

Nova Scotia Library Association

March 29, 2019 Board Minutes

Sackville Public Library, Sackville, NS

Present: Denise Corey, Angela Reynolds, Alison Brown, Dale MacMillan, Jai Soloy, Bill Morgan, Ray Fernandes, Yvette Frost.

Absent: Ann-Marie Mathieu, Katharine McCoubrey, Eric Pottie.

1. Call to Order

Denise called the meeting to order at 10:01. Denise opened with the First Nations Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of the agenda

There being no additions the agenda was approved as presented.

Motion carried. Brown / Fernandes

3. Approval of Minutes

Dale pointed out a couple of errors in the minutes:4.2 the words Culture and communities were mixed up and at 5.2 an error in the spelling of Toze.

Motion to accept the minutes as amended and corrected.

Motion carried, MacMillan / Reynolds.

4. Old Business and Business arising from the minutes

4.1 2018 NSLA Conference wrap-up (Yvette Frost)

Yvette presented the final report on the 2018 NSLA / LBANS conference.

Action: Yvette to check with Erin for clarification if LBANS received their portion from WCRL or if NSLA had to pay them. To be updated at next board meeting.

4.2 Special projects with First Nations (Angela Reynolds)

Angela explained how she was preparing an application to send to the Innovation Fund at Communities, Culture and Heritage based on the book *Speaking for truth* by Monique Gray Smith. The program would include book talking circles, fund a part time position from the Indigenous community, and provide education for library staff. This would include a day's workshop and training with the author. The workshop and training will

depend on the availability of the author. because of the popularity of the author this workshop would have to be held in the Halifax area.

Angela indicated that this would be a great project for NSLA to support. Bill informed the board that because the project had not been budgeted for this year it should be added to the list to be added to next year's budget.

Motion: Move that NSLA support bringing Monique Gray Smith to NS for cultural competency for NS Library Staff for the 2019-2010 budget year. The amount would be up to \$1500 to support travel and speaking fees.

Motion carried. Reynolds / Morgan

4.3 Spring workshops –follow-up

The spring workshop announcement has already gone out to the libraries. The spring workshops will be on May 6th in Windsor and on May 13th in Antigonish. This year's workshop is: Building an International Competence and is being put on by ISANS.

Ray has asked ISANS for a bill for their services. He has not received a bill as of today.

NOTE: If ISANS does not put in for funding for expenses of funding by June NSLA will make a donation to their organization.

4.4 Strategic Planning

1. CSCNS Strategic Planning proposal

The consensus was that the CSCNS proposal was too much money.

There was discussion that board members would search through their contacts to see if we could come up with someone to do a strategic plan for NSLA.

One idea was we send a request through the ListServe to see if there may be someone who could do a strategic plan. It was decided that Ann-Marie will send the request through the NSLA and APLA Listservs.

We want to have a plan in place at the next board meeting to be able to set a date to work on the plan.

It was suggested that we try and set a time aside prior to the conference in October at White Point.

5. Reports

5.1 President (Ann Marie Mathieu)

Ann-Marie was not present but her report was placed on file.

5.2 Vice President (Denise Corey)

Denise indicated that while she was at OLA she found several vendors who indicated they would attend our 2019 conference.

Denise explained how NSLA received money through the partnership. One of the programs we benefit from is the education Institute. She forwarded a request from the partnership for speakers. Speakers get a number of benefits from speaking for the EI, including getting a stipend, getting exposure and there are unlimited seats.

Denise also expressed a concern that we were not using the Partnership Job Board. This is another source of income for NSLA.

Action: Dale will write a letter for Denise to send to institutional members explaining the Job Board.

5.3 Past President

Cindy has resigned her position. Position is empty. No report filed.

Denise has taken over the past president's duties pertaining to awards.

5.4 Treasurer (Bill Morgan)

Report placed on file.

Motion: Moved to accept report as filed.

Motion carried. Morgan / Fernandes

Bill asked that we place programming for the 2019-2020 year on the agenda for June meeting.

5.5 By-Laws Convener (Katharine McCoubrey)

Katharine was not present. Report placed on file.

5.6 Newsletter Convener (Eric Pottie)

Eric was not present. No report filed.

5.7 Membership Convener (Dale MacMillan)

Report placed on file.

5.8 Website Convener (Jai Soloy)

Report placed on file.

Jai would like to look at revising the NSLA logo as part of the strategic plan.

5.9 Public Relations and Promotions Convener (Angela Reynolds)

Report placed on file.

Angela is looking for input for the webpage. She would like write-ups from the board and or the regions for the front page.

5.10 Nominations (Alison Brown)

Report placed on file.

Alison says she is networking for vacancies for the vacant board positions.

5.11 Conference Convener

No report.

Denise mentioned that the conference information and registration is already up on the NSLA website.

The theme is Palaces for the people: Empowering communities. Registration is \$175.00 for NSLA members and \$200.00 for non –members.

Action: Denise will contact Christine Pottie re conference convenor.

Denise will touch base with CBRL about the 2020 conferecne.

5.12 Professional Development Convener(Ray Fernandes)

Report placed on file.

Ray will work a speaker series.

6 New Business

6.1 Past President –Records (Yvette Frost)

Any files not needed for NS Archives do not need to be kept.

6.2 NSLA –Hal-Con Proposal. (Angela Reynolds)

Hal-Con will be October 25, 26th 2019.

Angela presented the Hal-Con proposal and budget. The budget is based on a 3 night stay at Cambridge Suites. There was some discussion. Bill asked where the monies fit into the budget. The tables have to be paid now to hold the tables. The rooms will come out of next year's budget.

Other discussion before the motion was passed:

To be a volunteer at Hal-Con you have to be a member of NSLA. Advertise it as a member's perk.

ACTION:

Denise will ask Nova Scotia Provincial Library for support for the Hal-Con proposal from NSLA.

Angela with check on Vendor requirements and will make sure we are registered.

Angela will book hotel room.

Denise will send posting for the position to the ListSrvs.

Motion: NSLA accept the draft Hal-Con proposal to fund the NSLA Hal-Con tables and provide funding for a NSLA Hal-Con organizing delegate up to \$1300. NSLA will try this for one year and will have further discussion to see if it is something we want to support in future years.

Motion carried. Reynolds / Morgan.

Action: Bill would like us to discuss budget items and ideas at the next meeting.

6.3 Membership-Brainstorming (Dale MacMillan)

Denise thanked Dale for her hard work, that we are doing something right. Addressing members personally and through advertising we are reaching members.

Dale says we need some fresh ideas.

Suggestions were:

- target school libraries

- ExLibris

- Vendors

- Dale, Ann Marie and Denise to come up with ideas for the membership letter. Ray volunteered to help.

- Send a letter to the regional directors, include NSLA membership and informing them what NSLA does/is.

- Facebook and newsletter include stories and events.

7 Date of next meeting

June 14, 2019 at Sackville Public Library

8 Meeting adjourned at 2:23

