

# Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Minutes**

**Friday, September 20, 2019**

*10:00 am – 2:00 pm*

**TORONTO REFERENCE LIBRARY – 789 Yonge Street – Founder’s Room**

Attendees: Alicia Kilgour, Paul Ainslie, Elizabeth Glass, Julia Merritt, Margaret MacLean, Margie Singleton, Mary Chevreau, Nadine Williams, Rebecca Hunt, Sabrina Saunders, Samara Cull, Sheri Mish, Vickery Bowles, Wayne Greco

Regrets: Anand Date, Catherina Rouse, Christina Blazecka, Feather Maracle, Jennifer LaChapelle, Kathy Fisher, Sonya Doyle

Staff: Stephen Abram, Helen Morrison

# AGENDA TIME (Min.)

1. **CALL TO ORDER 2**

FOPL Board of Directors meeting called to order at 10:04 am

1. **REGRETS 2**

As noted

1. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**Always updated at http://Stephen’s Lighthouse.com/lighthouse consulting –inc/ 1**

1. Stephen Abram: consulting to PLs, investments in Library start-ups, teaching at iSchool (U of T) as well as a partnership and advisory council positions.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA 2**

MOTION:

To approve the FOPL Board of Director’s Agenda of Friday, September 20, 2019,

Moved by:

Margaret MacLean, Thunder Bay Public Library

Seconded by:

Wayne Greco, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

/All in favour

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2019 2**

MOTION:

To approve the Minutes of the FOPL June 7, 2019 Board Meeting

Moved by:

Margie Singleton, Vaughan Public Libraries

Seconded by:

Vickery Bowles, Toronto Public Library

/All in favour

1. **APPROVAL OF CHAIR’S COMMENTS/REPORT** **10**

Moved by:

Alicia Kilgour, Niagara Falls Public Library

Seconded by:

Margie Singleton, Vaughan Public Libraries

/All in favour

1. **TREASURER’S UPDATE 5**

MOTION:

That the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending August 31, 2019

be received.

Moved by:

Wayne Greco, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

Seconded by:

Margaret MacLean, Thunder Bay Public Library

/All in favour

MOTION:

That the Preliminary 2020 FOPL budget be received as circulated

Moved by:

Wayne Greco, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

Seconded by:

Rebecca Hunt, Temiskaming Shores Public Library

/All in favour

1. **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT 10**

MOTION:

That the report of the Executive Director be received as circulated

* AMO/AMCTO has been great-brought up the agenda unprompted
* Not seeing “knee-jerk” responses from municipalities
* ILLO is down by 35 percent
* Service Ontario Meeting has been set up
* Our position is that libraries cannot take on without training and additional funding
* We have a meeting with policy staff at the Ministry
* OLA meeting next week to formalize our “Ask”

Moved by:

Alicia Kilgour, Niagara Falls Public Library

Seconded by:

Vickery Bowles, Toronto Public Library

/All in favour

1. **CFLA Update (from March 22nd Actions) 10**

* CFLA has Federal election toolkit out-info on FOPL Blog
* Took some of our advice on the copy act report they are campaigning
* NIKLA-still working on getting them set up
* Finding commonalities to provide leadership

1. **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS 30**

MOTION:

Accept the proposal from Hemson for CBC’s as proposed and seek financial partners

* Talking to 3 different ministries
* Push-Ont. Digital Library
* Indigenous salary supplement-get into budget
* Want to get in at political level – restore funding to ILL
* SOLS/OLA continue to deal with their issues
* Survey of ILLO libraries, needs to be non-partisan, so a report can be written to give data
* Regional Government Review – “wait and see”
* Top of mind –Municipal downloading
* Budget for some of these cuts that haven’t been implemented
* Development charges-decision of Hemson proposal

Moved by:

Margie Singleton, Vaughan Public Libraries

Seconded by:

Vickery Bowles, Toronto Public Library

/All in favour

1. **WORKING GROUPS 25**

* Stephen updated the board on the current activities of the 5 working   
  groups to date

1. **MARKETING PLAN PROJECT – OPEN MEDIA DESK UPDATE 25**

* Stephen updated the board on the completion of the OMD 2018/2019 contract, the  
  OMD app and the common ground project.

1. **OTF MINE PROJECT 5**

* Money has been deposited less 10%
* Meeting with Kitchener/Waterloo PL-staff on side to get project launched
* Trying to keep time commitment as low as possible

1. **FOPL STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PRIORITIES ?**

MOTION: to request Stephen Abram to come back to the board in November  
with a draft action plan.

* ED Priorities outdated
* Need conversation to talk about priorities and next steps
* Process - 5-year plan extend until 2020
* Operational goal out-of-date
* Need better clarity for last year of plan for strategic initiatives

Moved by:

Sabrina Saunders, Blue Mountains Public Library

Seconded by:

Wayne Greco, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

/All in favour

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Note: The November 22, 2019 FOPL board meeting as listed on the agenda has been changed to **Friday, November 15, 2019**

FOPL would like to thank Sheri Mish of Wikwemikong First Nation Public Library, who has resigned from her position at the library, for all of her dedication and time volunteering on the FOPL board and we wish her all the best in her new endeavours!

**Adjournment: 12:27**

Moved by:

Margaret MacLean, Thunder Bay Public Library

/All in favour