

**108<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of the ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

June 5, 2009 11:30 am

University of Toronto, 140 St. George Street, Room 205,  
iSchool or via Teleconference

**Minutes - draft**

Presiding: Sam Coghlan, 2008 OLA President.  
Parliamentarian: David Thornley

**1. Establishment of a Quorum**

Mr. Coghlan noted lack of quorum and advised that the process outlined in By-Law 1 will be followed leading to a quorum at approximately 12:15.

**2. Keynote: Michael Ridley, CIO and Chief Librarian,  
University of Guelph, and 2001 OLA President. "Do  
Libraries Matter? Moving from the Information Age  
to the Age of Imagination."**

**3. Adoption of the Agenda.**

**Motion** 108-1: That the agenda be approved.

Moved: Peter Rogers                      Seconded: Cynthia Williamson  
CARRIED

**4. Approval of the Minutes of the 107th Annual  
General Meeting, May 29, 2008**

**Motion** 108-2: That the minutes of the 107<sup>th</sup> OLA Annual General Meeting be approved.

Moved: Peter Ellinger                      Seconded: Céline Marcoux-Hamade  
CARRIED

**4.1 Business Arising.**

There was no business arising.

**5. Financial status of the Association.**

**5.1 Report of OLA 2008 Treasurer Sonia Lewis**

Paul Takala, OLA Treasurer 2009 – 2010 presented the highlights of the written treasurers report in Sonia Lewis' absence.

## **5.2 Audited statements for 2008.**

**Motion** 108-3: That the audited statements for 2008 as provided by Harris and Chong LLP be accepted.

Moved: Paul Takala                      Seconded: Peggy Thomas  
CARRIED

**Motion** 108-4: That the firm of Harris and Chong LLP be engaged to prepare the 2009 audited statements of the Ontario Library Association

Moved: Paul Takala                      Seconded: Bessie Sullivan

## **6. Reports of the Presidents of the Ontario Library Association.**

**6.1 OLA 2008 President Sam Coghlan.**

**6.2 OCULA 2008 President Cynthia Williamson**

**6.3 OLBA 2008 President Lynn Humfress-Trute**

**6.4 OLITA 2008 President Michael Vandenburg**

**6.5 OPLA 2008 President Cindy Weir** [Bessie Sullivan presented on Ms. Weir's behalf]

**6.6 OSLA 2008 President Lisa Weaver** [Peggy Thomas presented on Ms. Weaver's behalf]

**6.7 Présidente de ABO-Franco, 2008 Céline Marcoux-Hamade**

## **7. Report of the Executive Director.**

**Motion** 108-5: That the reports of the officers of the Ontario Library Association be received.

Moved: Diane Bedard                      Seconded: Peter Rogers

## **8. Resolutions.**

Resolution #1

Topic: Copyright Legislation

Whereas Bill C-61, An Act to Amend the Copyright Act, that "died on the order paper" with the dissolution of Parliament, September 2008, failed to

achieve an acceptable balance of the rights of the copyright holders and the rights of the users, and

Whereas there exists the possibility of the tabling of the same Bill with little regard to the numerous clauses that negatively impact Canadian libraries:

**Therefore be it resolved that the Ontario Library Association, following the example of the Canadian Library Association\*, advocate to its membership to contact their local Members of Parliament to express concern with any copyright legislation that limits the Canadian public's right to fair and equitable access to information irrespective of the medium and to encourage their support for changes to the legislation which would result in a balanced bill, and**

**Be it further resolved that OLA lobby the Federal Government to conduct pan Canadian consultations on copyright reform, thus providing a public process by which all stakeholders can clarify their positions.**

Moved: Larry Moore    Seconded: Cynthia Williamson  
CARRIED

### **9. Report of the OLA Elections Action Group.**

OLA Elections Action Group Chair Janet Kaufman reported that Mary Ann Mavrinc was acclaimed OLA Vice-President 2009/President-Elect 2010, and Paul Takala was acclaimed Treasurer 2009 – 2010.

**Motion** 108-6: That the report of the Elections Action Group be accepted and all ballots cast in the elections of 2008 destroyed.

Moved: Janet Kaufman    Seconded: Peggy Thomas

### **10. A look forward by 2009 President Peggy Thomas.**

Peggy Thomas reviewed briefly the highlights for OLA programs over the next year:

- OLA will embark on a strategic planning process and will seek innovative ways to engage the membership in this process.
- In conjunction with The Partnership, OLA will seek ways to be part of a

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\* Canadian Library Association, "Fair and Balanced Copyright for Canadians: Grassroots Advocacy Kit," [CLA Copyright Information](http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Copyright_Information), <[http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Copyright\\_Information](http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Copyright_Information)>.

unified voice for libraries in Canada.

- A supporting initiative will be to develop evidence-based practice tool kits to help us advocate for issues important to libraries.
- OLA will continue to build places to network, such as the Library Networking Group (LNG).
- 2009 is the inaugural year for The Larry Moore Challenge. The challenge provides funding for an innovative idea that will benefit libraries.

Peggy Thomas concluded her remarks with a reminder of date change and invitation to the OLA Super Conference, February 24 – 27, 2010.

Peggy Thomas presented the OLA Presidential Pyramid to Sam Coghlan, 2008 OLA President in recognition and thanks for his leadership and commitment to OLA.

## **11. Adjournment.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Moved: Michael Vandenberg.