

Annual General Meeting, April 11, 2003

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MINUTES

Call to Order

The 2003 Annual General Meeting was held in the Sheraton Hotel in Saskatoon and was called to order by Vice President, Kathy Evans of Saskatoon Public Library, who acted as Chair.

Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Karen Basky, Palliser, seconded by Freddie Peet, Wapiti. Carried.

Parliamentarian

By consensus of the meeting Merrilee Rasmussen was appointed to act as Parliamentarian.

Minutes of 2002 Annual General Meeting

A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Charlotte Thies of ?Chinook and seconded by Anne Norgan of Southeast Regional Library. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes

None was identified.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Reports

Acceptance of the President's report, as printed in the AGM booklet, was moved by Cindy Smith, Regina Public Library, and seconded by Jean Nelson, Southeast Regional Library. Carried.

Acceptance of the report of the Provincial Librarian, Joylene Campbell, was moved by Brian Suetta of PNLs and seconded by Sharon Armstrong of Lakeland. Carried.

Acceptance of the reports from the library systems was moved by Ian Wilson of Saskatoon Public Library and seconded by Louis Cochran of Parkland Regional Library. Carried.

Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

The audit was presented and moved for adoption by Karen Basky, Treasurer, of Palliser Regional Library and seconded by Faye Cameron of Regina Public Library. Carried.

2003-2004 Budget

The budget for 2003-2004 was presented by Karen Basky, Treasurer, of Palliser Regional Library.

The motion to approve the budget was moved by Karen Basky, Treasurer, of Palliser and seconded by Brian Suetta of PNLs. Carried.

Resolutions Committee Report

(Resolutions as proposed are attached to these Minutes as Appendix I.)

[Resolution 1](#) was moved by Faye Cameron of Regina Public Library and seconded by Joyce Vandall of Regina Public Library. Carried.

It was moved by Faye Cameron of Regina Public Library and seconded by Joyce Vandall of Regina Public Library that the "be it resolved" paragraphs of Resolution 1 be voted on ad seriatem. Carried.

It as moved by Sharon Armstrong of ? and seconded by Joyce Vandall of Regina Public Library that the third "be it resolved" paragraph of Resolution 1 be tabled. Carried.

[Resolution 2](#) was moved by Ian Wilson of Saskatoon Public Library and seconded by Jean Nelson of Southeast Regional Library. Carried.

Nominations Committee Report

Brian Suetta of PNLs reported that Kathy Evans of Saskatoon Public Library, had agreed to let her name stand for President. The Chair called three times for further nominations from the floor. It was moved by Sharon Armstrong, Parkland, seconded by Karen Basky, Palliser, that nominations cease. Carried.

Kathy Evans was declared elected as President.

Brian Suetta of PNLs reported that Karen Basky, Palliser, had agreed to let her name stand for Vice-President. The Chair called three times for further nominations from the floor. No further nominations were received.

Karen Basky was declared elected as Vice-President.

Other business

A motion was moved by Brian Suetta, seconded by Joyce Vandall, to refer to the Executive for further consideration the desirability of establishing a sub-committee on lobbying, and developing terms of reference and financing.

Brian Suetta moved, seconded by Louise Cochran, that a letter or appreciation be sent to the Deputy Minister of Learning to express the thanks of the SLTA for his work in achieving a 7% overall increase in funding to public libraries.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

APPENDIX 1: RESOLUTIONS, April 2003

Resolution 1 - Pay Equity

1. Whereas provincial financial support for public libraries in Saskatchewan is rooted in the ever-increasing need to share information resources between public libraries and the residents of Saskatchewan; and
2. Whereas the public library system is an essential component in providing an opportunity for the residents of Saskatchewan to engage in life-long learning; and
3. Whereas provincial financial support for public libraries in Saskatchewan has not kept up with the increasing costs of providing public library services, and in fact the province's share of public library funding has fallen over the last decade resulting in a de facto offloading of provincial financial support for public libraries to municipalities; and
4. Whereas public libraries have added a full range of e-library services in response to user demands and encouragement from provincial and federal governments without on-going sustainable funding to maintain these services; and
5. Whereas public libraries have had to absorb the costs of changes to provincial legislation such as the legislation governing the Municipal Employees Pension Plan and changes to minimum wage levels without financial assistance from the province; and
6. Whereas public library employee compensation levels are typically well below those of similar jobs in related occupations; and
7. Whereas many public library systems are finding it extremely difficult to prepare balanced budgets that will maintain basic public library services;
8. Whereas public libraries believe that better wages attract quality people to jobs and Saskatchewan needs to be competitive in recruiting and retaining people;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association urge the Government of Saskatchewan to continue to make increased public library funding a priority; and

Be it further resolved that the Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association urge the Government of Saskatchewan to provide an ongoing funding mechanism that would support public libraries in the continued provision of electronic library services to the residents of Saskatchewan.

The following resolution was Tabled:

Be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association urge the Government of Saskatchewan to provide dedicated funding to municipalities and regional library boards to implement pay equity for library workers.

Resolution 2: SLTA Administrative Support

Whereas the issues and concerns that the Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association must deal with are increasingly more complex, demanding and time sensitive; and

Whereas the demands on volunteer public library trustees are continuing to increase accordingly; and

Whereas the need for improved trustee communications is now greater than at any time in the past;

Therefore be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association Executive engage a person to act in a part-time capacity as manager/administrator of the association and to assist the President in speaking on behalf of the association.