



Spring 2023 BUSINESS MEETING & AGM MINUTES

April 11, 2023

In Person: Vancouver Public Library, Central Branch, 350 Georgia St. W, Vancouver, Rm 919
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In Attendance:

Jim	Bertola, Sparwood PL	Danielle	Hubbard, ORL
Hilary	Bloom, Squamish PL	Karen	Hudson, Salt Spring Isl PL
Stacey	Boden, Rossland PLA	Deb	Hutchison Koep, North Van City PL
Ursula	Brigl, Cranbrook PL	Ben	Hyman, VIRL
Rebecca	Burbank, Powell River PL	Saara	Itkonen, Creston PL
Paul	Burry, Prince George PL	Thomas	Knutson (guest)
Heather	Buzzell, Penticton PL	Mari	Martin, PLB (guest)
Christina	deCastell, Vancouver PL	Melissa	Millsap, Chetwynd PL
Valerie	Crowley, Ft. St. James PL	Kevin	Millsip, BCLC (guest)
Vinita	Chand, ABCPLD (recorder)	Toby	Mueller, Lillooet Area PL
Anton	Dounts, Cariboo	Tina	Nielsen, Bowen Isl PL
Emma	Dressler, Fernie PL	Amber	Norton, Hudson's Hope PL
Leianne	Emery, Sechelt PL	Carmen	Oleskevich, Pender Isl PL
Heather	Evans-Cullen, Gibsons & District PL	Leigh Anne	Palmer, ABCPLD
Alexandra	Faucher, Elkford PL	Anne	Rogers, Invermere PL
Audrey	Fennema, Fraser Lake PL	Marc	Saunders, Port Moody PL
Mikale	Fenton, Whistler PL	Nikki	Sauré, Fraser Lake PL (guest)
Cari Lynn	Gawletz, Grand Forks & District PL	Maureen	Sawa, Greater Victoria PL
Emma	Gillis, Pemberton PL	Tracey	Therrien, Nelson PL
Anthea	Goffe, Coquitlam PL	Elizabeth	Tracy, Pemberton PL (guest)
Rina	Hadziev, BCLA (guest)	Wendy	Wright, Smithers PL
Scott	Hargrove, FVRL		

BUSINESS MEETING

1. Business Meeting

The business meeting was called to order at 1:58 pm.

Motion to accept agenda: Deb Hutchison-Koep/ Scott Hargrove, CARRIED

2. Stakeholder Reports / Updates

201. BC Public Libraries Branch (PLB)

Mari Martin provided an update on activities at the PLB. She highlighted that the province has finished its year-end and has released its budget for 2023. Mari suggested reviewing the Stronger BC Strategic Plan regarding government's priorities for the year. The Strategic Plan for BC Public Libraries is in year 3 now; PLB will be reaching out to libraries and partners regarding this and any possible review or updates to the plan.

202. BC Public Library Partners

Kevin and Rina provided an update on conversations/activities of the BC Public Library Partners.

- BCLTA is in transition with staff leaving.
- The Partners continue to primarily focus on advocacy work and the receipt of one time \$45 million funding, the culmination of approximately 6 years of advocacy work. Kevin thanked members for their collaborative work and for the contributions to the Strategic Initiatives Fund which has enabled work with the government relations firm, Earncliffe Strategies.
- The Partners focus will now be on how to build on the success of the last 6 years and how to establish stable long-term funding.

203. BC Library Federations

Thomas Knutson provided an update on collaborative Federation work:

- A Business Continuity 4-week course and exam just ended, with 20 library directors taking part. This particular professional development session may be offered again in the Fall.
- The Federation is working on core skills training with the University of Victoria, as well as anti-racism and indigenous awareness training programs. All of these programs are self-directed and self-paced courses. Members can visit the Kootenay Library Federation website for more information and how to register.
- A webinar with Dr. Timothy Dickie will take place in October on providing services to people living with dementia.
- With regard to Books for BC Babies Books, 7700 books were ordered and 1100 CD's. Last year was the first year to have a downloaded version of the CD and at that time there were 114 downloads whereas this year there has been over 3400 downloads, reflecting the popularity of this format.

3. Consent Agenda

301. Approval of Fall 2022 Business Meeting Minutes

302. YTD 2023 Financial Statements

302a. Income Statement, through March 2023

302b. Balance Sheet, through March 2023

303. ABCPLD 2023 Operating Plan

Motion to approve consent agenda: Marc Saunders / Christina de Castell, CARRIED

4. Chair's Report

401. 2022-2023 Summary Update

Susan Walters sends her regrets for not being able to attend today's meeting. Cari Lynn Gawletz shared Susan's report:

- At the 2022 AGM, Membership articulated a desire to increase our advocacy efforts, approving the creation of a strategic initiative fund. At the same time, we heard in our inaugural membership survey that the core services that ABCPLD provides to directors are valuable and need to be maintained. ABC is striving to strike a delicate balance this year - both working on large strategic projects like the Provincial Advocacy Initiative while maintaining core services you depend on - continuing to provide professional development opportunities and provide platforms for communication and knowledge exchange.
- The strategic work of the Partners could not be achieved without the funding that ABCPLD member libraries and their Boards provided. The ~\$180K raised was instrumental in moving Partners forward with hiring a GR consultant, engaging with the Ministry in new ways, and being awarded the \$45M one time funding for the sector.
- We're looking forward to turning our focus to creating a strategic advocacy plan that focuses on getting an increase to our ongoing operational funding while providing ongoing support to directors by way of our Fall professional development series, new director orientations, and regular zoom meet ups so that we can maintain connections between us that continue to strengthen us as professionals, bolster our libraries, and empower our sector.

Motion to accept Chair's report: Anton Dounts / Deb Hutchison-Koep, CARRIED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept agenda: Saara Itkonen / Carmen seconded Oleskevich, CARRIED

2. Minutes of the April 19, 2022 AGM

Motion to submit meeting minutes: Scott Hargrove / Wendy Wright, CARRIED

3. BC Public Library Directors Award of Excellence

This year's award was presented by Emma Gillis to Elizabeth Tracy, former Library Director at Whistler Library and former chair of ABCPLD.

4. Consideration of Financial Statements

401. 2022 Income Statement

402. 2022 Balance Sheet

Paul reported that ABCPLD is in a solid financial position. ABCPLD staffing costs associated with the Strategic Initiative project have increased, but those costs were offset by other areas in the budget

that were under spent such as professional development.

AGM Adjourned.

5. Closed Session

Motion to enter closed session: Audrey Fennema / Scott Hargrove, CARRIED

501. One-time Provincial Funding

Cari reported that in early January the Partners put forth a request for \$48M in one-time funding. In March libraries were awarded \$45M. There was discussion about how funding was allocated and communications.

Motion to exit closed session: Christina de Castell / Heather Evans-Cullen, CARRIED

6. Next Meeting

The next Business Meeting will take place in late October. Details will be announced on the listserv.

7. Adjournment: 3:15pm

Motion to adjourn the business meeting: Anton Dounts / Deb Hutchinson-Koep, CARRIED