



LDAG MEETING

Friday, January 29, 2016

1:00 p.m.

*via teleconference**

MINUTES

Present: David Tremblay (Terrace) **Regrets:** Joe Zelwietro (Prince Rupert)
Melanie Wilke (NWCC) **Not present:** Galina Durant (Stewart)
Ruth Cooper (Hazelton) Toni McKilligan (Houston)
Wendy Wright (Smithers) Virginia Charron (Kitimat)

Chair: David Tremblay **Minutes:** Lauren Wolf

1. Approval of the Agenda (Wendy/Ruth)
2. Adoption of the minutes of December 15, 2015 (Wendy/Ruth/carried)
3. Minutes of the November 25, 2015 Board meeting
 - a) Minutes were received for information
4. **Business Arising**
 - a) **AGM**

The possibility of an AGM via teleconference instead of one in-person was discussed. In general, face-to-face was preferred for meaningful discussion, but failing any vital agenda items, a teleconference AGM would be acceptable to all.
 - b) **ILC**

Libraries are experiencing more requests, but it is too early to tell the effect of the extra volume.
5. **New Business**
 - a) **Training**

The group reviewed an idea to partially fund ongoing staff training at individual libraries, using some of the Federation's budgeted training funds.

Action: Lauren will update the federation training plan for discussion and board approval.

The number of new board members (3 in Terrace, 2 in Smithers, 3 in Hazelton) and training options were discussed.

Action: Library directors will access the online TOP training webinars for viewing and discussion in their board meetings and for new board member training. Feedback as to the value of this approach will be forwarded to Lauren. If the training is not seen as sufficient, an in-person TOP session will be scheduled.

Wendy inquired as to whether Evergreen training was needed by other libraries.

Action: Lauren will forward the Sitka list of available online training to all library directors. If questions persist after completion, a videoconference will be arranged through the Ministry's Collaborate system, with training led by Kitimat's Shawn Durocher.

b) Community dialogue on Truth & Reconciliation

Wendy brought forward an idea to bring in a facilitator to conduct community discussions regarding the TRC and potentially to work with the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs to sponsor and promote them through our libraries. National Aboriginal Day in June was noted, along with a number of ideas (book club reading challenge, CBC Aboriginal Canada Reads, ready-made materials to promote the day) for connecting public libraries.

Action: Lauren to follow up with Ministry rep to discuss possibilities.

c) Impact of U.S. \$

Directors have mitigated any meaningful impact so far by ordering from Canadian sources for books and furniture. However some capital upgrades are costing substantially more; libraries affected have been successful in securing grants to cover the increases caused by the exchange rate.

d) 2015 circulation statistics

Some libraries are noticing a decrease in circulation numbers, while others are noting an increase in areas such as youth volumes and ebooks. It was noted that 2015 statistics will not be available through the libraries branch until July 2016.

Action: Library directors are willing to exchange statistics with other NWLF libraries if requested.

Next meeting: TBD