Ontario Library Boards’ Association (OLBA)

Minutes

Annual General Membership Meeting

February 3, 2017

1. Call to Order

President Pierre Mercier called the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Library Boards’ Association to order at 5:06 pm. Pierre welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked them for their support over the past year.

2. Establish Quorum:

Twenty seven were present: quorum established.

3. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: To accept the Agenda as presented.
Moved by: Natalie Petra
Seconded by: Joan Duke Carried

4. Introductions:

The members of the 2017 OLBA Council were introduced.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve as written, the Minutes of the AGM convened on January 29th, 2016
Moved by: Nancy McLuskey
Seconded by: Natalie Petra Carried
6. Out-going President's Report:

Out-going president Pierre Mercier reviewed the achievements that were attained by OLBA during his term as president. The change to By-law 5 approved at the AGM in 2016 was accepted by OLA AGM in June of 2016. Pierre also explained the change to the OLBA bursaries. Although the number of awards has not changed, there will now be an award available to any library board in a community with fewer than 5,000 people. As well, the bursary is now awarded to the library board rather than an individual. Thus, the board will decide which eligible board member will attend Super Conference. Pierre also reviewed the reasons for the proposed changes to the regional representation for OLBA, noting that the boundaries have been changed so as to have the Mid-Central region include the Toronto region.

7. Treasurer's Report - Elspeth Belair

Motion: To approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented.
Moved by: Elspeth Belair
Seconded by: Andrew Porteus
Carried

8. New Business - Proposed amendment to By-Law #5

Motion: To approve as written the amendment to By-Law #5 as proposed.
Moved by: Pamela Sweet
Seconded by: Andrew Porteus
Carried

9. Business from the floor

Andrew Porteus advised that the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) has asked all Ontario public library boards to consider sponsoring an Indigenous library board, the cost of which is $50.00 for FOPL membership. Andrew requested that all attendees take this request back to their individual boards for consideration.

10. Recognition

Pierre thanked Frances Ryan and Andrew Porteus for their efforts over the past year as conference planners.
11. Incoming President’s Address-Kerry Badgley

On behalf of OLBA Kerry thanked the following:

- Counting Opinions, our AGM sponsor, for making the meeting possible, and for the refreshments;

- The OLA Executive Director, Shelagh Paterson, and the OLBA staff, for all their hard work on behalf of OLBA;

- Pierre Mercier for all of his work while serving as 2016 OLBA President.

Kerry also touched on the OLBA Work Plan for 2017. The Plan will outline OLBA priorities, while at the same time support the strategic priorities of OLA (which is in the process of updating its Strategic Plan).

12. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn
Moved by: Lynne Humfress-Trute

Meeting adjourned at 5:53pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy McLuskey
OLBA Council Secretary 2016