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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Réunion du Conseil d'administration**

Friday November 26, 2021 – vendredi 15 novembre 2021

12:00pm – 2:00pm ET – 12 h à 14 h HE

Zoom Meeting

**Minutes**

**Attending:**

Todd Kyle	Kirk MacLeod	Michael Rogowski	Lorisia MacLeod	Mary Chevreau
Vivian Lewis	Julie McKenna	Hélène Carrier	Todd Mundle	Katya Borrás
Ann Smith	Sharon Rankin	Graeme Tennant		

**1. Opening Statements and Movements**

**1.1 Call to order:**

**1.1.2 Approval of October 15th Minutes**

Motioned by **VL**, seconded by **TM**

Motion Carried.

**1.1.3 Approve Agenda**

Motioned by **KM**, seconded **VL**

Motion Carried.

Additions to agenda: Postponing 4.1. Until the arrival of JM

**1.1.4 Conflict of interest Check:**

None

**1.2: Executive Committee Report**

Accepted

**2: Business Arising from last minutes**



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### **2.1: Update on sustainability and resourcing**

**TK:** The committee of TK, HC, & MC will work on an invitation to other organizations for a Partnership. The committee has agreed the best way forward was not to pursue a consultant, but to consult and work with another organization to move forward.

## **3: New Business**

### **3.1: 2022 AGM**

**TK:** A date has been set for the 2022 AGM: Friday, February 11th, at 12:00PM EST. The biggest point of order is to elect a new board, and review the audit.

**ACTION:** MR to get in touch with our Parliamentarian and work on a script.

### **3.2: 2022 Board and Executive Nominations**

**TK:** TK & KM will be reviewing the board elect nominations, and with the help of VL will help elect a new executive board committee. The Biggest challenge is that none of the current executive board committees are continuing their term, so continuity will be an issue. MR to help with the transition.

### **3.3: W.K. Lamb Award Selection**

**MR:** The selection committee has selected the winner of this year's W.K. Lamb Award. The committee has contacted the winners, and are following up with them now. Once the other applicants have been contacted, a message will go public announcing and congratulating the winners.

## **4. Discussion Item**

### **4.1: [4.1. MLA's Letter to CLFA Re: Intellectual Freedom.](#) and the National Forum.**

**TK:** For context: we received MLA's letter on Sunday evening, and it was circulated with TK, KL, & HC. It seems they are looking to press for a National Forum. They have subsequently shared it across FaceBook, and it has garnered a small conversation.

**TK:** The bigger conversation is a National Forum, which we desperately want, and need.

**LM:** I'm wondering about their statement on not being consulted on our initial statement. There seems to be a misconception about needing to do so when we have board liaisons from their own associations.

**FUTURE ACTION:** Create an infographic outside of board orientation material for member associations regarding the relationship between CFLA and our members.



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**SR:** What is our response going to be for the MLA letter? Is it going to be another open response? ABQLA is waiting for a response, and I'm sure other associations are as well.

**TK:** Do we even want to do another open letter?

**JM:** Yes, and update to members.

**TK:** I'm hearing that we have a conversation with MLA, and release a statement to members with an update?

**ACTION: TK:** We will speak with Melanie from MLA, and sound out communication to our members. We need a committee to plan out our communications. We need to be very cognisant of who's on the committee.

## **5. Updates from Committees:**

### **5.1 Intellectual Freedom Committee**

**KB:** The committee has a question for the board: will there be any if all action taken for the closures of Government Libraries? Many Government Libraries are cutting staff from those libraries. Those libraries are becoming rooms with materials with no one looking after them.

**TK:** We had a conversation about this earlier and decided that unless one of the provincial associations reached out for help, we wouldn't get involved as this was more of a provincial issue. Is the IFC going to put out a statement of their own?

**KB:** Not at the moment. They are working on the Protest and Dissent document, which will be done soon. They are also working on the Challenges Survey, and spoke upon a book "Gender Queer".

**TK:** We've received queries about that ourselves. The book is being challenged for 'Child Pornography'. Currently there is no plan on making any response to this, though it may be a good idea to look into.

### **5.2 Cataloging and Metadata**

**GT:** The committee has asked about IMC and if more members were coming on. They are also asking about a Spring National Forum.

**TK:** We haven't agreed to a Spring Forum, as it would take more time to organize. We want to have a national Forum, and we are in the stages of planning one.

**LM:** For IMC, we are in desperate need of a chair. Without one, we can't do anything as we can't organize. The main question is what can we do without a chair.



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**TK:** Once the change over of board personnel takes place early next year, we will have other changes to our committees as well.

**KM:** Do we know who has access to the listservs?

**MR:** I do, and I can work to clean those up.

**ACTION:** MR to Double check and cross reference to keep it up to date so when people use it, it only connects with current members.

### 5.3 Copyright

**AS:** Amanda Wakaruk has a piece published with the Hill Times, and Victoria Owen & al are presenting at OLA's Copyright Symposium in a few weeks. We are thinking of putting these items and other items that committee members are working on, presenting, and writing into a statement. Mainly about AI (artificial Intelligence) as the library community is in need of guidance when it comes to copyright.

## 6. Decisions undertaken by email

None.

## 7: Marketing and Advocacy

### 7.1: Twitter Analytics

**MR:** It was quiet as we hadn't made a post since the last meeting. Still activity with other accounts engaging with us, we had 5 points of contact. We are still growing our audience with 28 new followers, bringing our total to 2234.

### 7.2: Website Update

**MR:** I've moved the top paragraph to the side of the page, so that the first thing visitors see is our carousel of important topics. I also developed a search tool for the mobile site, which is located at the bottom of every page. In the new year, I'm hoping to switch out the live page with this one.

### Side Bar:

**JM:** SLA doesn't know who their reps on our committees are. Would a communication going out to each member association be warranted?



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**KM:** This clarification would be extremely helpful so member associations know who to liaison with.

**JM:** Who's on there as a subject specialist, and who's there regionally.

**HC:** I see that we have a few people from LAC, but LAC does not have a membership with CFLA-FCAB.

**MC:** They are on our list for fund development.

**TK:** A reminder that there is nothing in our by-laws and policies that states a representative be representing an organization, re: member organizations wanting to pull out their reps.

**VL:** Refer to them as nominees rather than representatives.

**TK:** We can start by putting together the list of our current board and committee members, and then draft a communication.

**HC:** We should draft a policy for nominating committee members.

**LM:** Committees would have the right to guest speakers on their committee, a knowledge expert to help certain decision making.

**TK:** Yes, without voting rights.

**TM :** Put in the term length for expectations.

**TK:** We should put this to the executive meeting to organize

**ACTION:** MR to catalogue each CFLA committee and board member, and which region they represent.

**ACTION:** Executive Team to work on a communication for our member organizations with their members and policy update on terms of reference for committee members.

**ACTION:** MR to notify the region's association of their current board and committee members, with the updated policy.

## **8. In Camera Discussion**

Next Meeting, first of the new year: January 7th, 2022 at 12PM EST  
Meeting Adjourned.