

# Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

*1:00 pm*

Attendees: Anand Date, Alicia Kilgour, Paul Ainslie, Elizabeth Glass, Feather Maracle, Julia Merritt, Kathy Fisher, Margaret MacLean, Mary Chevreau, Rebecca Hunt, Sabrina Saunders, Vickery Bowles, Wayne Greco

Regrets: Catherina Rouse, Christina Blazecka, Jennifer LaChapelle, Margie Singleton, Nadine Williams, Samara Cull, Sonya Doyle

Staff: Stephen Abram, Helen Morrison

# AGENDA

1. **Call to Order- 1:03 p.m.**
2. **Regrets-as noted**
3. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

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

1. **Approval of Agenda**

MOTION

Motion to Approve the FOPL Board of Director’s Agenda of January 15, 2020

Moved By: Alicia Kilgour, Niagara Falls Public Library

Seconded By: Margaret MacLean, Thunder Bay Public Library

Passed/

1. **Government News**

Stephen highlighted to the board that main envelopes that we are currently working on

* *waiting on Bill 108, Development Charge/Community Benefit Charge regulations before we can start on that project fully*
* *waiting to see if we can get a seat at one of the official Finance Department/Finance Ministry round tables*
* *we have targeted the CEO’s of the local communities to ask them to attend as local people*
* *we have our “Ask” written up*
* *successful in getting Ontario Digital Library Consulting Report, which has legs at the Ministry-will inform our ‘ask’ and positioning*
* *asking for a few million dollars to support the many policy directions to the government to put more money into digital services and e-learning databases and equipment*
* *will work with Pam Ryan at TRL on the government’s anti- poverty strategy*

1. **Approval of Minutes of Nov. 15th, 2019**

MOTION

Motion to Approve the FOPL Board of Directors Minutes of Nov. 15th, 2019

Moved By: Kathy Fisher, Ottawa Public Library

Seconded By: Elizabeth Glass, Toronto Public Library

Passed/

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

***Motion***: *It is recommended that the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries Board receive the Treasurer’s Report for the period ended Oct. 31st, 2019* and *p*ost the approved and final Audited Financial Statements for the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2019 for member approval at the AGM.

*Moved By: Wayne Greco, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library*

Seconded By: Margaret MacLean, Thunder Bay Public Library

Passed/

1. **2019-2020 FOPL Budget**

***Motion***

*That the FOPL Board of Directors hereby accept the 2019-2020 FOPL Budget and move it forward to the FOPL AGM for membership vote.*

*Moved By: Wayne Greco, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library*

Seconded By: Rebecca Hunt, Temiskaming Shores Public Library

Passed/

1. **AGM: Caucus Elections/Nominations**

***Motion***

*That the FOPL Board of Directors hereby accept the Nominations Committee Report and move it forward to the FOPL AGM for membership vote.*

* *The only opening is for a First Nation caucus director- Feather Maracle to report back*

*Moved By: Paul Ainslie, Toronto Public Library*

Seconded By: Kathy Fisher, Ottawa Public Library

Passed/

1. **Other Business**
2. The executive director performance review
3. Please try to attend the Super Conference Public Library Gala and Awards. Our new Minister will be there.
4. Ainslie requested the Government Relations Report/Update be given to the Board in a written format. Abram noted that this could only include public items but would do this.

**Adjournment: 1:34**

*Moved By: Kathy Fisher, Ottawa Public Library*

*Seconded By: Wayne Greco, Sault Ste. Marie* Public Library