thanked the following outgoing members for their contributions:

Chris Middlemass, June Stockdale, Sarah Stang, Tamarack Hockin, Carla Graebner.

She then invited the incoming President, Heather Buzzell, to introduce other new Board members:

- Vice President / President Elect: Caroline Daniels
- Director-at-Large: Sarah Felkar
- Assistant Treasurer / Treasurer: Margo Schiller
- ALPS Chair: Danielle Winn
- LTAS Chair: Ashley Van Dijk
- YAACS Chair: Kaylea Cormier

**10.0 Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda** (Gwen Bird)

The consent agenda contained one item, Minutes from the 2013 Annual General Meeting.

**MOVED BY** Myron Groover, **SECONDED BY** Todd Rowlatt, that the consent agenda be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**11.0 Minutes 2013 Annual General Meeting**

Approved per motion above.

**12.0 New Business** (Gwen Bird)

No new business was identified.

**13.0 Call for Adjournment** (Gwen Bird)

**MOVED BY** Shirley Lew, **SECONDED BY** Tamarack Hockin, that the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

Gwen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.