



ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS

2020 FALL MEETING MINUTES

5 November 2020 | Virtual using Zoom

In attendance:

Jim Bertoia	Sparwood	Judy Moore	Thompson Nicola Regional
Hilary Bloom	Squamish	Toby Mueller	Lillooet
Rosemary Bonnano	Vancouver Island Regional	Sam Murphy	Trail
Ursula Brigl	Cranbrook	Don Nettleton	Okanagan Regional
Rebecca Burbank	Powell River	Tina Nielsen	Bowen Island
Paul Burry	Prince George	Carmen Oleskevich	Pender Island
Brian Butler	Hazelton	Claire Paradis	Nakusp
Heather Buzzell	Penticton	Lisa Rees	Granisle
Leianne Emery	Sechelt	Beverley Rintoul	Rossland
Heather Evans-Cullen	Gibsons	Marc Saunders	Port Moody
Alex Faucher	Elkford	Maureen Sawa	Greater Victoria Regional
Karli Fisher	Fort St James	Julie Spurrell	New Westminster
Cari Lynn Gawletz	Grand Forks	Tracey Therrien	Nelson
Emma Gillis	Pemberton	Elizabeth Tracy	Whistler
Steph Hall	West Vancouver	Susan Walters	Richmond
Scott Hargrove	Fraser Valley Regional	Wendy Wright	Smithers
Karen Hudson	Salt Spring Island	Andrea Freeman	Executive Director, ABCPLD
Deb Hutchison Koep	North Vancouver City		

1. Business Meeting - called to order at 2:04 pm
Motion to accept agenda: Scott Hargrove / Deb Hutchison Koep, CARRIED

2. Consent Agenda
201. Approval of June 23, 2020 minutes

Motion to accept minutes: Maureen Sawa / Steph Hall, CARRIED

3. Chair's Report

301. First 6 Months as Chair

- Excited and grateful by the groundwork laid by predecessors in this role
- The Chair role has changed from being more operational to a more strategic Board role. This is due to ABCPLD having an Executive Director who is increasingly taking on more aspects of the operations.
- This year has been a true test of our creativity, compassion and stamina. Some of my drive to adapt is thanks to the "brain trust" from the ABCPLD table - all of you.
- My hope is we'll continue to capitalize on our collective trust and wisdom to feed our professional development using the powerful virtual forum we've created during the pandemic, continue to be the democratic organization we've always been, and hold a space for dialogue and key decision making by the membership, and continue to evolve the Board as a group that reflects the diversity of the membership and make it possible for anyone interested to serve.
- Thanks to Andrea, Susan, Ursula, Marc and Karen on moving these objectives forward into the future.

302. Library Partners and Advocacy Work

- One of the highlights was the 2019 UBCM conference in Vancouver. The Partners secured a corner booth at the Tradeshow, and we ran one of the most talked about campaigns there - \$20 Million in 2020. A highlight was delivering hundreds of postcards with signatures supporting this campaign to the desk of Education Minister Rob Fleming.
- As a result of the advocacy by the Partners and others, the Ministry generously took us up on the idea of one time funding, \$3 million for technology upgrades and projects.
- The Partners presented to the Select Standing Committee in June 2020, sharing about the role of libraries in our communities, sharing the increased dependence on libraries during COVID, resources and the cost of business going up, and the lack of inflationary increases since 2010. As well as the challenges faced in the pandemic.
- We invited library boards and local governments to lend their voice to action by sending letters to the Select Standing Committee.
- We sent letters to each political party, asking for ongoing increased funding to library operating grants and one time ask for COVID recovery funds for public libraries.
- Ongoing is our relationship building with the Minister of Education and the Assistant Deputy Minister as well as the role of the advisory group working to support the creation of the Ministry strategic plan, as well as collaborating with Interlink on changes to the annual survey, and gaining clarifications on the various legislations that govern public libraries.
- Thanks to outgoing Partners: Scott Hargrove, Shirley Lew, Sharon Herbert, Babs Kelly and Dana McFarland; thanks to current and continuing Partners: Annette de Faveri, Kevin Millsip, and Andrea Freeman; and finally thanks to our most recent additions: Susan Walters, Todd Mundle, Jerrilyn Schembri, and Beth Davies

4. New Business

401. Changes to Committee Roles

Over the last few months, we've had meetings to discuss how ABCPLD has evolved, largely stemming from how the role of Executive Director has evolved to take on the work that was traditionally done by the Committee roles.

Received for information.

402. Delegates at ABCPLD Meetings

As outlined in the background report, this topic has come up a number of times over the last few years. This is a decision that needs to be made by the members, for the members.

There were some member questions and conversation to clarify understanding, and then the decision was put to a vote using the zoom polling feature. The result was very close between Proposal #2 and #3, so further conversation ensued followed by a second poll removing the first option Proposal #1.

Poll results:

- Proposal #1: Full Access - attend all meeting types and full participation, including voting - 3 votes
- Proposal #2: Restricted Access - attend all meeting types except in-camera and restricted participation, excluding voting - 17 votes
- Proposal #3: Existing Practice - attend only guest portion of information sharing zoom calls - 43 votes

Proposal #3 was incorporated into the draft ABCPLD policy "Delegates Attending Meetings."

Motion to approve the ABCPLD policy on Delegates Attending Meetings: Scott Hargrove / Heather Buzzell, CARRIED

5. Next Meeting: Thurs April 15, 2021 (2-4 pm PST) - virtual

6. Adjournment: 2:40 pm
Motion to adjourn the meeting: Steph Hall / Deb Hutchison Koep, CARRIED