



Canadian Federation of Library Associations
Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques

Board of Directors Meeting
Réunion du Conseil d'administration
Thursday July 27, 2023 – jeudi 27 juillet 2023
12:00pm – 2:00pm ET – 12 h à 14 h HE
Zoom Meeting
Minutes

Attending: Lorisia MacLeod, Michael Rogowski, Andrea Cecchetto, Brad Doerken, Brett Waytuck, Jessica Knoch, Denis Chouinard, Tracy Therrien

Regrets: Mélanie Raymond, Ann Smith, Mary Chevreau,

Guests: Amanda Wakaruk and Victoria Owen for 5.1; Hélène Carrier, Michael McNally, Celine Gareau-Brennan, and Merran Carr-Wiggin for 6.1; & Mike Nyby, Dick Ellis, & Wendy Wright for 6.2

Meeting began at 12:01 p.m. (EST)

1. Approval of the Agenda / Approbation de l'ordre du jour

Without objection, approved by general consensus.

2. Approval of June 15th, 2023 Minutes / Approbation du procès-verbal du 15 jeudi 2023

Approved by general consensus with amendments, with the change of the header and removal of the AGM item.

4 Conflict of Interest Check / Vérification du conflit d'intérêts

4.1 Board to receive the Report from the Executive Committee via email.

4.2 Board decisions made by email - Décisions du CA prises par courriel

5. Decision Items - Points de décision

5.1: Copyright Op-Ed with Amanda Wakaruk and Victoria Owen

BACKGROUND: The copyright committee is looking for approval of their statement to be published.

The board receives statements and background information for the Op-Ed.

DISCUSSION:

B. W: We need to be very careful about this, with the shuffling of the cabinet, I don't want to put anything out there that will inflame passions and take away the message we want to put out. We aren't advocating for copyright, we are advocating the Government of Canada. Making tariffs mandatory will have a massive impact on Academic Libraries.

V. Owen: I'm wondering if we should reframe it, as we need to make a statement. Since the other side is being well represented in the papers, we need to articulate the other side.

A. Wakaruk: We need to make sure that nothing can be taken out of context, especially when we are dealing with Authors and Creators.

Motion: Refer this back to the committee for a reworking and rewording to make sure we are not dismissing the concerns of creators. It will then be circulated to the board to be voted on via email so we don't have to wait for our next board meeting.

Mover: BW, Second BD.

Unanimously Approved

5.2: IFLA Referendum in Dubai

BACKGROUND: The next IFLA WIPO is scheduled to take place in Dubai, which has caused many organizations to push back due to Dubai's anti LGBTQ+ laws. CFLA has stood in solidarity with these pushbacks. IFLA has now opened up a vote to their members on whether they will continue in Dubai or select a new location.

Vote either for or against the referendum to host the IFLA WIPO in a new location.

BW: We put a vote against having IFLA WIPO in Dubai. Voting no on the Referendum.

JK: Second the motion

Ananimous vote in favour

5.3: Federal Budget Request

BACKGROUND: Every year CFLA works with Impact Affair to put together an ask to our Federal Government when they construct and change their budget. We have four asks that we would like to put forward to the federal government that are submitted here.

Motion: To accept the asks for Impact Affair to submit to the federal government with the three highlighted items.

Mover: Andrea Cecchetto and Brett Doerken

Discussion: We should focus on the three items in highlighted yellow. As there was movement on CELA and NNELS, and what happened about that.

In spring 2022, they received 25 Million over 5 years, to distribute alternative formats. This was a big win for us as it was a direct ask that was fulfilled.

In this, it's best to remove it as

All Approved Unanimously

Next Steps: M. Rogowski to send the approved asked items to Impact Affair to send to the Federal Government

5.4: TD Signatory Motion

BACKGROUND: CFLA has changed our financial institution away from Scotiabank after countless issues and unsatisfactory service. The financial team led by A. Ceccheto has selected TD Canada Trust as our new financial institution. We now need to vote to have M. Rogowski as signatory to begin administration work for these institutions.

Motion: Move that Michael/Michelle Rogowski be added as a signing authority to the CFLA-FCAB bank account to action financial matters when appropriately approved by CFLA-FCAB polices and procedures.

Mover: A. Cecchetto & B. Doerken

Discussion: None.

All Approved Unanimously.

Next Step: Add M. Rogowski as signatory to TD Canada Trust account.

6. Discussion Items - Points de discussion

6.1 Canadian Library Associations Advocacy Research Project with H  l  ne, Michael, Celine, and Merran

The Canadian Library Associations Advocacy Research Project has been conducted to scan the Non Profit Canadian Library Associations. The group gives the overview of their findings. The Goal was to celebrate and quantify the work that's currently being done.

DISCUSSION:

B.W: How would you take into account those more private areas of advocacy such as meeting with MPs and Government officials.

M. McNally: We are hoping to capture that information through the lobby registry in the future. At the moment we are aware of some of the limitations, but we are hoping to capture that in the future.

We are looking forward to seeing where this project goes and further data throughout the years.

Contact information for our presenters:

Hélène:

Michael:

Celine:

Merran:

6.2 IFC & CFE Relations with Mike, Dick, and Wendy

BACKGROUND: The IFC has been in conversations with the CFE about sharing resources for the two challenges surveys. Due to circumstances those conversations have reached a standstill and we are looking for paths ahead.

They have been meeting monthly at the CFE to workout the vision of a shared database, to reduce the confusion of two databases and duplications of efforts. There has been ground being made, but the option of anonymity of survey contributors became a sticking point on both sides.

From data collected from IFC, there was a concern from survey participants having their information become public; especially those who were from a smaller community. It was determined that IFC could not provide the identifying information that CFE was asking for and would likely break from a shared survey from this.

Thus, the two surveys will remain independent, but will refer to each other. CFE will point to the IFC survey if the library wishes to remain anonymous, and the IFC will recommend to libraries to submit to CFE knowing they won't be able to remain anonymous.

DISCUSSION:

Quebec is extremely hesitant giving out identifying information when putting in their challenges information. Participation with Quebec is more important than creating a shared database.

IFC Recommendation:

1. That IFC will promote the CFE database but continue supporting the CFLA-IFC database for continued data collection specifically for those libraries who require anonymity.
2. The IFC will work with CFE regarding referring folks to the CFLA-IFC.
3. Past data will not be unanonymized but the CFLA-IFC may share the data from past reports that did not request anonymity.
4. IFC will discuss future reporting timing and other pieces and bring further recommendations to the board in the fall

Motion: Approve the four recommendations proposed by the IFC

JK to Move it and DC to Second

No Further Discussion

All In favour, passed unanimously.

6.3 Advocacy Strategic Plan

BACKGROUND: We are hoping to connect with Impact around developing an Advocacy Strategic Plan. They are open to helping us develop this and implement that via setting up and facilitating meetings with Government Officials and Members of Parliament.

A. Cecchetto is hoping to put a motion to this board to go forward with this, and if there were a few key issues to identify and accelerate our messaging.

L. MacLeod: We can bring this to the Executive team to round out the priorities and strategies. The turn around would be six weeks and we can develop it a bit more in-depth. Alternatively, it would faster would be doing it via email.

B. W: It's an exploratory state at the moment rather than a discisian stage so I think this can be referred to the executive team.

NEXT STEPS: Refer this to the next Executive Meeting

6.4 IFC Liaison Role

BACKGROUND: J. Knoch has needed to step down as the IFC liaison, so our chair, L. MacLeod has become the interim liaison. We are hoping someone from the board will step into this role.

A Cecchetto is interested in picking up this liaison role, but will wait for the rest of the board to pass it up

NEXT STEP: M. Rogowski to send an email to the full board requesting a new Liaison for IFC.

6.5 CLA Position Papers and Statements

BACKGROUND: CLA's old website still has a number of position papers and statements that we haven't either adopted or updated. We're hoping to send these statements and papers to our committees to see if there is any interest in either adopting or updating those we haven't yet.

NEXT STEPS: Send out an email to the board outlining this and begin the process on how to handle these Statements and Position Papers.

7. Items for Information - Points d'information:

7.1 Board Succession

BACKGROUND: With our board operating in two year terms, we will have half of our board leaving us in February. Even though we are half a year away from that, it's always good to start planning for this turn over.

Our representatives from OLA, LAA, CARL, CULC, and the Prairies will need to start the process of finding a replacement for the CFLA Board.

7.2 Practicum Student for Winter 2024

BACKGROUND: We have secured a practicum student who will be starting the winter of 2024. If there are any tasks the board can think of for them, please let either L. MacLeod or M. Rogowski know.

7.3 Strategic Plan Document

BACKGROUND: A. Cecchetto has put the new Strategic Plan into a shareable document that will be going on our website.

NEXT STEP: If anyone has any changes or edits, please let us know by midnight on Sunday. It will then get it translated and put it out on our website and our members.

7.4 CARL Membership Letter to CFLA

BACKGROUND: CARL has submitted a letter to us notifying that their membership contributions will decrease over the next two years. We also had a concern over access to certain files, so please refer to your board member handbook for any clarifications on which files and documents you have access to, and how to access them. Please let Michael/Michelle know at any time if you can't access those files.

8: Update from Committees

8.1: Cataloguing and Metadata Standards

None

8.2 Copyright

None

8.3: Intellectual Freedom

None

8.4: Indigenous Matters Committee

None

8.5 Climate Action Committee

None.

8. Other Business - Autres affaires

8.1: Any conferences or events that you're planning to attend, please let us know about it here.

9. In-Camera - Huis Clos

None.

10: Establish next Meeting / Prochaine réunion

September 7th, 2023

12: Adjournment / Clôture de la séance

Meeting adjourned: 2:13 p.m. EST