



Board Meeting

Thursday, April 6, 2017

MINUTES

Present: Tim MacDonald, chair (Prince Rupert)
Patti Chapman (Terrace)
Manon Joice (Kitimat)
Dee McRae (Houston)
Kay Mackenzie (Smithers)
Debbie Sullivan (Hazelton)
Tara Williston (Hazelton staff)
Wendy Wright (Smithers staff)
Lauren Wolf (NWLF staff)

Absent: Sylvia Alderton (Stewart)

The meeting was called to order at 7:46 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of item 4c. (Patti/Tim/carried)

2. Adoption of the minutes of April 9, 2016

The minutes were approved as presented (Kay/Patti/carried)

3. Correspondence

The correspondence was received for information.

4. New Business

a) Federation Agreement update

Minor updates to the Federation Agreement were approved (Debbie/Tim/carried)

b) Federation role in member library advocacy

The various forms of federation involvement in member library advocacy were discussed. Options included maintaining regular communication with the Libraries Branch to ensure understanding of the funding needs of the NWLF; contacting local MLAs and MPs regarding the work of the Federation and its member libraries, as well as its funding needs; and development of an advocacy plan.

Action: Lauren will continue ongoing communication with the Libraries Branch regarding inequities in federation funding models; Lauren will draft a letter to local MLAs for board approval and distribution after the May 9 provincial election.

c) Fall Board Retreat

It was agreed that a one-day meeting for NWLF board members and library directors will be held in September. In the past, the board and library directors met twice per year (once in the spring for the AGM and once in the fall for the conference). However, budget constraints have led to no meeting being planned in 2017. The board believes at least one face-to-face meeting per year is important for the health of the organization.

Action: Lauren will develop a proposal for budget, timing, location and content of the meeting.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 (Dee/Debbie/carried)

Next meeting: TBC