



Canadian Library Association
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Canadian Library Association 65th Annual General Meeting

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Minutes

Agenda I: Call to Order and Welcome

President John Teskey called the meeting to order at 2:40 pm. President Teskey introduced himself and welcomed those in attendance to the 65th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Library Association / Association canadienne des bibliothèques (CLA). He indicated that supporting materials and voting cards were available at the registration table outside the meeting room. President Teskey asked members who wished to address the meeting to proceed to a floor microphone and clearly state their name and affiliation before speaking.

Agenda II: Quorum

President Teskey stated that according to CLA Bylaw 10.1, a quorum for a CLA Annual General Meeting is 100 members. He asked the Convenor of the Monitoring Committee, Angelica Tarnowski, if there was a quorum. Ms. Tarnowski indicated that there was a quorum. President Teskey declared the 65th Annual General Meeting duly and properly constituted and in session.

Agenda III: Rules of Order

President Teskey stated that as stipulated by CLA Bylaw 10.6, the rules of order are *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*, Alice Sturgis *et al* editors, 4th edition. He also noted that, as per Bylaw 10.5, voting will be by a show of voting cards unless a vote by ballot is demanded by a majority of members in attendance. He invited Parliamentarian Eli Mina to address the meeting.

Mr. Mina briefly addressed the meeting to explain the member's rights and his role at the meeting. He encouraged members to ask for clarification at any time during the proceedings if anything is unclear.

Agenda IV: Adoption of Agenda

President Teskey announced a few changes to the agenda in the interests of ensuring that quorum is met. Items 11 and 12 would be handled in reverse order. All the remaining items will be taken in order. The agenda was adopted as amended.

Agenda V: Introduction of Executive Council/Past Presidents

President Teskey introduced the rostrum: Keith Walker, Vice President-President-Elect; Eli Mina, Parliamentarian; Kelly Moore, Executive Director. He further introduced Executive Council: Past President Ken Roberts; Treasurer Ingrid Langhammer; Catherine Steeves, Councillor-at-Large; Victoria Owen, Councillor-at-Large; Cheryl Stenström, Councillor-at-Large; Linda Shantz-Keresztes, CASL President; Pam Ryan, CACUL President; Robyn Stockand, CASLIS President; Jan Harder, CLTA President; André Gagnon, CAPL President; and Brooke Storey, AGM Recording Secretary.

President Teskey acknowledged and thanked members of his Task Force: Melody Burton, Meg Ecclestone, Gary Gibson, and Shelagh Paterson. He also acknowledged CLA's Past Presidents and asked those in attendance at the meeting to stand and be recognized.

Agenda VI: In Memoriam

President Teskey led a moment's silence in recognition of those in the Canadian library community who died within the past year.

Agenda VII: Approval of the Minutes of the 64th Annual General Meeting

President Teskey noted that copies of the draft minutes from the 2009 AGM were available and had been pre-circulated, and asked for questions. There being none the minutes were declared approved as presented.

Agenda VIII: Executive Director's Report

President Teskey invited Executive Director Kelly Moore to present her report. The Executive Director noted the work of the Copyright Committee in the federal government's copyright consultation last summer. She and the President attended the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Milan, Italy. Work continued on various advocacy initiatives, including: tracking the increasing demands made on libraries during economic down turn; advocating for Merv Tweed's private member's Bill work on the Library Book Rate, and the efforts of the CLA IELA Task Force in working with LAC and CNIB, and their work on a service guidelines document. Jan Harder and Kelly Moore made a presentation to the House of Commons Finance Committee regarding funding to libraries. Work continues on the development of RDA: Resource Description and Access. She thanked members of Executive Council and the staff at the CLA Office for their support over the past year.

President Teskey declared the Executive Director's Report filed.

Agenda IX: Treasurer's Report

A. Financial Report / 2009 Audited Financial Statements

Treasurer Ingrid Langhammer highlighted a number of key issues from 2009 and presented two motions to be voted on. She noted that for 2009, CLA planned a deficit budget for the seventh consecutive year. In 2008 the global economic crisis was taking a hold in Canada. In taking a conservative approach, we projected a \$50,000 deficit. Last year's conference in Montreal saw the income from delegates down, but income from Trade Show increase. The 2009 financial year ended with a surplus of \$36,000, through limited spending on programs and vacant staff positions.

The Treasurer specified that CLA has a revenue generation problem. We do not bring enough revenue to support the desired services and programs from our membership. For most of the last 10 years we have projected a deficit and worked to try to break even. We have planned a deficit budget for 2010. It is CLA's intention to create a budget which will direct revenues to stated priority areas. We need to get finances on track to make it happen. The Treasurer noted that she is looking forward to creating a better, financially sound Association.

Motion: Moved that the audited financial statements for the year 2009 be received as presented.

Moved: Keith Walker

Seconded: Terri Tomchyshyn

CARRIED

B. Appointment of Auditors for 2010

Motion: That the firm Parker Prins Seel Lebano be appointed as auditors for the year 2010.

Moved: Maggie Weaver

Seconded: Richard Beaudry

CARRIED

Agenda X: President's Report

The President asked the President-Elect to chair the meeting for this item. President Teskey's report highlighted a number of issues, including the problem of CLA's structural deficit. He acknowledged the work of the President's Task Force and the conclusion of their responsibilities. He discussed value for dollar – does CLA appear to be giving value for the dollars received? – and CLA's value proposition: the energy of the Association is dispersed in so many directions; we need to simplify mission. A central mission is critical and clear; money must be strategically directed. CLA is spending \$8,000 more a month than it brings in. Change is essential. The President concluded that CLA needs to be moved forward as an Association.

Comments & Questions from CLA Membership:

Su Cleyle voiced her concern about how much money is currently in the reserves and if CLA has enough money to close its door.

Deb DeBruijn asked President Teskey to comment on the relationship between the sub-committee and the finance committee. The President noted that the Finance Committee's focus is strictly on the budget; the sub-committee was looking at structural elements of the association and the financial implications.

Su Cleyle asked if 18 months is a viable timeline to achieve the desired outcome? The President responded yes, he believed this was a reasonable timeframe.

Ernie Ingles expressed his thanks to President Teskey and Executive Council for the hard work of the past year and communicating the current financial state of the Association to its membership.

President-Elect Walker declared the report filed and returned the chair of the meeting to President Teskey.

Agenda XII: Resolutions

The President, in his role as Resolutions Committee Chair, presented two Resolutions to the members.

Resolution 2010-1

Whereas the 2010 CLA Annual General Meeting acknowledges the serious financial situation of the Association and the urgent need to address it; now, therefore, be it

1. Resolved that the CLA Executive Council take measures to address CLA's financial challenges and achieve a balanced 2011 budget;
2. Resolved that the CLA Executive Council keep the CLA membership and broader library community informed frequently of its progress between now and the 2011 AGM;
3. Resolved that the CLA Executive Council present a full plan to the 2011 AGM.

Comments & Questions from the Membership:

Gerry Meek: questioned when a balanced budget will be achieved and communicated to membership. The President stated that Executive Council intends to present a balanced budget for 2011. He noted that direction will be taken from the feedback received to the two questions distributed to delegates at the Conference in Edmonton and will continue through blogs and other online tools.

John Tooth: asked if Divisions have been allocated their budgets? The President noted that, in cases where Divisions have reserves enough to cover their essential expenses for 2010, they will not receive additional allocations. The 2010 budget attempted to reduce costs and only cover essential items. Executive Council has the responsibility to approve the budget.

Wendy Newman: offered her thanks for bringing this resolution to the AGM; supports this process as it is appropriate for this point in time; membership participation is essential to optimize the quality of the work to come.

Todd Gnissios: voiced concerned over the discussions focus on cuts only.

Melody Burton: indicated support for the resolution; noted that the Association needs to change and be something different. CLA must work hard to preserve the Association during this time until a new plan is put forth. Accountability is necessary.

Marjorie Mitchell: noted that change is a difficult thing; acknowledged the Executive Council for their work and encouraged other individual members to consider this time as an opportunity to make a difference; don't look or cling to the past.

Margaret Law: emphasized that there is a need in Canada for a national library association, and a unique role to be played by CLA.

Peter McNally: supported the resolution, but voiced his uncertainty about the current 2010 budget statement. President Teskey responded that the current budget has not yet circulated. Traditionally, only audited accounts have been provided to members, not the annual budget.

Jeff Barber: offered his assistance, as both an institutional member and Chair of CULC, and committed to aiding in this process.

Richard Beaudry: supported the resolution and appreciates the opportunity to participate in the process of change.

Stephen Abram: reminded members that CLA could have proposed winding down the Association; however, CLA culture is to chose to continue with member participation.

Barbara Clubb: reminded members the painful process of previous restructuring exercises; recommended that the current 2010 budget be made available to its members.

Madeleine Lefebvre: noted that members at the Institutional level need to participate in the renewal process.

Terri Tomchyshyn: supported the resolution and encouraged members to come forward and make the Association stronger.

Paul Whitney: supported the resolution and recommended two friendly amendments to the resolution for clarification. To resolved clause 1: Achieve a balanced 2011 budget. To resolved clause 2: Keep the CLA membership and the profession at large informed. These amendments were accepted.

Su Cleyle: asked for clarification of distributing the budget. The Treasurer's Report indicated that the state of priorities will continue, and that cuts to Division and Interests Group budgets will proceed.

Margo Schiller: noted that members should be notified of the plan in advance of the conference.

Resolution 1 carried unanimously.

Resolution 2010-2

Whereas it is desirable to maintain continuity on the CLA Executive Council in the coming year, to develop restructuring options for CLA; now, therefore, be it Resolved that the assembly endorse the CLA Executive Council's decision to suspend the 2010 elections; and that CLA Executive Council resume the election for the position of CLA Vice-President/President elect as soon as possible after the 2010 Annual General Meeting.

Resolution 2 carried with one opposed.

Agenda XI: Ratifications of the Actions of Executive Council

Motion: Moved that all acts, contracts, by-laws, proceedings, appointments and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the officers and Executive Council of the association since that last Annual General Meeting and as are set out or referred to in the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Council be approved, ratified and confirmed.

Moved: Deb DeBruijn

Seconded: Beth Barlow

CARRIED

Agenda XIV: Incoming President's Address

Incoming President Keith Walker made a brief speech outlining the challenges ahead and thanked the membership for placing trust in him to drive CLA forward. He spoke about the importance of reacquainting ourselves with the values of the Association and using these values to move CLA into the future. Maintaining the status quo is no longer acceptable, as we need to allow CLA to go into a cocoon for the next little while so that a new butterfly will emerge based on the strength of CLA's past.

Agenda XV: Recognition of Outgoing President

President Walker expressed his appreciation to outgoing President Teskey and presented him with the Past President's pin and a token of appreciation from CLA. President Teskey, in return, presented to President Walker the Presidential pin and gavel.

Agenda XVI: Other Business

Apollonia Steele expressed appreciation for all the hard work of local arrangements committee to put the 2010 CLA conference together.

Agenda XVII: Adjournment

There being no other business, President Teskey declared the meeting adjourned at 4.30 pm.

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