



Canadian Federation of Library Associations Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques

Minutes of the inaugural Annual General Meeting held at 10:30 a.m., February 1, 2017 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Room 206F, Toronto, Ontario.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Paul Takala (Co-Chair) welcomed everyone to the first Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Library Associations / Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques noting that the room is at capacity. Voting procedures are explained.

2. Verification of Quorum

Voting members present in person and online:

Association des bibliothèques publiques du Québec (ABPO)
Atlantic Provinces Library Association (APLA)
British Columbia Library Association (BCLA)
Canadian Association of Professional Academic Librarians (CAPAL)
Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL)
Canadian Council of Archives (CCA)
Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC)
Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL)
Association des bibliothécaires du Québec Library Association (ABQLA),
Library Association of Alberta (LAA)
Manitoba Library Association (MLA)
Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association (NLLA)
Nova Scotia Library Association (NSLA)
Ontario Library Association (OLA)
Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA)
Northwest Territories Library Association (NWTLA)

Regrets:

British Columbia Library Trustees Association (BCLTA)

3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Maureen Sawa (CULC) and seconded by Stephen Abram (FOPL) to approve the Agenda as distributed; carried.

4. Report from the Co-Chairs

Paul Takala (Co-Chair) referred to the Annual Report that highlights the activities of the Federation.

He advised members the Articles of Incorporation were received on May 16 2016 and there had also been a number of issues and files that have moved forward since the successful Open Forum held on June 2 2016 in Ottawa.

He then noted the following highlights from the "Report from the Co-Chairs" slides:

- Focused on advocacy at the federal level
- International representation
- CLA Position Statements and Guidelines
- Library Shipping Tool
- Canadian Council of Archives administering the YCW grant for archives and libraries

Donna Bourne-Tyson (Co-Chair) recognized with appreciation the support from members and partner associations.

Paul Takala asked the Interim Board members to stand and thanked everyone for their hard work. He also thanked Kevin Brennan, Senior Project Executive for his work over the past year.

5. Treasurer's Report

Shelagh Paterson referred members to the financial statements available on the tables.

5.1. Presentation of Treasurer's Report

Shelagh Paterson noted the fiscal year of the Federation is September 1 - August 31 and that the statement being presented reflected a partial year; May 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016. Total revenues for the period were \$8,126 with total expenditures of \$14,766 resulting in a small deficit of \$6,640. She advised members that the budget is very lean and thus the organization stays very focused. She also noted that CFLA-FCAB is not a registered charity but the Board and staff are looking at means to diversify revenue streams.

Motion

2017-01: The membership acknowledges that they have received the unaudited financial statements for May 16 to August 31, 2016.

Moved: Todd Kyle (OLA)

Seconded: Sonia Smith (ABQLA)

All in favour. Approved. Carried.

5.2. Appointment of Public Accountant

Shelagh Paterson noted the Federation staff and Board were satisfied with the current public accountant.

Motion

2017-02: The membership accepts the Board recommendation to select Clarke Henning, LLP, as Public Accountants for the 2017 fiscal year.

Moved: Kathryn Rose (APLA)

Seconded: Cindy Lelliot (NSLA)

No discussion around public accountant

All in favour. Approved. Carried.

6. Election of Board of Directors

Members were referred to the documents listing the slate of candidates proposed for election.

Motion

2017-03: The membership accepts the slate of candidates nominated in accordance with the bylaws to serve on the Board of Directors.

Moved: Martha Whitehead (CARL)

Seconded: Krista Godfrey (NLLA)

All in favour. Approved. Carried.

7. Committee Reports

Camille Callison & Feather Maracle Luke delivered the Traditional Territory Acknowledgement.

7.1. Truth and Reconciliation Committee

Camille Callison (Committee Chair) submitted the final report of the CFLA-FCAB Truth & Reconciliation Committee to the Board.

She then acknowledged everyone in the room who was on the committee by inviting them to stand and reading the names of the volunteer for the committee and working teams.

The 10 recommendations from the report are read aloud:

1. As CFLA-FCAB is a national voice with the ability to influence national and international policy regarding issues of importance, we request the CFLA-FCAB create a permanent Standing Committee on Indigenous Matters utilizing the medicine wheel framework developed by the Truth & Reconciliation Committee;
2. The T&R Committee supports and endorses the CFLA-FCAB Position Statement on Library and Literacy Services for Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) Peoples of Canada;
3. Encourage libraries, archives and cultural memory institutions to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada 94 Calls to Action, several of which have been identified as having a direct impact on libraries and archives and are prioritized in this report, and to implement a status report on a yearly basis to monitor their implementation;
4. Ensure accessibility moving forward by continually reminding stakeholders that material produced and programming planned in the future should be accessible to all Canadians. CELA (the Center for Equitable Library Access) and NNELS (the National Network for Equitable Library Service) are positioned to support these efforts.
5. Decolonize Access and Classification by addressing the structural biases in existing schemes of knowledge organization and information retrieval arising from colonialism by committing to integrating Indigenous epistemologies into cataloguing praxis and knowledge management;
6. Decolonize Libraries and Space by recognizing and supporting Indigenous cultures, languages and knowledges through culturally appropriate space planning, interior design, signage, art installations, territorial acknowledgements of geographic-specific traditional territories and public programming in collaboration with local Indigenous stakeholders;
7. Enhance opportunities for Indigenous library, archival and information professionals as well as the inclusion of Indigenous epistemologies in the Canadian library and archives profession through culturally appropriate

- pedagogy, recruitment practices, professional and continuing education and cross-cultural training in collaboration with local Indigenous stakeholders and partners;
8. Recommend the implementation of Indigenous Knowledge Protection protocols and agreements with local and other Indigenous groups who have holdings in libraries, archives and/or cultural memory institutions to respect the Indigenous cultural concept of copyright with regard to Indigenous history or heritage, which is often located in but not limited to oral traditions, songs, dance, storytelling, anecdotes, place names, hereditary names and other forms of Indigenous knowledges; recommend that CFLA-FCAB actively participate in reforming the Canadian Copyright Act to include protection of Indigenous knowledges and languages while advocating for changes to include traditional knowledge as outlined and recommended by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) – Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (<http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/igc/>). We join the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) in calling upon Library and Archives Canada to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action #69 (Appendix D) by fully implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS_en.pdf and the Updated Set of Principles for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights through Action to Combat Impunity (2005), more commonly known as the Joinet/Orentlicher Principles <http://www.derechos.org/nizkor/impu/principles.html>;
 9. Establish an online database of “living documents” to highlight existing Best Practices of Indigenous Services in libraries, archives, and cultural memory institutions that will serve as a foundation to help disseminate those best practices and for this “living document” to be updated preferably on a quarterly basis but minimally semi-annually;
 10. Maintain a database of Indigenous organizations or groups committed to preserving cultural memory primarily, but not limited to, libraries, archives, language preservation, cultural history/museums to build relationships; to support the development of an Indigenous association of library, archives and cultural memory institutions; and to support in principle the National Aboriginal Library Association (NALA) regarding their stated intent of developing First Nations public libraries on reserves.

Camille Callison then invited everyone to join the smudge and to hold the Mauri Stone.

Donna Bourne-Tyson thanked Camille Callison, the team leads and the entire committee for their work. She then thanked Camille Callison for bringing the Mauri stone and sharing this important tradition.

7.2. Copyright

Victoria Owen (Committee Chair) provided a report on the activities of the CFLA-FCAB Copyright Committee, referring members to the Annual Report. She then acknowledge the volunteers working on the committee by name.

She noted the committee Charter had recently been reviewed and revised and has been submitted to the Board for adoption.

The committee has developed a work plan with 3 main areas:

1. Copyright Act slated for review in 2017; 5 years after the modernization of the Act in 2012. The committee will work engage in that review.
2. Sub-committee on Copyright Board of Canada – this group will explore this more fully at a meeting being held in the Visionary Boardroom at 3:00pm ET February 1, 2017. She invited anyone interested to this open meeting to listen to the pertinent aspects that matter to libraries at the board level and how change can be influenced.
3. Sub-committee on fair dealing – this group will explore fair dealing Issues for all libraries, public lending right; including interest in special libraries, and will work with an indigenous group on matters of Traditional Knowledge and Folklore. The federal government is seeking our input on this with respect to experiences and guidelines.

Victoria Owen invited those present to contact her at any time with suggestions for matters for the committee's consideration.

Donna Bourne-Tyson thanked Victoria Owen for her report.

8. Adoption of Position Statements and Guidelines

Paul Takala advised members that a small working group had been established with the task to review position statements that had been created by the Canadian Library Association (CLA). The purpose was to consider what existing policies the library community currently rely on that CFLA-FCAB would endorse and/or approve to put on the Federation's website. He then referred members to the list of policies and position statements that had been approved by the Interim Board.

Motion

2017-04:

The members ratify the adoption of the guidelines and position papers endorsed by the Interim Board.

Moved: Maureen Sawa (CULC)

Seconded: Todd Kyle (OLA)

All in favour. Approved. Carried.

9. Other Business:

Stephen Abram thanked the Interim Board for creating the Federation and expressed appreciation on behalf of the members for this new collective voice.

10. Adjournment

Moved: Stephen Abram (FOPL)

All in favour; carried.