



Canadian Federation of Library Associations Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques

CFLA-FCAB Update

June 13, 2024 Board Meeting

The [CFLA-FCAB Board](#) provides updates to our members every six weeks following Board meetings. [Meeting minutes are posted on our website](#). Minutes for the June 13, 2024 meeting will be posted once approved at our July meeting.

- The CFLA-FCAB Board will be applying for federal funding through the [Equitable Access to Reading Program](#) as part of a partnership with CELA and NNELS. This will ensure CELA is able to maintain its service levels, particularly with the production of content in accessible formats. As part of this funding, CFLA can explore opportunities to support Accessibility through further advocacy and awareness efforts.
- The CFLA-FCAB's Request for Proposals for a Consultant to develop a Communication Strategy closed in May, with the contract being awarded to [Anne Bailey Communications and Strategy](#). The Board will be working with the consultant throughout 2024 to develop a robust communication strategy and content plan for CFLA-FCAB.
- In response to the recent stakeholder meetings and the changing federal political landscape, the Board reviewed a proposal for a new 2024-2025 Advocacy Plan. CFLA-FCAB will ask the federal government for access to funding for libraries to support their role as an essential part of the social infrastructure of our communities. This focus targets newly announced government funding to support infrastructure development in Canadian communities.
 - The plan outlines a 3-pronged approach which focuses on: building and sustaining relationships with key officials, encouraging grassroots advocacy, and encouraging CFLA's participation within the federal political landscape.
 - The Board will be communicating details of the advocacy strategy with members and providing resources to help library workers across Canada get involved. We will host a virtual open house to share more details on July 16th at 2PM EST. You can register [HERE](#).
- A Governance Review Steering Committee has been formed to review the issues raised in relation to CFLA-FCAB Governance at the recent stakeholder meetings. The group, composed of five Board members, committee representatives, as well as representatives from several members associations, has been tasked with identifying recommendations in relation to CFLA-FCAB Committee framework & Board composition.
- The Copyright Committee has finalized its *Crown Copyright Code of Best Practices*. This was a joint effort with CARL. It will be sent to members and posted to our website once translated. Members of the Copyright Committee will be presenting this work at upcoming conferences throughout early summer.

For more information or to contact the CFLA-FCAB Board, please email info@cfla-fcab.ca.