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# TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

## Committee Charter

### MANDATE

The Truth and Reconciliation Committee exists to promote initiatives in all types of libraries to advance reconciliation by supporting the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action ([http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls\\_to\\_Action\\_English2.pdf](http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf)) ([http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls\\_to\\_Action\\_French.pdf](http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Calls_to_Action_French.pdf)) and to promote collaboration in these issues across the Canadian library communities.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

The particular responsibilities of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee include:

- Engaging with existing committees and/or working groups within CFLA-FCAB members to highlight best practices in this area already in place across Canada, help to disseminate those best practices, and foster greater co-operation at the federal level.
- Engaging with the working group that is in the process of forming the National Aboriginal Library Association (NALA), with the intention of supporting the successful formation of NALA and engaging them in a leadership role on Indigenous issues at CFLA-FCAB.
- Review existing guidelines and best practices regarding Indigenous (First Nations, Metis and Inuit) peoples of Canada as pertains to library services.
- Recommend a long-term structure and direction to the CFLA-FCAB Board to pursue to address Indigenous issues related to libraries, including the formation of a permanent committee and programs, following the inaugural CFLA-FCAB AGM in February 2017.

### OUTCOMES

In order to fulfill its responsibilities, the Committee will deliver the following with the support of the Senior Project Executive and others as required:

- The creation and maintenance of a section of the CFLA-FCAB website dedicated to identifying and promoting best practices identified by libraries and associations to promote education regarding Indigenous issues, to support reconciliation, and to meet the needs of Indigenous communities.
- A report to be delivered to the Board in January 2017 recommending further actions that the CFLA-FCAB should consider to support Indigenous (First Nations, Metis and Inuit) peoples of Canada over the long term.

## PROCEDURAL RULES

### MEMBERS

- Chair: Camille Callison
- Initial Members: Peter Bailey, Donna Bourne-Tyson, Paul Takala, Kevin Brennan, Trecia Schell, Sonia Smith, Alix-Rae Stefanko

Membership will be updated as CFLA-FCAB engages with NALA and its member associations and representatives are identified.

### MEETINGS

The entire committee will meet monthly commencing in September 2016 or more frequently if workload dictates.

### MINUTES

Minutes of each meeting shall be kept and circulated to the members of the Committee, the Senior Project Executive, and the Chair of the CFLA-FCAB Board of Directors.

### RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

Committee recommendations and reports will be submitted in writing to the CFLA-FCAB Board. Documents will include both suggested action and justification for the recommendations. The Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee (if not a Board member) or other designated representative of the Committee will be invited to attend any session during which recommendations and reports are scheduled to be discussed.