

**OPLA 2019 Annual General Meeting Metro Toronto Convention Centre Thursday,**

**January 30 2020, 7:45am - 9:00am**

**Agenda**

Presiding: Erika Heesen, OPLA 2019 Vice-President

Regrets: Elizabeth Malak, OPLA 2019 President

Secretary: Douglas Davey, OPLA 2020 Vice-President

**1. Welcome**

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

- a. Added: Awards Committee Report
- b. Moved Gillian Byrne Seconded Kathryn Drury

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2018 OPLA Annual General Meeting**

- a. Corrections:
  - i. AGM was for 2019, not 2020.
  - ii. Erika was not in attendance; two motions in minutes should be Elizabeth Malek
- b. Moved Gillian Byrne Seconded Ben Shaw

**4. Acceptance of the treasurer's report (divisional budget)**

- a. Erika reviewed the budget report submitted by Cortney LeGros
  - i. Was an average year overall
  - ii. Items of note were that RA in a Day moved to a two-day event, and saw a decline in travel expenses due to some councillors attending remotely
- b. Moved Dayna DeBenedet Seconded Kathryn Drury

**5. President's Report**

- a. Erika reviewed the report submitted by Elizabeth Malak. Highlights included:
  - i. This was Nicole Zummach's first year as HoOPLA editor and she has done a tremendous job soliciting content from libraries across the province. Nicole's work on HoOPLA highlights the tremendous impact Ontario public libraries have in their communities.
  - ii. The Reader's Advisory Committee planned this year's RA in a Day, Out of the Shadows: Taking the "Scary" out of Horror Reader's Advisory. Sessions included author Nick Cutter, film expert Alexandra West, and the Dewey Divas & Dudes. Plans are underway for 2020, which will have the theme 'Past, Present and Future.'
  - iii. The Best Bets Committee has been working hard reading over 250 titles to award the 2019 Top Ten best in Canadian fiction and non-fiction for

- children and teens. The committee is also working on a webinar for the New Year, so keep an eye out for it on the Education Institute.
- iv. The Community-Led Libraries Committee planned the Community-Led Think Tank. “Mindful Communities” that took place at London PL with a keynote from Oakville PL’s Marcus Logan, entitled “It’s Not Just Drag Queen Storytime.” Attendees participated in roundtable sessions on decolonizing collections, aging populations, customer service for homeless patrons, bibliotherapy, measuring impact, and embedding mental health services
  - v. The Child and Youth Committee planned the Child & Youth Expo, which took place at Thunder Bay PL. The program featured a variety of local talent including a keynote from Jean Pendziwol, a puppetry session from RECE Don McMahon, a grant writing session offered by Ontario Arts Council, and a Drag Queen Storytime.
  - vi. The Research and Evaluation Committee supported the Patron Registration Survey administered in July and completed by 122 library systems.
  - vii. Lisa Worobec’s Kickstart to Participation project focused on the service needs of migrant workers. Lisa’s work included an extensive environmental scan, presentations to OPLA Council and stakeholder engagement with greenbelt libraries and agencies. Lisa’s project served as the impetus for important conversations on who to best serve this underserved population and will inform future OPLA work.
  - viii. Northern Outreach and Engagement has been an ongoing OPLA focus area. Dayna DeBenedet conducted a survey to identify needs such as funding, staffing and professional development. The survey led to a Northern Outreach Teleconference where participants discussed barriers to engagement, including costs when attending OLA events and management support to attend. Participants also discussed ways in which OLA can support smaller regional events. Teleconferences will continue and a meetup will take place onsite during Super Conference.
  - ix. OPLA libraries supported OLA with Ontario Public Library Week by hosting “Library Day in Your Riding” with local MPPs. The meetings communicated the impact of library service in their communities.
  - x. OPLA has supported OLA and FOPL in meetings with ServiceOntario, who are exploring their future service delivery. Super Conference Roundtables will give public libraries attending the opportunity to give their input
  - xi. Thank-you to OPLA Super Conference Planners, Hamid Printer and Megan Paquette for their tireless efforts in working with the OLA staff and Super Conference Team in building a program that balances the professional development needs of all Ontario libraries and beyond.
- b. Moved Peggy Thomas Seconded Ardis Proulx-Chedore

## **6. Committee Reports**

- a. OPLA received committee reports
  - i. Reader's Advisory (written report)
  - ii. OPLA Research and Evaluation (written report)
  - iii. Best Bets presented by Kara Miley
  - iv. Awards presented by Gillian Byrne
  - v. No reports submitted by Community Led and Child and Youth Services
- b. All received for information

## **7. New Business**

- a. No new business
- b. Moved Gillian Byrne Seconded Krista Sumnauth

## **8. Introduction of the New Council**

- a. Erika introduced the new council
  - i. Erika Heesen - President
  - ii. Douglas Davey - Vice President
  - iii. Elizabeth Malak - Past President, Treasurer
  - iv. Gillian Byrne - Toronto
  - v. Ben Shaw - Mid Central
  - vi. Ardis Proulx-Chedore - Northeast
  - vii. Dayna DeBenedet - Northwest
  - viii. Tony Westenbroek- East
  - ix. Natalie Marlowe - Southwest
  - x. Elaine Bird - Central East
  - xi. Jessica Veldman - Central West

## **9. Adjournment**

- a. Moved Gillian Byrne