



121st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Virtual Meeting
February 23, 2022, 3pm EST

AGENDA

Presiding: Andrea Cecchetto, OLA President, 2020-2021

1. Welcome

Ms. Cecchetto provided a respectful and appreciative acknowledgement of the land participants have joined the virtual meeting from and welcomed members to the 121st Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Library Association.

Ms. Cecchetto advised that the AGM is conducted under rules that are contained in By-Law #1 and in OLA Policy G.6. Members are further instructed that a motion is a formal proposal to ensure that the relevant business is raised for discussion and voting and each motion requires a mover and a seconder.

2. Establishment of a Quorum

At the commencement of the meeting quorum was not attained. As per OLA procedure, the business was paused. During this time, Ms. Paterson presented the OLA Strategic Plan. Following this, quorum was declared by Ms. Cecchetto.

3. Adoption of the Agenda.

Motion 121 – 1: That the agenda of the 121st Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Library Association be approved.

Moved: Thomas Sandor Seconded: Ardis Chedore

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes of the 120th Annual General Meeting, February 22, 2021.

Motion 121-2 to approve the minutes of the 120th OLA Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Janneka Guise Seconded: Julie Waddick

CARRIED.

4.1. Business Arising.

The minutes of the 120th AGM noted that the OLA Audit Committee had recommended a best practice for OLA to issue a request for proposal for inviting new auditing firms. The OLA board has approved this process and will approve the audit firm. This process will be completed before the commencement of the next audit for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

5. Financial status of the Association: Janneka Guise, Treasurer, OLA
5.1. Report of OLA 2021 Treasurer

Ms. Guise noted that this report marked the end of the OLA's second budget cycle in the COVID-19 pandemic years. OLA ended the fiscal year 2020-2021 with a deficit of \$38,941. This deficit would have been much worse without two government programs that significantly off-set operating expenses: the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy and the Canadian Emergency Rent Subsidy which totaled \$467,460. In addition, OLA sub-leased its' space and the OLA staff team reduced their hours for one year, returning full-time October 2021.

Motion 121-3: Motion to accept the report of the OLA 2021 Treasurer.

Moved: Thomas Sandor Seconded: Douglas Davey

CARRIED

5.2. Audited statements for 2021.

Motion 121-4: Motion to accept the audited statements for 2020-21 as provided by Hilborn LLP.

Moved: Janneka Guise Seconded: Angela Henshilwood

CARRIED

5.3. Appointment of the Auditing firm for 2021/22

Motion 121-5: Motion for the OLA Board of Directors to appoint the auditing firm to be selected that results from the request for proposal process by September 1 for the 2021/22 Fiscal Year.

Moved: Janneka Guise Seconded: Kimberley Aslett

CARRIED

6. OLA 2021 in review. Due to the challenges of the pandemic and the need for stability for the association, a number of divisional presidents, and the OLA president extended their term by one year. The following officers of the Ontario Library Association provided a report to the membership in advance:

- OCULA 2020-21 President Angela Henshilwood
- OLBA 2021 President Caroline Goulding

- OLITA 2020-21 President Sarah Macintyre
- OPLA 2020-21 President Erika Heesen
- OSLA 2020-21 President Maureen McGrath
- ABO-Franco 2020-21 Présidente Hélène Carrier
- OHLIA President 2021 Julie Waddick
- OLA President 2020-2021 Andrea Cecchetto
- Executive Director Shelagh Paterson

Motion 121-6: The motion is to receive the reports of the officers of the Ontario Library Association.

Moved: Janneka Guise

Seconded: Thomas Sandor

CARRIED

7. Report of the OLA Nominations Committee.

Ms. Cecchetto reported on behalf of Kerry Badgley, chair, OLA Nominations committee, that Melanie Mills was nominated and acclaimed as OLA Vice-President 2022, President-Elect 2023 and Lori Hallahan was nominated and acclaimed as OLA Treasurer, 2022 - 2023.

Motion 121 – 7: That the report of the OLA Nominations Committee is accepted.

Moved: Angela Henshilwood

Seconded: Catherine Lachaine

CARRIED

8. A look forward by Sabrina Saunders, OLA president, 2022.

Ms. Saunders was unable to attend the Annual General Meeting. On behalf of Ms. Saunders, Ms. Cecchetto introduced the 2022 OLA Board of Directors:

Executive Committee

Sabrina Saunders

The Blue Mountains Public Library

President

Andrea Cecchetto

Markham Public Library

Past President

Melanie Mills

Huron University College, Western University

Vice President / President Elect

Lori Hallahan

Seneca College

Treasurer

L'Association Bibliothèque de l'Ontario-Franco (l'ABO-Franco)

Catharine Lachaine

Présidente

Université d'Ottawa

Joel Rivard

Carleton University

Vice-Présidente

Ontario College and University Library Association (OCULA)

Zachary Osborne

Unity Health Toronto

President

Graham Lavender

The Michener Institute of Education at UHN

Vice President / President Elect

Ontario Health Library and Information Association (OHLIA)

Kimberley Aslett

Consultant – Health Information Literacy

President

David Lightfoot

Unity Health Toronto

Vice President / President Elect

Ontario Library Boards' Association (OLBA)

S.S. Ahmad

President

Thomas Sandor

Idea Exchange

Vice President / President Elect

Ontario Library Information Technology Association (OLITA)

Michelle Goodridge

Wilfrid Laurier University

President

Max Lupo

Innisfil ideaLab & Library

Vice President / President Elect

Ontario Public Library Association (OPLA)

Douglas Davey

Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library

President

Ryan Moniz

Oakville Public Library

Vice President / President Elect

Ontario School Library Association (OSLA)

Beth Lyons

Peel District School Board

President

Johanna Gibson-Lawler

Greater Essex District School Board

Vice President / President Elect

Ms. Cecchetto also provided a summary of the OLA strategic plan, 2021 - 2024 as follows:

5 strategic priorities were identified by the membership:

- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Advocacy and Leadership
- Membership and Engagement
- A Profession of Continual Learning
- Organizational Innovation and Sustainability

Ms. Paterson extended thanks to Ms. Cecchetto for her historical two-year term as president of the association and presented the presidential pyramid. The presidential term was extended due to the need for leadership stability during the pandemic.

9. Adjournment.

Motion 121 –8: Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Ardis Chedore

CARRIED.