

LDAG Meeting

Friday, October 19, 2018

2:00 p.m.

Houston Public Library (meeting room)

MINUTES

Present: David Tremblay (Terrace), Wendy Wright (Smithers), Brian Butler (Hazelton), Sara Lewis (Houston), Joe Zelwietro (Prince Rupert), Rebecca Mitchell (Stewart), Melissa Sawatsky (NWLF)

Guest: Denise McGeachy (Libraries Branch)

Regrets: Virginia Charron (Kitimat)

Chair: David Tremblay

Meeting called to order: 2:05 p.m.

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to adopt the October 19th agenda with the addition of "2020 tour option" under New Business (Wendy/Joe). Motion carried.

2. **Adoption of the minutes of August 13, 2018**

Motion to adopt the minutes of the August 13, 2018 meeting (Wendy/Brian). Motion carried.

3. **Libraries Branch Update** (Denise McGeachy)

Denise gave everyone a comprehensive update on the provincial priorities of the Libraries Branch, including the Connectivity Report and Phase 2 of the project, implementing the refreshed Strategic Plan, TOP content/delivery refresh, among other topics. The development of professional learning opportunities through various library associations (BCLA, Coop, Federation partnerships) and modes of delivery was also discussed. Denise offered favourable feedback of the NWLF Conference (past and present) and noted that she was impressed with the relevant sessions and good attendance.

4. **Financial Report – 2019 draft budget for discussion**

Presented and discussed options for the 2019 draft budget. No one raised any significant concerns about the suggested allocation of subsidy and programming funds at this time.

5. **Business Arising**

a) *Strategic Plan (2017-19) check-in*

Melissa offered a verbal summary of 2018 activities to date and a preliminary strategic workplan for 2019.

b) *NWLF Conference schedule* (annual vs. biennial)

Clarification that the LDAG and board are both of the understanding that the NWLF Conference will take place every *two years*, as opposed to every year. (Context: In the LB grant report submitted in March 2018, Lauren had suggested the conference should happen every year).

c) *NWLF Policy Manual updates*

Melissa intends to continue this discussion with the LDAG in 2019 with an aim to complete the NWLF Policy Manual updates by mid-year.

6. **New Business**

a) *2019 tours: Survey results & update*

Melissa shared the 2019 tour survey results. Ivan Coyote has tentatively agreed to tour the NWLF libraries between **September 15-30, 2019** (dates to be determined). MakerMobile has been unresponsive and the 3rd highest choice on the survey was Leif David.

ACTION: Melissa will connect with Leif David about a spring 2019 tour.

b) *2020 tour option*

Wendy proposed an idea for a tour in 2020 related to National Indigenous Peoples Day (NIPD). The NIPD committee in Smithers would like to bring Howie Miller (First Nations comedian) to perform at their event on June 21, 2020, but also for a summer tour of the region in partnership with NWLF libraries. Verbal feedback of this idea was favourable.

c) *Issues sharing* (open forum)

When we have a meeting primarily in person (as with AGMs or the LDAG/Board meeting at the fall conference), we do not have sufficient equipment to facilitate call-ins, since these meetings take place in various locations that are not always equipped for teleconferencing.

ACTION: Melissa will connect with the BC Libraries Coop to discuss options for acquiring this equipment for the Federation.

7. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.