

Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

Meeting Date: February 3, 2023

Meeting Time: 7:30 a.m.

Location: Hybrid via Zoom & OLA Super Conference

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

In Attendance: **First Nations Caucus:** Feather Maracle

Francophone Caucus: Catherina Rouse

Large Urban Caucus: Mary Chevreau, Wayne Greco, Alicia Subnaik-Kilgour,
Margie Singleton, Kathy Fisher

Small & Medium Caucus: Matthew Corbett, Sabrina Saunders

Northern Caucus: Rebecca Hunt,

Rural Caucus: Jennifer LaChapelle

Toronto Caucus: Paul Ainslie, Vickery Bowles

Regrets: Kathleen Copegog, Jacques Heroux, Sue Melcher, Nadine Williams

Absent: Alim Remtulla

FOPL Team: Dina Stevens, Executive Director

Hannah Saunders, Administrative Assistant

Prepared By: Hannah Saunders, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:43 a.m. by the Chair.

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Regrets

As noted above.

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Approval of the Minutes – November 18, 2022

FOPL-Resolution 2023-001

Moved by Jennifer LaChapelle and seconded by Wayne Greco, THAT this Board approve as circulated, the FOPL Board Minutes of November 18, 2022. CARRIED.

6. Approval of Agenda

FOPL-Resolution 2023-002

Moved by Margie Singleton and seconded by Kathy Fisher, THAT this Board approve as circulated, the FOPL Board Agenda of February 3, 2023. CARRIED.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer provided a summary of the distributed report. The Executive Director stated that following the auditors unaudited release of statements there is potential to move any unspent revenues into the High Interest Saving's Account, which will give FOPL a better interest rate. More information will be brought back at the Audit approval meeting in March.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-003

Moved by Wayne Greco and seconded by Catherina Rouse, THAT this Board receive the Treasurer's Report as information for the period ending December 31, 2022. CARRIED.

8. Executive Director's Report

a. Annual Work Plan

The Executive Director provided a summary of the distributed report. The Executive Director introduced FOPL's newest Board Member; Matthew Corbett, CEO of Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library.

The Executive Director received an invite from the Ministry for consultations on FOPL's budget asks. Vickery Bowles and Feather Maracle have also been invited for separate consultations focusing on different areas of public libraries. The Executive Director will work on a document with specific messaging for each consultation to make sure the message is consistent and clear, "speaking with one voice". The Board discussed whether the pre-budget asks were aggressive enough for dialogue, with this opportunity the Board would like provincial funding to be discussed and the issues with the PLOG should be a key point. The value of the physical space of a library also needs to be addressed as well as the importance of equal access to digital materials. Vickery also mentioned that the Bridge data would be a good tool to use during discussions.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-004

Moved by Kathy Fisher and seconded by Mary Chevreau, THAT this Board receive the Executive Director's Report as information. CARRIED.

[Sabrina Saunders joined the meeting]

9. Working Group Reports

a. Research & Development Working Group

The Executive Director provided a summary of the distributed report. The Executive Director has reached out to Ontario Post-Secondary Institutions that offer library programs to offer student access to the Data Dashboard for an annual membership. The

Vice Chair suggested Board Members who are an alumni of one of these institutions to please reach out and pitch the benefits of joining FOPL.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-005

Moved by Jennifer LaChapelle and seconded by Sabrina Saunders, THAT this Board receive the Research & Development Working Group Report as information. CARRIED.

b. Indigenous Library Partnership Working Group

Feather Maracle, Chair of the Working Group, provided a summary of the distributed report. Feather gave a quick run through of the Truth & Reconciliation Plan, which was created from the 94 Calls to Action and CFLA's response to the document. This guide will provide tangible action items to incorporate T&R into library spaces.

FOPL's land acknowledgement will be updated by the Indigenous Library Partnership Working Group.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-006

Moved by Rebecca Hunt and seconded by Wayne Greco, THAT this Board receive the Indigenous Library Partnership Working Group Verbal Report as information. CARRIED.

10. New Business

a. ONCA Compliant Bylaws

Sabrina Saunders, Vice Chair of the Board, provided a verbal update. Sabrina will compare the base draft and layer FOPL's own language to meet their template. This will be included in the 2023 AGM. Margie volunteered to work with Sabrina.

[Sabrina Saunders and Feather Maracle left the meeting to attend an OLA session]

b. Administrative Assistant Laptop Replacement

The Administrative Assistant's laptop needs to be replaced as it is no longer working with the software used by FOPL for its financial management. The Board discussed creating a plan for future technology purchases and necessary upgrades, this would be built into the budget.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-007

Moved by Wayne Greco and seconded by Catherina Rouse, THAT this Board approve the purchase of a new Administrative Assistant laptop that fits the needs of the software used by FOPL. CARRIED.

11. Next Meeting

- March 17, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. – Audit Approval (virtual only)

12. Adjournment

The Board meeting was called to adjourn by the Chair at 8:59 a.m.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-008

Moved by Margie Singleton and seconded by Catherina Rouse, THAT this Board does now adjourn. CARRIED.

Paul Ainslie, Board Chair

Dina Stevens, Board Secretary