

# Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Minutes**

**Friday, November 23,2018**

*10:00 am – 2:00 pm*

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

Attendees: Alicia Kilgour, Anand Date, Catherina Rouse, Christina Blazecka, Paul Ainslie, Elizabeth Glass, Feather Maracle, Jennifer LaChapelle, Julia Merritt, Kathy Fisher, Margaret MacLean, Mary Chevreau, Pierre Giroux, Rebecca Hunt, Ross Parry, Sabrina Saunders, Wayne Greco

Regrets: Margie Singleton, Samara Cull, Sheri Mish, Sonya Doyle, Vickery Bowles

Guest(s) Brendan Howley, Nickolai Howley, Carmen Ho, Jorge Rivera

Staff: Stephen Abram, Helen Morrison

# AGENDA TIME (Min.)

1. **CALL TO ORDER 2**

FOPL Board of Directors meeting called to order at 10:01 am

1. **REGRETS 2**

As noted

1. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST 1**
2. Stephen Abram: consulting to PLs (Barrie PL, Waterloo PL/Edmonton P/L/St Mary’s/  
   Caledon PL, East Gwillimbury, Woodstock PL, Gravenhurst PL, Lambton County), OMA, investments in Library start-ups, teaching at iSchool (U of T) as well as a partnership and advisory council positions.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA 2**

MOTION:

To Approve the FOPL Board of Director’s Agenda of Friday, November 23, 2018

Moved by:

Wayne Greco, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

Seconded By:

Anand Date, Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library

/All in favour

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FOPL BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 14, 2018 2**

MOTION:

To approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2018 FOPL Board Meeting

Moved by:

Pierre Giroux, Grimsby Public Library

Seconded By:

Margaret MacLean, Thunder Bay Public Library

/All in favour

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

* No item to receive

1. **TREASURER’S UPDATE 5**

MOTION:

That the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending October 31, 2018

be received.

Moved by:

Wayne Greco, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

Seconded By:

Mary Chevreau, Kitchener 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

* Hearing good things about the new minister
* New budget is estimated to be $65m smaller
* This new government may go after the Arts maybe not GLAM sector
* Cuts coming-trying to protect our envelope
* Margie Singleton invited new minister for story time
* We are likely not part of the transfer piece- looking strongly at Service Ont.
* OLS-N interview completed -Mellissa D’Onofrio- Jones-announced as candidate
* Booked at AMO, ROMA, OSUM, NOMA in 2019
* Had GLAM sector summit at OMA Conference- identified small team of 8 executive directors
* Shared with members a link valuing the northern broadband study that ORION did
* signed a contract for “Girls who Code” All members have access.

Moved by:

Margaret MacLean, Thunder Bay Public Library

Seconded By:

Wayne Greco, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library

/All in favour

1. **2019 BOARD NOMINATION PLANNING 15**

* Won’t know of re-appointments until Jan 2019
* There are 3 upcoming CEO positions (FN, Urban, Rural)
* Mary Chevreau and Feather Maracle put their names forward to continue  
  as did Jennifer LaChapelle
* Margaret MacLean, Paul Ainslie, Kathy Fisher, Anand Date and Wayne Greco put their names forward for trustee re-appointment
* We will await for all trustee re-appointments and address the CEO positions in the meantime

1. **FOPL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 10**

* Need to edit the measure of “15,000 years” to time immimorial
* We will use this as a land acknowledgement for future FOPL meetings
* To be used as a philosophy statement on website and we will encourage member

libraries to do so also

Moved by:

Ross Parry, Toronto Public Library

Seconded By:

Jennifer LaChapelle, Clearview Public Library

/All in favour

1. **COUNSEL’S POST-ELECTION RECOMMENDATIONS 20**

* Counsel has taken two documents forward –
* Trying to be clear on economic impact of libraries
* modernizing and streamlining library services
* red tape-asked by policy advisors-reduce the reporting of over-burden  
  for small, mid-size and First Nation libraries
* Advised to reduce to one document
* PLOG ask and broadband ask is their priority

1. **ART IN YOUR WALLET PROJECT 20**

* Stephen shared our book with the board and explained the idea behind  
   the book and pricing for both print and ebook on Amazon.
* To be given as a gift to new councillors/trustees

1. **FOPL BYLAWS UPDATE DISCUSSION 15**

MOTION:

To approve the discussion of the FOPL Bylaws

* To recommend a small change of the appointment of officers for a term of 2 years  
  which will allow more continuity
* Submit the bylaws to membership for approval

Moved by:

Mary Chevreau, Kitchener Public Library

Seconded By:

Alicia Kilgour, Niagara Falls Public Library

/All in favour

1. **THE BRIDGE TOOLKIT 25**

* Presentation given by Elizabeth Glass, Carmen Ho and Jorge Rivera  
  on the assessment of technology’s impact.

1. **WORKING GROUPS 25**

* CELUPL happy that mandate was approved
* HR Human Capacity is implementing 2 surveys
* Meeting set in December
* Great responses to both
* Will have good data to share

1. **MARKETING PLAN PROJECT 25**

* Presentation given by Brendan Howley and his son Nikolai on the progress  
  of the OMD project to date

1. **STATISTICS PROJECT UPDATE 15**

* Got 3 new reports up on the website
* Peer ranking studies ordered and sent
* We have 3 special reports that Rod Sawyer created
* We have 6 special reports that Stephen created with Bob Molyneux

1. **LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 15**

* Summit still postponed
* Trying to keep low key – no clawbacks
* Probably schedule after next budget

1. **CFLA UPDATE 5**

* We are sending out all of their communications to our members
* Membership is good
* Asked them to be clear about the role of broadband in libraries and   
  equity of access
* Asked them to be clear on international treaties

1. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION DESCRIPTION 10**

MOTION:

To approve the discussion of the Executive Director job description

* It is recommended that the Executive Director’s job description be reviewed  
  and revised as needed every 2 years

Moved by:

Margaret MacLean, Thunder Bay Public Library

Seconded By:

Kathy Fisher, Ottawa Public Library

/All in favour

1. **LEANNE CLENDENING RETIREMENT 10**

MOTION:

That the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries thank Leanne Clendening, CEO of Ontario Public Library Service-North for her partnership with FOPL, her leadership for stronger northern libraries, and her service to Ontario libraries over the course of her career.

Moved by:

Margaret MacLean, Thunder Bay Public Library

Seconded By:

Rebecca Hunt, Temiskaming Shores Public Library

/All in favour

**Adjournment: 1:33**

Moved by:

Mary Chevreau, Kitchener Public Library

/All in favour