



Spring 2022 BUSINESS MEETING & AGM MINUTES

April 19, 2022 | Virtual via Zoom

In attendance:

Chelsey	Boersma-Scott, MPL	Melissa	Millsap, CPL
Ursula	Brigl, CPL (Treasurer)	Toby	Mueller, LAPL
Fiona	Bruce, TPL	Samantha	Murphy, TDPL
Rebecca	Burbank, PRPL	Sherry	Murphy, TPL
Paul	Burry, PGPL	Don	Nettleton, ORL
Jorge	Cardenas, NWPL	Leigh Anne	Palmer, ABCPLD
Taylor	Caron, SPL	Kimberly	Partanen, CDPL
Vinita	Chand, ABCPLD (recorder)	Matthew	Rankin, FSJPLA
Wanda	Davis, CRDLS	Marc	Saunders, PMPL
Emma	Dressler, FPL	Leslie	Smith, GPL
Alexandra	Faucher, EPL	Jennifer	Streckmann, BIPL
Karli	Fisher, FSJCL	Tracey	Therrien, NML
Cari Lynn	Gawletz, GFPL	Elizabeth	Tracy, WPL (Chair)
Emma	Gillis, PDPL	Susan	Walters, RPL (Vice Chair)
Scott	Hargrove, FVRL	Abi	Ward, MDPL
Karen	Hudson, SSIPL	Wendy	Wright, SPL
Deb	Hutchison Koep, NVCL		
Ben	Hyman, VIRL		

BUSINESS MEETING

1. Business Meeting - called to order at 2:04 pm

Motion to accept agenda: Rebecca Burbank / Deb Hutchison Koep, CARRIED

2. Stakeholder Reports / Updates

201. CFLA, Lorisia MacLeod –

- Guidelines for education of library technicians are being updated.
- CFLA is developing a new strategic plan; the current plan spans 2019-2022.
- Advocacy around the federal budget is currently underway. CFLA is always looking at new opportunities for future advocacy such as artificial intelligence, broadband accessibility, open government and joint work to look at ways to collaborate rather than duplicate work.

202. CULC, Jefferson Gilbert –

- CULC has recently met with the Department of Heritage and Department of Industry Science & Economic Development regarding econtent.
- CULC is partnering with Canadian Urban Institute on a 6-month, action-oriented research engagement program and will ensure that public libraries are included in discussions.
- Future Labs – dedicated group looking at what the future of public libraries will look like.
- CULC is participating in the Cultural Roundtable with the Federal Government.
- The Spring in person meeting in Edmonton will be held in May.

203. BCLA, Rina Hadziev –

- Annette DeFaveri retired after 10 years of service. Rina Hedziev was hired as the new ED.
- BCLA continues to be engaged in advocacy with the BC public library Partners.
- BCLA has begun the process of updating its Intellectual Freedom statement; there will be many opportunities for input and consultation.
- Anti-racism work has begun for the organization. The first-year is focused on building a foundation and engaging with the larger community.
- The provincial GLAM group is being revived and broadened to a larger group of stakeholders.
- In terms of professional development, BCLA is developing in person sessions but also discussing how to incorporate continued virtual conference opportunities which has allowed many smaller libraries to participate.
- BCLA will be involved in supporting the Accessible BC legislation, climate work, and continuing the coaching program.
- The website will be updated to enhance connection opportunities.

204. BC Libraries Cooperative, Kevin Millsip –

- The Coop is putting together a member engagement strategy.
- It is also undertaking an equity, diversity, and inclusion audit.
- Work on developing a plan for the best use of COVID Recovery Funding is underway.

205. Federations, Michael Burris –

- Over the past few years federations have forged stronger relationships than in the past. Directors now meet monthly to discuss operations, planning and existing shared services.
- Federations have been much more strategic about the offering of staff development opportunities including Technology, Safe Harbour, Diversity, Customer Service, Coaching for Managers, and Indigenous Cultural Competency training opportunities.
- Federations look forward to continuing to build connections and create economies of scale.

206. Public Libraries Branch, Mari Martin –

- The Libraries Branch continues to implement its strategic plan.
- The current focus is on improving access and implementation of the Accessible BC Act.
- The other focus will be on the provincial funding framework; partners and libraries will be re-engaged on this topic.
- Libraries Branch is working to support new Minister Cullen. The Minister will be going on tour of libraries over the summer to meet one on one with communities.

3. Consent Agenda

- 301. Approval of Fall 2021 Meeting Minutes
- 302. 2022 YTD Income Statement
- 303. ABCPLD 2022 Operating Plan

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Don Nettleton / Deb Hutchison Koep, CARRIED

4. Chair's Report

401. Highlights from 2022 Summary Update

The Chair provided highlights from the last 6 months of activities during which ABCPLD :

- Provided timely and relevant professional development via 5 virtual PD sessions held in Fall of 2021 as well as the Wise Practices series held in collaboration with BCLTA.
- Hosted 8 directors zoom calls to share information and solutions to challenges.
- Maintained an active member listserv to encourage information sharing.
- Shared stories with the Provincial government regarding how libraries rose up to support their communities during the most challenging times.
- Submitted a one-time funding proposal to Ministry of Municipal Affairs with the Partners
- Met with Minister Osbourne, Associate Deputy Minister Tara Faganello, and new Minister Nathan Cullen to communicate the value of libraries before and during the pandemic and to raise awareness of funding needs of libraries.
- Maintained strong leadership and created a framework for business continuity by hiring and orienting a new Executive Director, Leigh Anne Palmer; enacting an Association Office approach whereby accounts, addresses, and infrastructure are held by the Office rather than by individual employees or board members; and transitioning to formal accounting software.

Motion to accept Chair's Report: Ben Hyman / Don Nettleton, CARRIED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept agenda: Jennifer Streckmann / Susan Walters, CARRIED

2. Submission of Spring 2021 AGM Minutes

Motion to submit meeting minutes: Sherry Murphy / Alex Faucher, CARRIED

3. Award of Excellence Presentation –

The 2022 recipient is Julie Spurrell, recently retired Chief Librarian from New Westminster Public Library.

4. Consideration of Financial Statements

ABCPLD is in a solid financial position. An update on the Association's finances was provided.

- There were higher than expected legal /administrative expenses as a result of the hiring of a bookkeeper, transferring Association documents from a legal office to in-house, as well as the completion of our constitution and by-law work. This was offset by lower expenses in travel subsidies.
- \$4000 of operations reserves were used compared to the approximate \$10,000 budgeted.
- The budget for 2022 was approved in the October 2021 business meeting and will continue to be approved in the fall meetings to enable starting a fiscal year with an approved budget in place.

5. Elections / Certification of Elections

On behalf of the Nominations Committee the chair, Emma Gillis, announced that Cari Lynn Gawletz has been elected as Vice Chair and Paul Burry has been elected as Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation.

Motion to certify elections: Jennifer Strackmann / Rebecca Burbank, CARRIED

Susan Walters thanked Emma for her work as Chair of the Nominations Committee and also thanked Ursula for her work on our budget over the last two years and for her work in supporting our bookkeeper, Vinita. Susan thanked Elizabeth for her tireless work as Chair of ABCPLD over the last two years.

5. Closed Session

Motion to enter closed session: Toby Mueller / Scott Hargrove, CARRIED

Attendees discussed the need to find a way to work with BC Public Library Partners to put forth a unified voice for raised and sustained provincial funding. Unified advocacy has resulted in gains in terms of one-time funding; however, a plateau has been reached in terms of understanding how best to advocate to Ministry.

Attendees discussed a funded advocate position and the need to have someone who understands the provincial budget process. Logistics of individuals making a monetary contribution to ABCPLD to hire an external consultant were discussed, including creating a strategic projects fund to hold contributions. Members were asked if anyone opposed the creation of a strategic projects fund. There was no opposition.

Motion to create a strategic projects fund: Don Nettleton / Scott Hargrove, CARRIED

The Executive will reach out to members to discuss further details and will report back to membership. If necessary, a Special Business Meeting may be called.

Motion to exit closed session: Ursula Brigl / Deb Hutchison Koep, CARRIED

6. Next Meeting Date and Location

Next meeting will be the Fall Business Meeting. The date will be announced on the Listserv and website.

7. Adjournment: 3:26pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Rebecca Burbank / Deb Hutchison Koep, CARRIED