

Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

Meeting Date: June 16, 2023

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Hybrid via Zoom & Civic Centre Resource Library

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

In Attendance: **First Nations Caucus:** Kathleen Copegog

Francophone Caucus: Catherina Rouse

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

Small & Medium Caucus: Matthew Corbett, Sabrina Saunders, Anne Smith

Northern Caucus: Rebecca Hunt, Sue Melcher

Rural Caucus: Jennifer LaChapelle

Toronto Caucus: Vickery Bowles, Lisa Radha Vohra

Regrets: Paul Ainslie, Feather Maracle, Nadine Williams, David Harvie

Absent: Kathy Fisher, 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 10:11 a.m. by the Chair.

2. Land Acknowledgement

[Jennifer LaChapelle entered the meeting]

3. Regrets

As noted above.

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Approval of the Minutes – February 3, 2023

FOPL-Resolution 2023-010

Moved by Margie Singleton and seconded by Vickery Bowles, THAT this Board approve as circulated, the FOPL Board Minutes of February 3, 2023. CARRIED.

6. Approval of the Minutes – Audit Approval March 17, 2023

FOPL-Resolution 2023-011

Moved by Matthew Corbett and seconded by Wayne Greco, THAT this Board approve as circulated, the FOPL Audit Approval Minutes of March 17, 2023. CARRIED.

7. Approval of Agenda

FOPL-Resolution 2023-012

Moved by Catherina Rouse and seconded by Margie Singleton, THAT this Board approve as circulated, the FOPL Board Agenda of June 16, 2023. CARRIED.

8. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer provided a summary of the distributed report. A discussion followed regarding the budgeted amount for Marketing and Promotions. The Executive Director described the difficulties in projecting accurate budgets for conferences given the fluctuating market for accommodations and inflation.

[Jennifer LaChapelle entered the meeting]

[Mary Chevreau entered the meeting]

FOPL-Resolution 2023-013

Moved by Wayne Greco and seconded by Matthew Corbett, THAT this Board receive the Treasurer's Report as information for the period ending May 31, 2023. CARRIED.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-014

Moved by Wayne Greco and seconded by Matthew Corbett, THAT this Board have three distinct accounts held in the name of FOPL: General Fund/Operational Chequing account; Internal Restricted high interest savings account; and an Investment savings account which is the credit card security; and that 50% of end of year surplus revenues be transferred from the General Fund to the Internal Restricted annually unless directed by resolution otherwise. CARRIED.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-015

Moved by Wayne Greco and seconded by Matthew Corbett, THAT the FOPL Board approve the revised 2023 Expense Claim Form effective for this meeting. CARRIED.

9. Executive Director's Report

a. Annual Work Plan

The Executive Director provided a summary of the distributed report. Board members expressed the need to modify FOPL's messaging and campaigns for future conferences. It was discussed that FOPL will discontinue the "Importance of Keeping Public Libraries Independent" campaign at the end of 2023. The messaging for a new campaign focusing on libraries as a non-partisan, welcoming and inclusive place for everyone within a

community. The Executive Director will take this feedback into account and work with Counsel Public Affairs for a new campaign for 2024 municipal engagement. A discussion also ensued regarding the Executive Director's participation on CFLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-016

Moved by Vickery Bowles and seconded by Rebecca Hunt, THAT this Board receive the Executive Director's Report as information. CARRIED.

10. Working Group Reports

a. Research & Development Working Group

The Executive Director provided a verbal update. Areas of focus for this working group are Artificial Intelligence and ChatGPT, Asset Management and Bill 23. The working group will be providing an information session for FOPL members in the fall about Artificial Intelligence with guest speaker Avery Swartz.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-017

Moved by Wayne Greco and seconded by Margie Singleton, THAT this Board receive the Research & Development Working Group update as information. CARRIED.

b. Indigenous Library Partnership Working Group

Feather Maracle, Chair of the Working Group, provided a summary of the distributed report. A change will be made to reflect Kelly Bernstein's library on the website and reports.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-018

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

FOPL-Resolution 2023-019

Moved by Sabrina Saunders and seconded by Wayne Greco, THAT the FOPL Board approve the allocation of \$5000 in funds for the production of a video campaign to support the organizations provincial priority for public libraries on reserve. CARRIED.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-020

Moved by Sabrina Saunders and seconded by Wayne Greco, THAT the FOPL Board approve and adopt the position statement on UNDRIP. CARRIED.

c. Marketing & Communications Working Group

Sabrina Saunders, Chair of the Working Group, provided a summary of the distributed report. A change will be made on the website to correct Catherina Moskau's preferred name.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-021

Moved by Margie Singleton and seconded by Catherina Rouse, THAT this Board receive the Marketing & Communications Working Group Report as information. CARRIED.

d. Government Relations Working Group

Margie Singleton, Chair of the Working Group, provided a summary of the distributed report.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-022

Moved by Margie Singleton and seconded by Alicia Subnaik-Kilgour, THAT this Board receive the Government Relations Working Group Report as information. CARRIED.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-023

Moved by Margie Singleton and seconded by Alicia Subnaik-Kilgour, And THAT the FOPL Board work with CULC Safety and Security Task Group to pursue joint initiatives to support Ontario Public Libraries in their quest to deliver safe and secure spaces. CARRIED.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-024

Moved by Margie Singleton and seconded by Alicia Subnaik-Kilgour, THAT the FOPL Board support by submission of a letter, the CULC/CIPPIC/CARL/CFLA request for changes to the Consumer Protection Act (CPA) and additional sector specific legislative proposals to ensure library protection against unfair digital contracts that target publicly supported libraries. CARRIED.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-025

Moved by Margie Singleton and seconded by Alicia Subnaik-Kilgour, THAT the FOPL Board ensure the FOPL priority of increased PLOG funding be integrated into all future provincial government advocacy initiatives. CARRIED.

e. CELUPL Terms of Reference

The Executive Director provided a summary of the distributed report. After much discussion, it was decided that the Large Urban Caucus CEO representatives will review the document and work with the CELUPL Executive to create a mutually acceptable Terms of Reference

FOPL-Resolution 2023-026

Moved by Mary Chevreau and seconded by Jennifer LaChapelle, THAT the Large Urban Caucus representatives engage with CELUPL executive to design a document that is acceptable to both groups. CARRIED.

[Sue Melcher left the meeting]

11. Deferred Business

a. ONCA Compliant Bylaws

FOPL's Bylaws need to be revised to that they fit within the ONCA compliance framework. Lisa Radha Vohra has volunteered to work with Sabrina Saunders to revise the bylaws by the end of 2023.

12. New Business

a. Support for Consumer Protection Act Recommendations

The Executive Director provided a summary of the distributed report. The board recommends supporting this initiative via a letter.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-027

Moved by Catherina Rouse and seconded by Lisa Radha Vohra, THAT this Board receive the Support for Consumer Protection Act Recommendations as information. CARRIED.

b. Ex Libris Association Partnership Opportunity

The Executive Director provided a summary of the distributed report. After deliberating the various options for partnership with Ex Libris Association, the board recommends offering an Association Membership at the standard rate.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-028

Moved by Wayne Greco and seconded by Lisa Radha Vohra, THAT this Board will extend the offer of an Association members of \$500 for full access. CARRIED.

c. Ontario Digital Public Library Recommendation Committee

Margie Singleton provided a summary of her recommendation that FOPL create a committee to discuss the wants and needs of the public library community in respect to the Ontario Digital Public Library. As the ODPL has gotten a lot of attention lately it would be best to be prepared with a set of formal recommendations in the event that we do receive funding. Lisa, Catherina and Rebecca have expressed interest in participating. The board agreed that a first step would be to meet with the Ontario Library Service. A discussion occurred regarding the various possibilities for recommendations.

d. Safety & Security Advocacy Initiatives

- i. Partnership With CULC & White Paper Proposal
- ii. Researchers Project with Brantford, Barrie, & Thunder Bay Pls

The Executive Director provided a summary of the distributed reports and the opportunities for collaboration available. There was a discussion regarding the various benefits of collaborating with each. The board recommended liaising with the Ontario Library Service to discern their current work in this initiative. The board decided to offer knowledge sharing and mobilization with both organizations.

e. Counsel Public Affairs Contract Renewal

The Executive Director provided a summary of the distributed report.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-029

Moved by Wayne Greco and seconded by Margie Singleton, THAT this Board renew the contract with OLA. CARRIED.

f. Collections & Programming Challenges

Catherina Rouse provided a verbal update.

g. Strategic Planning Working Group Revival

The Executive Director brought to the board's attention that FOPL's current strategic plan is valid until the end of 2023. The board agreed to revive the strategic plan working group. Sabrina, Rebecca, Alicia, Kathleen and Anne have expressed interest in participating.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-030

Moved by Catherina Rouse and seconded by Margie Singleton, THAT this Board revive the Strategic Planning Working Group. CARRIED.

13. Next Meeting

- September 8, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.
Hybrid Meeting
Bradford Public Library

14. Adjournment

The Board meeting was called to adjourn by the Chair at 2:45 p.m.

FOPL-Resolution 2023-031

Moved by Catherina Rouse THAT this Board does now adjourn. CARRIED.

Paul Ainslie, Board Chair

Dina Stevens, Board Secretary