

118th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Room 105

January 31, 2019, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

Presiding: Kerry Badgley, OLA President, 2018

1. Welcome

Kerry Badgley, president, welcomed members to the 118th Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Library Association.

Dr. Badgley provided instructions for remote participants and reminded attendees that they must be an OLA member to vote.

Dr. Badgley introduced Jim Lochrie, Parliamentarian who provided a few instructions to help move the business along including noting that attendees must be an OLA member or a proxy holder to vote and be an OLA member to move and second motions. All votes will be done by a show of hands and capturing online votes. Every question (motion) shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members and proxy holders.

In addition, Mr. Lochrie explained that a motion is a process for ensuring the relevant business is raised for discussion and voting and each motion requires a mover and a seconder.

2. Establishment of a Quorum

Dr. Badgley indicated that Quorum is established.

3. Adoption of the Agenda.

Motion 118 – 1: That the agenda for the 118th Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Library Association be approved.

Moved: Kate Johnson MacGregor Seconded: Peggy Thomas

Carried.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the 117th Annual General Meeting, January 30, 2018.

Motion 118-2: That the minutes of the 117th OLA Annual General Meeting be approved.

Moved: Alanna King Seconded: Cyndi Smith

Carried.

4.1. Business Arising.

There is no business arising.

5. Financial status of the Association: Susan Kun, Treasurer, OLA

5.1. Report of OLA 2018 Treasurer Susan Kun

Ms. Kun presented the following “As my final year as OLA Treasurer draws to a close, it has been a pleasure for me to work with the exceptional OLA team and the Board. I would like to extend my thanks to the collective efforts of the staff and Board for their ongoing commitment to serve the OLA membership and the Ontario community.

All the meeting materials were provided in advance of this meeting, I would like to highlight that we ended 2018 with a net income (surplus) of \$86,768. It is prudent that the Association present a balanced budget and/or a surplus and the Board of Directors will continue to work hand-in-hand with management to update or implement policies necessary to ensure the growth and stability of the Ontario Library Association.”

5.2. Audited statements for 2018.

Ms. Kun noted that periodically, OLA will invite new auditing firms to submit a proposal through a Request for Proposal process (every 3-5 years) but is happy with the Hillborn Auditing firm as the financial statements present fairly. Ms. Kun wished the new OLA Board of Directors, OLA staff and OLA members much success in the years to come.

Motion 118-3: That the audited statements for 2017-18 as provided by Hilborn LLP be accepted.

Moved: Susan Kun Seconded: Cortney LeGros

Carried.

Motion 118-4: That the auditing firm of Hilborn LLP be appointed for the 2018/19 Fiscal Year.

Moved: Susan Kun Seconded: Janet Banfield

Carried.

6. OLA 2018 in review:

Dr. Badgley thanked the presidents and executive of the 2018 OLA Board who submitted their reports in advance and placed online:

- OCULA 2018 President Melanie Parlette-Stewart
- OLBA 2018 President Mariam Hamou
- OLITA 2018 President John Fink

- OPLA 2018 President Cortney LeGros
- OSLA 2018 President Kelly Maggiras
- ABO-Franco 2018 Véronique Dupuis
- Executive Director Shelagh Paterson.

Motion 118-5: That the reports of the officers of the Ontario Library Association be received.

Moved: Peter Rogers

Seconded: Leslie Weir

Carried.

7. Resolutions

Dr. Badgley provided some information about resolutions as follows: 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. A notice to submit resolutions was sent to all members. A resolution was put forth to amend OLA By-Law 2, a by-law of the Ontario School Library Association.

The resolution that was submitted was reviewed by the resolutions committee who do not advise on intent, but they ensure that the resolution put forth is clear, accurate and eligible.

Dr. Badgley advised that debate and comments on the resolution is allocated to up to 30 minutes if needed, at 3 minutes per speaker alternating those for and against the motion.

Motion 118 – 6:

WHEREAS the terminology “Teacher-Librarian” is not inclusive of all library staff working in school libraries, and

WHEREAS there should be consistency with other divisions of OLA in terminology (ie. Librarian, librarianship, library worker), and

WHEREAS the focus of the division should be on school library operations, programs and services regardless of particular job classification and staffing models in place, and

WHEREAS school libraries promote equity and inclusivity, OSLA ought to be the voice and fairly promote and include all school library workers in Ontario,

BE IT RESOLVED that the OSLA By-Law be amended to better reflect the purpose, objectives and mission of the Ontario School Library Association, a division of OLA, to better align with all other divisions of OLA in that there are no specific job classifications promoted as follows: (also displayed on the screen)

Under section 2:

Change:

“to strengthen and unify the voice of teacher-librarians as curriculum leaders”

to

“to strengthen and unify the voice of school library workers in supporting the effective operation of school libraries including delivery of library program and services,”

and

Change:

“to represent the profession of teacher-librarianship as a subject association recognized by the Ontario Ministry of Education”

to

“to represent the profession of school librarianship and other school library workers in Ontario’s publicly funded school systems as well as private education institutions,”

and

Change:

“to provide professional development opportunities for teacher-librarians and other qualified school library staff”

to

“to provide professional development opportunities for school library workers,”

and add:

“to encourage the establishment of training programs, standards and certification for school library workers”

Mover: Karen Desjardins

Seconder: Patricia Sutherland

A discussion on the motion ensued with members speaking both for and against the motion. There was general consensus that the issue required more analysis and understanding. As such, the motion was referred as follows:

Motion 118 – 7: Be it resolved that the 2019 OLA Resolution on By-Law 2 be referred and put out for consultation to all stakeholders. Said consultation process to end in such time as to allow for the OLA executive, or designated consultation committee representing all stakeholders, to put forth a resolution which can be conveyed to the membership no less than two months prior to the next AGM.

Moved: Enid Wray

Seconded: Tina Opere

Carried.

The OLA will form a Striking Committee consisting of the mover and seconder of the referral of the motion, and the 2018 and 2019 OSLA president to be tasked with creating the terms of reference and appointing a Consultation Committee.

8. Report of the OLA Nominations Committee.

Dr. Badgley reported on behalf of Todd Kyle, chair, OLA Nominations committee, that Andrea Cecchetto was elected OLA Vice-President 2019, President-Elect 2020 and Janneka Guise is appointed as OLA Treasurer, 2019 – 2020.

Motion 118 – 8: That the report of the OLA Nominations Committee is to be accepted and all ballots cast in the elections of 2018 be destroyed.

Moved: Cyndi Smith

Seconded: Peggy Thomas

9. A look forward by 2019 President Richard Reid

Mr. Reid presented the OLA presidential pyramid to Dr. Badgley and thanked him for his service and commitment to the association.

Mr. Reid thanked the OLA membership for their debate and comments about the resolution put forth and noted that as incoming OLA president and as an OSLA member, the discussion has been noted and is a signal for OLA to engage more deeply with members on this issue.

Further he noted that while the membership does not always have to agree, and can have opposing opinions at times, we are ultimately better together. The discussion about the various roles people have in the library sector are not new. Ultimately, we are all part of something that is crucial to our society: Libraries – whatever form they may take.

Faced with a challenge, and even dissent, we need to work through this rather than to walk away – this is what an association is for. Mr. Reid welcomed the membership to share ideas, comments and participation in the association.

10. Adjournment.

Motion 119 – 9: Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Leslie Weir