

Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

Meeting Date: April 26, 2024

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Secretary: Dina Stevens, Executive Director/Secretary of the Board

In Attendance: Dina Stevens, FOPL ED (non-voting)
Wayne Greco, FOPL Board, Sault Ste Marie Public Library
Sarah Vaisler, FOPL Board, Ajax Public Library
David Harvie, FOPL Board, Former Library Leaders Caucus
Jonathan Hoss, FOPL Board, Toronto PL
Jodie Delgado, FOPL Board, Springwater PL
Margie Singleton, FOPL Board, Vaughan PL
Jennifer LaChapelle, FOPL Board, Clearview PL
Lisa Radha Vohra, FOPL Board, Toronto PL
Todd Kyle, Brampton PL
Carolyn Caskanette, Hanover PL
Lauren Jessop, Barrie PL
Catherina Moskau, FOPL Board, Clarence Rockland PL
Laura Carter, Kingston Frontenac PL
Jennifer Murley, Blue Mountains PL
Crystal Bergstrom, Bracebridge PL
Rachel Tkachuk, Port Colborne PL
Adele Reid, King Township PL
Julie Portelance, Hearst PL
Julie Latimer, Kapuskasing PL
Michael Ciccone, London PL
Beverly King, Halton Hills PL
Erin Scuccimarri, Innisfil IdeaLab and PL
Sonia Bebbington, Ottawa PL
David Tremblay, Huntsville PL
Kelly Kipfer, Waterloo PL
Sam Coghlan, FOPL Member, Former Library Leaders Caucus
Karla Buckborough, Cavan Monaghan Libraries
Rosemary Minnella, West Perth PL
Rebecca Hunt, FOPL Board, Temiskaming Shores PL
France Seguin, Russell Township PL
Allie Fallis, Waterloo Region Public Libraries
Andrew Whitfield, Muskoka Lakes PL
Vicki Stevens, Rideau Lakes PL
Ashley Kulchycki, Collingwood PL
Christina Blazeka, Cochrane PL
Alison Dee, Clarington PL
Alicia Subnaik-Kilgour, FOPL Board, Niagara Falls PL

Laura Wark, Essa PL
Rhonda Jessup, Whitby PL
Rae-Lynne Aramburo, Brantford PL
Sarah Douglas-Murray, Milton PL
Christine Row, Mississippi Mills PL
Lita Barrie, Burlington PL
Kathy Fisher, FOPL Board, Ottawa PL
Pam Pal, Wasaga PL
Paul Ainslie, FOPL Board, Toronto PL
Susan Artymko, Bonnechere PL
Anne Smith, FOPL Board, Innisfil PL
Lynne Fascinato, Meaford PL
Matthew Macdonald, Sault Ste Marie PL

By Proxy: Laura Wark, Essa PL
Heather Ratz, Brighton PL
Terri Watman, Former Library Leaders Caucus
Stephanie Clare, Georgian Bay PL
Pat McGurk, Elliot Lake PL
Lorrie Atkinson, Wainfleet Township PL

Prepared By: Diana Chiavaroli, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order & Confirmation of Quorum

The 2023 Annual General Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by the Chair.

2. Land Acknowledgement

See attached Agenda Package.

3. Acknowledgement of Guests

The Board Chair extended a warm welcome to all attendees of the AGM.

4. Approval of Agenda

FOPL-Resolution-2024-AGM-01

Moved by Sarah Vaisler and seconded by Jodie Delgado, THAT the FOPL AGM Agenda of April 26, 2024, be approved as circulated and described in the Notice of AGM. CARRIED.

5. Approval of Previous AGM Minutes

FOPL-Resolution-2024-AGM-02

Moved by Margie Singleton and seconded by Laura Carter, THAT the FOPL AGM minutes of April 21, 2023, be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

6. FOPL Chair's Report

See attached Agenda Package.

FOPL-Resolution-2024-AGM-03

Moved by Jennifer LaChapelle and seconded by Adele Reid, THAT the 2023 report of the FOPL Chair be received as circulated. CARRIED.

7. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director offered thanks to everyone for their assistance in a successful legislative season. Margie Singleton offered congratulations to the Executive Director for a successful year.

FOPL-Resolution-2024-AGM-04

Moved by Catherina Moskau and seconded by Sarah Vaisler, THAT the 2023 report of the FOPL Executive Director be received as circulated. CARRIED.

8. Treasurer's Report

See attached Agenda Package.

Sarah Vaisler noted that the budget for Public Relations was not used fully and inquired how this will be utilized in 2024. The Executive Director explained that there is a lag in billing, so the third quarter of 2023 will be shown in 2024. This accounts for the perceived gap. A Library Day in Queen's Park will also account for a significant portion of the budget in 2024. The majority of this budget line is a shared agreement with OLA to employ Counsel Public Affairs government relations firm.

FOPL-Resolution-2024-AGM-05

Moved by Wayne Greco and seconded by Jodie Delgado, THAT the Treasurer's Report be received as circulated. CARRIED.

FOPL-Resolution-2024-AGM-06

Moved by Wayne Greco and seconded by Jodie Delgado, THAT the Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, be received as circulated; and

FOPL-Resolution-2024-AGM-07

Moved by Wayne Greco and seconded by Jodie Delgado, THAT the FOPL budget for fiscal year 2024 be received as circulated. CARRIED.

9. Confirmation of Acts of Directors & Officers

FOPL-Resolution-2024-AGM-08

Moved by Catherina Moskau and seconded by Michael Ciccone, THAT all acts, contacts, by-laws, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments, enacted, made, done and taken in good faith by the directors and officers of FOPL to the date of this meeting, as the same are set out or referred to in the resolutions to the Board of directors, the minutes of the meetings of the Board of directors or in the financial statements of the federation, are approved, sanctioned and confirmed. CARRIED.

10. Report of Working Groups and Committees

a. Indigenous Library Partnerships Working Group

See attached Agenda Package.

Feather Maracle, Chair of the Working Group, provided a verbal update. The committee advocated for the increase in funding for the First Nations Salary Supplement to First Nation public libraries. While there was a release of \$3.75 million dollars over the next three years, these funds are to be attributed amongst both the First Nations Salary Supplement and the Public Library Operating Grant for First Nation Libraries. Once divided amongst all the First Nation libraries, it is still insufficient. There are questions regarding how the money will be divided between the two. This needs attention and the Working Group will aim to address these concerns in 2024.

Feather also highlighted the Truth and Reconciliation Plan document that was created by the Working Group.

b. Marketing and Communications Advisory Working Group

See attached Agenda Package.

c. Government Relations Working Group

See attached Agenda Package.

d. Research & Development Working Group

See attached Agenda Package.

e. French Translation Working Group

See attached Agenda Package.

f. CELUPL

See attached Agenda Package.

FOPL-Resolution-2024-AGM-09

Moved by Lauren Jessop and seconded by Kathy Fisher, THAT the Reports of all Working Groups and Committees be received as circulated. CARRIED.

11. Nominations & Elections to the Board for 2024

The Deadline for Nominations was April 1, 2024, at 4:00pm.

Francophone Caucus CEO	Catherina Moskau [acclaimed]
Francophone Caucus Trustee CEO	<i>remains open</i>
Large Urban Caucus Trustee	Wayne Greco [acclaimed]
Large Urban Caucus Trustee	Kathy Fisher [acclaimed]
Large Urban Caucus Trustee	<i>remains open</i>
Large Urban Caucus CEO	Sarah Vaisler [acclaimed]
Northern Caucus Trustee	<i>remains open</i>
Rural Caucus Trustee	Susa McGibbon [acclaimed]
Small Caucus Trustee	Anne Smith [acclaimed]
Small Caucus CEO	Jodie Delgado [acclaimed]
Toronto City Librarian	Vickery Bowles [acclaimed]

Members were encouraged to connect with their Board members following the appointment of the new Board, to identify potential candidates interested in filling open positions on the FOPL Board.

The Executive Director also welcomed Jonathan Hoss, who was appointed to the Toronto Public Library Caucus.

FOPL-Resolution-2024-AGM-10

Moved by Jennifer LaChapelle and seconded by Wayne Greco, THAT That the names of those appointed and elected to the FOPL Board of directors by the various caucuses be received. CARRIED.

12. Other Business

a. Member Motions

Deadline for member motions was March 27, 2024, at 4:00pm.

According to FOPL Bylaw, Section 9.2, Resolutions shall be prepared and submitted to the Board no later than 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Resolutions, other than resolutions proposed by the Board, may not exceed 200 words in length, and shall be signed by the presiding officer and the secretary of the submitting body.

None.

b. Emergency Motions

According to FOPL Bylaw, Section 9.2.1, *Emergency resolutions shall have the same requirements as regular resolutions, respective of word length and signatories. Emergency resolutions may be presented to the Annual General Meeting where the matter provoking the resolution could not reasonably have been known by the submitting body more than 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, subject to the approval of the Board.*

None.

13. Adjournment

FOPL-Resolution-2024-AGM-11

Moved by Jennifer Murley and seconded by Todd Kyle, THAT That the Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries be adjourned at 10:26 a.m. CARRIED.

Paul Ainslie, Board Chair

Dina Stevens, Board Secretary