

Ontario School Library Association (OSLA)
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 30, 2014
Metropolitan Convention Centre

1.0 - Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by President Isabelle Hobbs – introduction of Deb Kitchener as incoming President

Members present:

Isabelle Hobbs (President)

Deb Kitchener (Vice President)

Elizabeth Gordon (Treasurer)

Jeanne Conte (incoming Vice President for 2014-2015)

OSLA Council: Joel Facca, Melissa Jensen, Diana Maliszewski, Heather Yearwood, Barb White, Anna Szumilas, Lauren Flattery, Michelle Campbell

Various associated members of OSLA attending Super conference

Welcome and Introduction of The Honourable Liz Sandals, Minister of Education

- Minister Sandels reflected on school libraries and teacher librarians as they:

“Demonstrate excellence in innovation”

“Adapt and thrive in a technology driven world”

“Libraries value the 3 Cs – Creativity, Collaboration and Critical Thinking”

Looking forward to award recognition to leaders in Education

Awards:

Presentation of Awards: Isabelle Hobbs and James Saunders

Teacher-Librarian Award - Leslie Holwerda (presented by Brenda Roberts)

OLA Technical Services Award - Julie Fisher (presented by Jeanne Conte)

Administrator of the Year Award - Jeff Kawzenuk (presented by Angela Thompson)
accepted by son Jessie Kawzenuk with regrets as Jeff is overseas)

Award for Special Achievement - Philip Jeffrey (presented by Anita Brooks Kirkland)

2.0 - Approval of the Agenda (moved by- Jeanne Conte/seconded by- Alanna King) - Passed

3.0 - Approval of Minutes from the last AGM (moved by- Joel Faccia/seconded by- Jan Buckly) passed

3.1 – no business arising from Minutes

4.0 – Treasurer’s Report: Elizabeth Gordon

- Copies of the budget were left on tables for attendees to peruse. (Budget was also projected on the large screen.)
- Elizabeth explained that our expenses this past year did not exceed our budget, and that the majority of our expenses go toward travel costs to meet 4 times a year in Toronto. Sometimes money is allotted to fund special projects, and the CLA Standards project is a good example of this.
- It was also pointed out that this past year, OLA decided to focus efforts toward School Library Advocacy, and specific measures were described in the President’s Report.

Questions were welcomed and there weren’t any.

Motion to accept (moved by – Anna Szumilas/seconded by – Cindy Matthews - passed

5.0 – Annual Report: Isabelle Hobbs

- Year began with success of the Together For Learning Website (T4L)
- Participation in the Canadian Library Association’s new National Standards document
- OSLA Advocacy Toolkit continues to be developed as we move into 2014
- Advocacy Committee met with Vass Bednar, Policy Advisor for the Ministry of Education – asked to create a BREIF, highlighting the importance of School Libraries. Special thanks to Anita Brooks-Kirkland for her support in this endeavor.
- Membership letter and survey link sent to all library staff across the province. Important information collected around staffing and budgeting
- OSLA council created short videos to support the implementation of the Together for Learning Document
- Letter sent to Director of WRDSB expressing disappointment in their decision to make changes to their K-8 library funding model.
- Video Contest dates changed to June.

Motion to accept (moved by – Jeanne Conte/seconded by Jauren Flattery - passed

6.0 - No business from Annual Report

7.0 -Thank you to Council members leaving (gifts from Isabelle and Deb)

Elizabeth Gordon

Rick Budding (unable to attend)

Derrick Grose

Cheryl White

Richard Reid

7.2 - Elections Report

Welcome new Council Members (Heather Yearwood)

Deb Kitchener – Incoming President – York DSB

Isabelle Hobbs – Past President/Treasurer – Durham DSB

Barb White - Southwestern Region - Grand Erie Catholic DSB

Melissa Jensen, Mid - Central Region - Simcoe County DSB

Heather Yearwood - Eastern Region - Hasting Prince Edward DSB

Anna Szumilas - Metro Toronto - Toronto Catholic DSB

Joel Facca - Northern Region - Thunder Bay Catholic DSB

Diana Maliszewski - Editor, Teaching Librarian - Toronto DSB

New Members :

Jean Conte, VP - Peel Region DSB

Lauren Flattery, Central East Region – Durham DSB

Michelle Campbell, Central West Region – Upper Grand DSB

8.0 Adjournment:

- Thanks again to Honorable Liz Sandals and Saunders Book for all their support and OSLA Super Conference Co-planners Lauren Flattery and Sarah Oesch
- Moved by Anita Brooks Kirkland, seconded Melissa Jenson.
- Motion carried