



Canadian Federation of Library Associations  
Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques

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

Thursday November 30, 2023 – jeudi 30 novembre 2023

12:00pm – 2:00pm ET – 12 h à 14 h HE

Zoom Meeting

**Minutes**

**Attending:** Michael Rogowski, Brad Doerken, Ann Smith, Mélanie Raymond, Laura Winton, Tracy Therrien, Nora Hehemann, Denis Chouinard,

**Regrets:** Andrea Cecchetto, Lorisia MacLeod, Brett Waytuck, Monika Machacek

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

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

Approved by Tracy and Brad

Approved by general consensus

**2. Approval of October 19th, 2023 Minutes / Approbation du procès-verbal du 19 octobre 2023**

Approved by general consensus

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

4.1 As the Executive Board did not meet last month, there was no 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: Board Handbook**

BACKGROUND: Lorisia and Brad have been working on creating a board handbook. They are ready for the board to receive and review it. This would be more for new board members onboarding.

DISCUSSION:

L. Winton: How would updating the document work?

B. Doerken: It's owned by the board, so the board would be the one to determine that. It could be the board, or the executive, or just have amendments, depending on how frequently it should be reviewed.

**Next Steps:** Those amendments will be made and the board can have an email vote on accepting it.

## **5.2: CFLA Statement on Bill C-18**

**BACKGROUND:** As discussed in past meetings, we have been approached by a member of ours to make a statement regarding Bill C-18. With Brett's summarization of the situation, we have a few options to consider for how to handle this.

Option 1: Do not pursue any course of action.

Option 2: The Board requests a strategic committee to take on this work.

Option 3: Board members check with their member organizations to see if they would like to craft a statement.

### **DISCUSSION:**

B. Doerken: The Canadian Government has come forward with an agreement with Google, so the dispute might be resolved. The bill is still on the table, but it may be a moot point. Also, will there be more news coming soon?

L. Winton: As the situation is changing as things are developing, it would be hard to make any kind of statement in a state of flux.

M. Raymond: Would you know if anyone from our member organizations would like to draft up a statement?

L. Winton: Since BCLA was the one who reached out to us we can reach out to them and ask them if they would like to draft a statement.

**NEXT STEPS:** M. Rogowski to reach out to BCLA (Cc Tracy) to update them on the situation and if they would like to draft their own statement.

## **6. Discussion Items - Points de discussion**

### **6.1 2025 National Forum**

**BACKGROUND:** While working on the board handbook we are writing the process of the National Forum. With so much that needs to be done for a national forum, it's time to think about the 2025 National Forum. Since we partner with a member conference, we

should start feeling out which one would be best for our needs and begin drafting an MOU. This way, we hit the ground running.

**DISCUSSION:** Who would draft that call out?

M. Rogowski: For historical information, each National forum was different, so we never had a set down process. Ideally, we would create some kind of working group to help plan this, and craft the call out.

**Motion:** Form a working group for the board to construct a call out for our member associations for the 2025 National Forum. This call out would be presented at the January 11th board meeting for approval.

First: B Doerken & Second: M. Raymond

**Further discussion:** This is just to construct the call out, and there could be a continuation for the planning committee.

We also put this together with a briefing note as to why we are putting this together.

B. Doerken and M. Raymond are interested in working together with M. Rogowski in constructing the call out to our members.

Motion defeated upon unanimous vote against the motion to strike a working group, and instead B. Doerken and M. Raymond will work with M. Rogowski.

## **6.2 CLA Position Papers and Statements**

**BACKGROUND:** Board members have now had a chance to look through the spreadsheet. Now those liaisons of our strategic committees can inform those committees of statements of position papers they can review for either adoption, updating, or discounting. The remaining statements can be reviewed as a group with each committee getting a chance to either adopt or update.

**DISCUSSION:**

**MOTION:** CLA Motions and statements be referred to the appropriate committees as represented in our spreadsheet with committees returning recommendations by June 2024

Smith to second

**Approved unanimously**

**NEXT STEPS:** Liaisons to communicate with their committees on these items.

## **7. Items for Information - Points d'information:**

### **7.1 Board and Executive Turnover**

BACKGROUND: With the new year coming quickly, we will need a new representative for our board and executive committees for those who will be leaving us. We have a replacement for all board roles except the Prairies Representative and the Quebec Representative. M. Rogowski will be reaching out to those organizations to get their nominee for the board.

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

#### 7.1: Financial Update

M. Rogowski gives a financial update on Membership Dues

## **8: Update from Committees**

### **8.1: Cataloguing and Metadata Standards**

Nothing

### **8.2 Copyright**

A more full update will be given in January

### **8.3: Intellectual Freedom**

Two groups will be presenting in January at OLA's Super Conference, and one at the Partnership on the National Response on National Freedoms.

They're quite keen on media training.

They're working on a statement for the board to move forward with Government Led Censorship for Alberta and Banning Books.

### **8.4: Indigenous Matters Committee**

None, both liaison and chair are currently at a conference.

### **8.5 Climate Action Committee**

They met for the first time and are excited to get to work. We expect some great information from them as next year develops.

#### **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**

January 11th, 2023

#### **12: Adjournment / Clôture de la séance**

Meeting adjourned: 1:03 p.m. EST