

BCTLA AGM Minutes

April 16, 2011

BCTF Building, Vancouver, B.C.

Meeting called to order at: 1:23 pm

Present:

Arlene Anderson (SD45)

Patricia Baisi (SD36)

Marilyn Bowerman (SD43)

Janis Bridger (SD40)

Colin Chafer (SD48)

Dale Clark (SD41)

Heather Daly (SD43)

Moira Ekdahl (SD 39)

Chris Evans (SD39)

Corina Fitznar (SD79)

Val Hamilton (SD39)

Alison Hewitt (SD35)

Vivian Hicks (SD63)

Halia Hirniak (SD42)

Joanne Howey (SD43)

Amanda Hufton (SD38)

Suzanne Hall (SD42)

Gwen Ingham (SD39)

Kathy Leko (SD36)

Carol Lynka (SD37)

Angie MacRitchie (SD23)

Bonnie McComb (SD63)

Amberly Metson (SD36)

Teresa Monkman (SD54)

Elizabeth Pallmann (SD75)

Wilf Pauls (SD83)

Kam Purewal (SD39)

Sophie Rosen (SD34)

Kathy Shannon (SD23)

Keely Thornton (SD61)

Lynn Turner (SD82)

Patrice Wicharuk (SD60)

Lance Zabloutney (SD67)

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: That the agenda be accepted as printed.

Moved: MacRitchie / Pauls

Carried.

Adoption of the Minutes of the 2010 AGM

Corrections to the Minutes:

- 1) Janis Bridger, Keely Thornton, and Sonja Zukowski were in attendance
- 2) Under "Adjournment" it should say the 16th.

Motion: That the April 17, 2010 Spring Council minutes of the BCTLA be accepted as amended.

Moved: Ingham / Hicks

Carried.

Table Officer and Committee Annual Reports

A. President (Daly)

- 1) Reported on the year's highlights, the completion of the 2008-2011 Action Plan and the vision for 2012-2015; see the 2010-11 BCTLA Annual Report which will be available in June 2011.
- 2) **Motion:** That we move into committee.

Moved: Baisi / Evans

Carried.

Motion: That we move out of committee and report that bargaining was discussed.

Moved: Hirniak / Fitznar

Carried.

B. Treasurer (Evans)

- 1) Low BCTLA membership numbers continues to be a concern.
 - a) Online membership will be available next week using Paypal.
 - i) Linked through both the NING and the website.
- 2) Austerity measures are being implemented.
 - a) All Councillors and the Executive asked to charge the lowest rate possible for travel, etc.
 - b) Guidelines were gone over with everyone (*reproduced at end of 2011 AGM minutes*).
- 3) The final 2009-2010 BCTLA Financial Statement and the 2010-2011 expenses to date were presented and discussed.

Motion: That the 2009-2010 Financial Statement be accepted.

Moved: Purewal / Hufton

Carried.

C. Vice-President, Chapter Relations (Hirniak)

- 1) There are approximately ten districts without any (or very, very few) teacher-librarians.
 - a) Welcomed Sophie Rosen from Abbotsford (SD34).

D. Vice-President, Advocacy (Yasinchuk)

- 1) Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) has been a huge success.
 - a) Official DEAR blog at: <http://bctladear.blogspot.com>.
 - b) We have interest expressed from Alberta, Washington State, and Illinois State in joining us in DEAR next year.

E. Vice-President, Resources (Powell)

- 1) Development of the BC Teacher-Librarians NING has been a major push this year.
- 2) Another major project has been the implementation of PayPal for online membership renewal.

F. Working and Learning Conditions Chairperson (Hufton)

- 1) Discussions are on-going with the BCTF as to whether they want to continue administering the BCTLA Working and Learning Conditions Survey.
- 2) *The 2010-11 Working and Learning Conditions Survey was ultimately cancelled; BCTLA will develop a new survey tool for 2011-12.*

G. Conference Chairperson (McComb)

- 1) Thanked Kelowna for a great Fall Conference!
 - a) Found that having a keynote speaker at the end was quite successful.
 - b) Hosting a conference really brings the teacher-librarians in a district together.
- 2) Thanks to Burnaby for stepping forward for October 2011.
 - a) Theme: "Reaching Out".
 - b) Location: Burnaby Mountain Secondary right on the SkyTrain Route.
 - c) Keynote will be Doug Johnson (Blue Skunk Blog).
 - d) Still looking for a few more presenters under the headings of technology and inquiry based learning. Email Dale Clark at dale.clark@sd41.bc.ca if you can help.
- 3) We are looking for Districts to host the 2013 and 2014 BCTLA Conferences.
 - a) Even a small District can organize this and/or ask for help from another district nearby.
 - b) Coquitlam will host in 2012.

H. Professional Development Chairperson (Anderson)

- 1) Proud of the launch of our new NING!
- 2) Thanks to all who answered the short BCTLA Pro-D survey.
- 3) Hoping to organize several, short, online professional development opportunities for next year.
- 4) Two BCTLA Chapter Grants have been awarded: 1 to Langley, 1 to Delta.

I. The Bookmark Chairperson (MacRitchie)

- 1) MacRitchie is stepping down from this position after the next issue is published.
 - a) She was thanked for all of her dedicated work on the *The Bookmark* and on the Executive.
- 2) The next issue of *The Bookmark* should be out in June.

J. Liaison Chair (Ek Dahl)

- 1) Mary Locke is our representative on BCLA's Young Adult and Children's Services.
- 2) A proposal has been sent to the American Association of School Libraries to present at their conference our position statement on book levelling.

K. Member-at-Large (Hamilton)

- 1) It is proposed that the BCTLA Forum will be moved to the NING at the end of June.
- 2) The News Blogs will be kept as they are for now.

L. Member-at-Large (Purewal)

- 1) Purewal has been sending out renewal notices via email based on the list from the BCTF.
- 2) Any concerns about membership should be addressed to her.

M. Member-at-Large (Turner)

- 1) Unable to attend; summary of report given by Daly.
- 2) Trying to reconstitute the Chapter in Terrace.
- 3) Currently researching and trying to visually represent the working and learning conditions for teacher-librarians over the last 10 years.
- 4) Continues to work with Ek Dahl on *The Points of Inquiry*.

Motion: That we adopt the reports as presented and distributed.

Moved: McComb / Anderson

Carried.

Elections

A. Position of *The Bookmark* Chairperson

- 1) Susanne Hall (Maple Ridge) Elected by Acclamation

2011-2012 BCTLA Executive:

- Past President – vacant
- a. President - Heather Daly (Coquitlam)
- b. Treasurer - Chris Evans (Vancouver)
- c. Vice-President, Chapter Relations - Halia Hirniak (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
- d. Vice-President, Advocacy - Jeff Yasinchuk (Kootenay Lake)
- e. Vice-President, Resources - Gordon Powell (Richmond)
- f. Working and Learning Conditions Chairperson - Amanda Hufton (Richmond)
- g. Conference Chairperson - Bonnie McComb (Saanich)
- h. Professional Development Chairperson - Arlene Anderson (West Vancouver)
- i. *The Bookmark* Chairperson - Suzanne Hall (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
- j. Liaison Chairperson - Moira Ek Dahl (Vancouver)
- k. Member-at-Large - Val Hamilton (retired, Vancouver)
- l. Member-at-Large - Kam Purewal (Vancouver)
- m. Member-at-Large - Lynn Turner (retired, Terrace)

2011-12 Membership Fee

A) Discussion ensued around increasing the fee to help our financial situation.

Motion: That the membership fee remain at \$40.00 for 2011-2012.

Moved: Evans / MacRitchie

Carried.

Awards

A) BC Teacher-Librarian of the Year – Diana Poole Memorial Award:

i) Congratulations to Sylvia Zubke (Vancouver)

B) BC New Teacher-Librarian of the Year Award

i) Congratulations to Nicola Kuhn (Kootenay-Columbia)

C) Val Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award had no applications this year.

D) BCTLA Distinguished Service Award

i) Congratulations to Greg Smith (retired, Okanagan Similkameen)

E) BCTLA Honorary Life Membership Award had no applications this year.

F) Alan Knight Memorial Award

1) Congratulations to Bonnie McComb (Saanich)

Motion: That the “BCTLA President’s Award” be created to be awarded at the discretion of the BCTLA Executive to honour outstanding teacher-librarians for their work and contributions.

Moved: Hamilton / Baisi

Carried.

G) BCTLA President’s Award

1) Congratulations to Al Smith (Central Okanagan)

Grants

A) Ken Haycock Professional Development Grant

i) Congratulations to April Hilland (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)

B) BCTLA Representative Speaker Grant had no applications this year.

C) William H. Scott Memorial BCTLA Conference Grant had no applications this year.

D) BCTLA Chapter Grant Program has had no applications at this time.

Gifts

A) Thank you to Arlene Anderson for her Pro-D presentation at the Spring Council meeting.

B) Thank you and good-bye to Angie MacRitchie for her dedication and efforts on behalf of *The Bookmark*.

Adjournment

1) Next AGM meeting: April 2012, Location TBA

Motion: That the April 16, 2011 BCTLA AGM Meeting be adjourned.

Moved: Hirniak / MacRitchie

Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Patricia Baisi, Secretary for the BCTLA.

Minutes reviewed by Heather Daly, President of the BCTLA.

Austerity Measures Expenses Submissions Guidelines

1. Travel

Please submit the least expensive reasonable option, regardless of how you choose to travel. Driving is not always the cheapest way as mileage reimbursement is generous. Some people are choosing to claim less mileage reimbursement. Please note, the keyword is reasonable. Canada Line is only reasonable if there isn't a driving rain storm or snow storm, and only if you are fit. Otherwise, take a taxi. Do not submit for a 12 hour bus ride! If you must drive because of bringing piles of documents and trophies, don't submit for the cheaper flight option.

2. Hotel

Please share hotel rooms when possible.

If not possible, submit for the whole hotel cost (Executive) or \$50.00 (Councillors).

If traveling with a friend, submit ½ the bill. If staying an extra night because there is not flight out, submit for the extra night. Please attach a note so I don't feel vaguely guilty if I don't check the flight schedule.

* Conference Meetings: We only pay the one night so that you can stay to attend the meetings. If you share, don't claim one night each.

3. Meals

Meals are only paid for as part of the working day or if you are here from out of town.

Local members could go home for dinner or have breakfast at home, so they pay for themselves.

If we work after dinner, then the meal is part of the working day.

Discussing issues at dinner doesn't count, unless we're doing it as a group meeting. The president makes this decision before the group decides to go to dinner and communicates the need for a working dinner.

If a meal is provided as part of the day, you can't claim for eating elsewhere.

4. Check out counter-intuitive ideas.

Renting a car was cheaper than taxis at the Kelowna Conference. Who knew!

5. Sometimes Flights Get Grounded

Alternate arrangements need to be made. Don't feel guilty. It's not your fault. Don't fly business class, though!

6. Thank you to those who can use points/passes/carpools.

Don't use your points! They are yours!