Minutes

Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

Meeting Date: May 17, 2024
Meeting Time: 10:00a.m.
Location: Hybrid – Ansley Grover Library, Virtual via Zoom
Secretary: Dina Stevens, Executive Director/Secretary of the Board

In Attendance: ***First Nations Caucus*:** Feather Maracle
***Francophone Caucus*:** Catherina Moskau
***Large Urban Caucus*:** Wayne Greco, Margie Singleton, Sarah Vaisler
***Small & Medium Caucus*:** Jodie Delgado, Anne Smith
***Northern Caucus*:** Rebecca Hunt
***Rural Caucus*:** Susan McGibbon, Jennifer LaChappelle
***Toronto Caucus*:** Paul Ainslie, Lisa Radha Vohra, Jonathan Hoss
Former Library Leaders: None
Guests: Devan Sommerville, Council Public Affairs

Regrets: David Harvie, Kathleen Copegog, Alicia Subnaik-Kilgour, Kathy Fisher, Matthew Corbett, Sue Melcher, Vickery Bowles,
Absent: Nadine Williams

FOPL Team: Dina Stevens, Executive Director

Prepared By: Diana Chiavaroli, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

The Q1 Board Meeting was called to order at 10:08 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 of the January 24, 2024 Board Meeting

Amendments to incorrect dates and regrets were made.

Moved by Jodie Delgado and seconded by Margie Singleton, THAT this Board approves the minutes of the January 24, 2024 board meeting, as amended. CARRIED.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the April 15, 2024 Audit Approval Board Meeting

Amendments to dates made.

Moved by Sarah Vaisler and seconded by Catherina Moskau, THAT this Board approves the minutes of the April 15, 2024 Audit Approval Board Meeting, as amended. CARRIED.

7. Approval of the minutes of the April 26, 2024 post AGM board meeting

Moved by Jonathan Hoss and seconded by Catherina Moskau, THAT this Board approves the minutes of the April 26, 2024 Post AGM Board Meeting. CARRIED.

8. Approval of the Agenda.

Moved by Jonathan Hoss and seconded by Lisa Radha Vohra, THAT this Board approve as circulated, the FOPL Board Agenda of January 24, 2024. CARRIED.

Motion to move to In-Camera Session

Moved by Wayne Greco, seconded by Sarah Vaisler THAT this Board go into Closed Session at 10:13 a.m. CARRIED.

In- Camera Session

The board discussed the current provincial priorities and was provided guidance by council public affairs for the fall 2024 legislative session. The board also discussed a personnel matter.

Exit In- Camera Session

[Devan Sommerville left the meeting]

Moved by Anne Smith, seconded by Sarah Vaisler, THAT the Board approve the adopted 2024-2025 provincial priorities and receive the administrative report as information. CARRIED

9. Treasurer's Report - Deferred

10. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director has provided a summary of the report, highlighting a few key points.

Moved by Margie Singleton and seconded by Jonathan Hoss, THAT this Board receive the Executive Director's Report as information. CARRIED.

11. Working Group and Committees – Reports and Updates

a. Research and Development Working Group

The Executive Director provided a summary of the distributed report.

Margie Singleton requested that the feedback to the Ministry of Tourism regarding the Annual Survey of Public Libraries be brought to the board for approval prior to being delivered to the ministry.

The Executive Director noted that the conversion of the Data Dashboard from Google Analytics to Power BI will come at a minor cost that is within Working Group's budget. This means it will be owned by FOPL.

Moved by Margie Singleton and seconded by Susan McGibbon, THAT this Board receive the Research and Development Working Group's report as information, and that a draft on the feedback to the Ministry of Tourism be sent to the board before submission. CARRIED.

[Paul Ainslie left the meeting]

Wayne Greco assumed duties as Chair

b. Strategic Planning Project Team

i. Draft Strategic Plan

The Draft Strategic Plan was summarized by the Executive Director.
Lisa Radha Vohra requested 'Ontario Public libraries support, defend, and advocate for intellectual freedom' statement be included within the Strategic Plan. This was discussed and decided that the statement be included within the Vision portion of the Strategic Plan. Sarah noted that this should be integrated into multiple sections. The Draft of the Strategic Plan will be revised and presented to the board again at the September board meeting. The timeline of the Strategic Plan will also be reviewed and revised.

Moved by Jodie Delgado and seconded by Sarah Vaisler THAT the Draft Strategic Plan be received by the Board. CARRIED.

12. Deferred Business

a. CELUPL Terms of Reference

Deferred to next meeting.

b. Intellectual Freedom Statement / Adoption

Deferred to next meeting.

13. New Business

a. Spring Caucus Meetings Feedback

The Executive Director summarized the spring Caucus meetings and feedback. Attendance rates being lower than desired was noted. Wayne Greco suggested a survey to gather feedback on meeting attendance.

Moved by Susan McGibbon and seconded by Jonathan Hoss THAT the Board receive the Spring Caucus Meetings Feedback as information. CARRIED

c. Proposed resolution of support for library CEO

Margie Singleton noted that previous requests of FOPL to support individuals were not executed as it was not within the purview of FOPL, and this request should be treated similarly. Jodie Delgado noted she is not in support of the motion. The Executive Director noted Vickery Bowles sent in a vote electronically recommending the board not support the motion.

The Executive Director noted that the reason for the suggestion of a deferral of this item was due to David Harvie not being in attendance at this meeting, and this motion was put forward by him.

Wayne Greco noted there is nothing in the by-laws to support this action.

Moved by David Harvie and seconded by Margie Singleton THAT the Board support the Niagara -On-The-Lake CEO. No one spoke for or against. All were opposed to the motion. Motion is LOST.

d. Administrative assistant position

Moved by Sarah Vaisler and seconded by Jennifer LaChapelle THAT the Board approve the proposed increase in annual budget for the position of Administrative Assistant. CARRIED.

e. Trademark renewal

Moved by Lisa Radha Vohra and seconded by Jonathan Hoss THAT the Board receive the Trademark Renewal documents as information. CARRIED.

14. Next Meeting

Friday, September 20th, 2024
10:00AM
Hybrid – Springwater Public Library – Elmvale Branch. 50 Queen St. W. Elmvale.

15. Adjournment

The Board meeting was called to adjourn by the Chair at 12:52.

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Paul Ainslie, Board Chair Dina Stevens, Board Secretary