

# 116<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

OCAD University, 100 McCaul Street, Toronto, Ontario

June 9, 2017, 12:00 lunch is served, for teleconference participants, formal agenda commenced at 12:30

## DRAFT MINUTES

Presiding: Todd Kyle, OLA President, 2016

### 1. Welcome

Todd Kyle, OLA President, 2016, welcomed members to the 116<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Library Association including those joining remotely electronically. Mr. Kyle thanked the Ontario Library Information Technology Association (OLITA) for hosting the AGM as part of Digital Odyssey.

Mr. Kyle reminded members about procedures for members participating in an AGM as follows:

- A participant must be an OLA member to vote.
- A motion is just a process for ensuring the relevant business is raised for discussion and voting. For each motion a mover and a seconder is required. This puts forth the motion for consideration and discussion. Members were asked to state their name for the minutes if moving or seconding a motion.
- Members joining remotely electronically may also vote

### 2. Establishment of a Quorum

Quorum was not established at noon and the meeting was adjourned from that time for 15 minutes as per the by-law stipulation and quorum was thus subsequently established as those in attendance.

### 3. Adoption of the Agenda.

**Motion 116 – 1:** That the agenda for the 116<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Library Association be approved.

Moved: Donna MacLeod      Seconded: Mariam Hamou

Carried

### 4. Approval of the Minutes of the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, June 10 2016.

4.1. Business Arising. There was no business arising.

**Motion 116-2:** That the minutes of the 115<sup>th</sup> OLA Annual General Meeting be approved.

Moved: Mita Williams      Seconded: Kate Johnson-McGregor

Carried

5. Financial status of the Association: Lesa Balch, Treasurer, OLA  
Report of OLA 2016 Treasurer Lesa Balch

5.1 Ms. Balch reported a year-end surplus of \$226,894, allowing the association to increase the accumulated surplus. A GST/HST recovery project provided extraordinary income of \$180,000, and expenses were lower than expected across the association and its divisions. Congratulations to Stephanie Pimentel, OLA Manager of Operations, for her judicious financial management and her key role in the GST/HST recovery project.

5.2 Audited statements for 2016.

**Motion 116-3:** That the audited statements for 2016 as provided by Clarke Henning LLP be accepted.

Moved: Lesa Balch    Seconded: Susan Kun

Carried

**Motion 116-4:** That the firm of Clarke Henning LLP be engaged to prepare the 2017 audited statements of the Ontario Library Association.

Moved: Lesa Balch                      Seconded: Peter Duerr

Carried

6. OLA 2016 in review:

Mr. Kyle provided remarks on a few highlights from the annual report, distributed to the membership in advance. The following members of the board were thanked for their leadership:

- OCULA 2016 President Denise Smith
- OLBA 2016 President Pierre Mercier
- OLITA 2016 President Sarah Simpkin
- OPLA 2016 President Alexandra Yarrow
- OSLA 2016 President Kate Johnson-McGregor
- ABO-Franco 2016 Présidente Donna-Marie MacLeod
- Executive Director Shelagh Paterson.

**Motion 116-5:** That the reports of the officers of the Ontario Library Association be received.

Moved: Mariam Hamou                      Seconded: Anita Brooks-Kirkland

Carried

## 7. Resolutions.

Mr. Kyle noted that a resolution is a main motion that needs to be expressed formally in writing, to attach a special level of importance. Examples include a change to an OLA by-law, or endorsement of an important statement or direction. There are examples of both in the resolutions that were put forth for the 2016 AGM.

The four resolutions requiring a vote today were provided to members in advance.

### 7.1 Amendment to By-Law 1: E-Voting

Mr. Kyle noted that this resolution addresses the issue of no current allowance for virtual voting at board and council meetings for participants to remotely vote on a motion during the meeting. This amendment proposes to include voting by telephone or electronic means if the participant is unable to attend in person.

**Motion 116 – 6:** Motion to approve the amendment to By-Law 1, section 17 Voting, to add section 17a. VOTING BY TELEPHONE OR ELECTRONIC MEANS

In addition to “voting by proxy”, the Board of Directors will accept voting by telephone or electronic means only if,

- (a) A proxy has not been identified
- (b) The member cannot attend in person and no proxy has been identified
- (c) The member cannot attend in person because notice was not provided

Moved: Donna Marie MacLeod

Seconded: Kate Johnson MacGregor

Carried

Mr. Kyle noted that the following two resolutions deal with divisional by-law changes that were approved at their divisional AGM's at the OLA Super Conference and now require ratification at the OLA AGM:

### 7.2 Amendment to By-Law 5: (OLBA)

The Ontario Library Boards' Association (OLBA) is recommending the realignment of two Toronto area regions that have caused an anomaly since 1998. Prior to municipal amalgamation in 1998, the Toronto Region represented 7 library boards. Since amalgamation Toronto Region has been an exception to the pattern with only the one board represented by the region.

The change would incorporate the current Toronto Region into the Mid Central Region. This would round-out the boundary of the Region and hopefully augment representation without substantially adding to the workload of the Representative as it results in the addition of only one more Board.

**Motion 116 – 7:** Motion to amend by-law 5, as presented, to change OLBA's regions from 8 to 7 by including Toronto Region with the Mid-Central Region.

Moved: Kerry Badgley

Seconded: May Yan

Carried

### 7.3 Modification au règlement no. 7 (ABO-Franco)

**Motion 116 – 8:** to amend by-law 7, as presented, to include a student councilor position on ABO-Franco council for a two-year term.

Moved: Donna MacLeod

Seconded: Leslie Weir

Carried

### 7.4 Endorsement of the CFLA-FCAB Truth and Reconciliation Report and Recommendations

Mr. Kyle noted that OLA is a member of the Canadian Federation of Library Associations-Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques, Canada's national voice for libraries. One of the first priorities for CFLA-FCAB when it was founded a year ago was to create a library response with recommendations to the calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.

The OLA Indigenous Libraries Task Group is recommending that the OLA membership endorse the CFLA-FCAB recommendations.

**Motion 116 – 9:** That OLA supports the recommendations presented in the Canadian Federation of Library Associations-Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB) Truth and Reconciliation Report and Recommendations.

Moved: Sarah Simpkin

Seconded: Kate Johnson-McGregor

Carried

### 8. Report of the OLA Nominations Committee.

Mr. Kyle invited Anita Brooks-Kirkland, 2015 OLA President, and chair of the 2016 OLA Nominations Committee to present the report.

Ms. Brooks-Kirkland reported on behalf of the 2016 OLA nominations committee, that Kerry Badgley was acclaimed OLA Vice-President 2017/President-Elect 2018 and Susan Kun was acclaimed OLA Treasurer 2017 - 2018

**Motion 116 – 10:** That the report of the OLA Nominations Committee is to be accepted and all ballots cast in the elections of 2016 be destroyed.

Moved: Mita Williams

Seconded: Donna MacLeod

Carried

9. A look forward by 2017 President Leslie Weir.

Leslie Weir thanked Todd Kyle for his leadership as 2016 OLA President, including his impactful 'All In / Le tout pour le tout' Super Conference 2017 Theme. The presidential pyramid was presented to Mr. Kyle.

Ms. Weir extended greetings as the 2017 OLA President and presented the new mission and vision for OLA for the new 2017 – 2020 strategic plan:

**Vision:** Leading and inspiring the growth and innovation of the library and information services sector.

**Mission:** We empower our members in the library and information services sector to build informed, participatory, and inclusive communities through:

**Research, Education, Advocacy, Partnerships**

And the strategic priorities that will guide the association through the next three years:

- 1 Focusing member services across diverse career paths.
- 2 Influencing policy and demonstrating value.
- 3 Building evaluation and research capacity.
- 4 Addressing the unique needs of rural, remote and indigenous communities.

Enablers: People, Technology, and Fundraising.

10. Adjournment.

**Motion 116 – 11:** Motion to adjourn

Moved: Lesa Balch