



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, Brad Doerken, Brett Waytuck, Ann Smith, Mélanie Raymond, Laura Winton, Tracy Therrien, Andrea Cecchetto

Regrets: Denis Chouinard,

Meeting began at 12:02 p.m. (EST)

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

Approved by general consensus

2. Approval of July 27th, 2023 Minutes / Approbation du procès-verbal du 27 jeudi 2023

Approved by general consensus with a few typos fixed

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

4.1 Board to receive the Report from the Executive Committee

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

5. Decision Items - Points de décision

5.1: CLA Statements to Refer

BACKGROUND: CLA still has many statements and position papers on their old website that we should either adopt, update, or dismiss. M. Rogowski has created a spreadsheet with all the statements. We are hoping to get a small committee together to go through these statements and identify the most appropriate committee (if any) to review these statements and see if there's interest in adopting or updating them.

M. Raymond and L. MacLeod are interested in helping out and will be looking through the document.

5.2: Formation of Nominations Committee

BACKGROUND: Every year we put together a committee to help select the new executive board. These members can't serve on the executive board, but they are tasked with knocking on people's doors in recruitment. They will also submit these names to the board to vote on in the new year.

We are currently looking for volunteers to sit on this 2-3 person committee. Do we have any volunteers?

Brett and Tracy are interested.

Formation of the Nominations Committee being Brett and Tracy

Brad Mover and Andrea seconded the motion

Unanimously approved

NEXT STEPS: M. Rogowski will be in touch with the next steps for this committee.

5.3: LAA Representative Replacement

BACKGROUND: Sadly, Jessica Knoch has had to step down from the CFLA board due to personal reasons. We have Laura Winton stepping forward as her replacement as LAA representative, as well as the Vice Chair on the executive Board.

Motion: approve Laura Winton as LAA representative and vice chair for CFLA

Mover: A. Cecchetto, Second: A. Smith

Discussion: None.

Unanimously approved by the board.

NEXT STEPS: Get Laura all the appropriate access to all LAA and vice chair files and folders.

6. Discussion Items - Points de discussion

6.1 Canadian News on Social Media request from BCLA

BACKGROUND: With major social media players such as Facebook and Instagram removing Canadian news outlets onto their platforms, our member BCLA has stepped forward and requested for CFLA to put out a statement against this.

Brett is interested in helping out with this but is very aware of all the nuances within this situation.

Brad: It would be helpful for us as a board to get a sense for the kind of statement that is being asked for.

L. MacLeod: We can also have a draft made up and brought to the board for review.

A. Cecchetto: It is a topic of interest for CFLA and we should pursue it, but we should get a brief for the overall situation going on.

Brett: I can prepare something as an overview of the situation since it's so hard to get a non-biased take on it that can be finished by the end of next week.

ACTION ITEM: Brett will create a brief to the board. Once we have the briefing note, we can move forward in crafting a statement.

6.2 Treasurer's Report and Financial Update

A Cecchetto delivers the Treasurer's Report and Financial Update.

No Discussion or Questions.

The Board Received the Treasurer's Report and Financial Update

6.3 Proposed 2023-2024 Working Budget

A Cecchetto proposes a new working budget for the 2023-2024 working budget year.

Discussion:

Brett: Although this covers the CARL deficit for this year, this doesn't cover the next year reduction and going forward. So that will need to be addressed.

Andrea: We will need to find other revenue sources to help address this. Perhaps a committee will be needed to help tackle this. A revenue recovery committee perhaps.

Lrosia: This will definitely be an issue for the next board. We can approve this budget and have a note about something about future planning. Even hiring someone who can explore options.

Motion: Asking Andrea to explore more revenue options and information for the budget to be approved at our next meeting in October.

Mover: Tracy, Secunder: Melanie.

Unanimously approved.

NEXT STEPS: Andrea to prepare the budget for the next board.

Brad: I'm good at approving this budget as proposed and then amend it when we see an updated revenue option. Having a deficit budget with this amount of money in our bank isn't a bad thing, especially for a non-profit organization.

I Move that we approve this budget as presented. Melanie to second.

Further Discussion: None.

Unanimously approved.

6.4 IFC Liaison Role

BACKGROUND: We are still looking for a board liaison for the Intellectual Freedom Committee as J. Knoch has needed to step down. 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.

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.

This is just another reminder for those board members to reach out to their organization to begin the process of finding a replacement, as it will be here sooner than you think.

DISCUSSION:

A Cecchetto: Is there anything in place in case an organization puts forth more than one name?

M. Rogowski: Nothing in writing, but that's why we have our parliamentarian.

7.2 IFLA and The Canadian Caucus

BACKGROUND: Lorisia attended this year's IFLA conference and hosted the Canadian Caucus. The next board should be involved in the next Canadian Caucus.

Board Received for information.

7.3 2024 Federal Pre-Budget Summary

BACKGROUND: As the new Federal Budget is being worked on, this is our chance to get our two cents heard so that we can help direct the budget. This is the brief that was prepared for the Federal Government from CFLA and is a public document for you to share with your organizations.

8: Update from Committees

8.1: Cataloguing and Metadata Standards

None, they are still on the summer break, and will hopefully begin meeting again in a few weeks.

8.2 Copyright

Lots of work, a few statements, and getting into legislation actions with the help of CULC. Formal Meetings start again in September

8.3: Intellectual Freedom

None

8.4: Indigenous Matters Committee

None

8.5 Climate Action Committee

We are narrowing down our pool of candidates who have applied to serve on the committee and should have a committee up and running by the end of September.

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

October 19th, 2023

12: Adjournment / Clôture de la séance

Meeting adjourned: 2:38 p.m. EST