

Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 22, 2020
Conference Call
7:00 pm

Present: President Michael Morrow (Chinook), Vice-President Steven Allen (Wheatland), Sharon Armstrong (Parkland), John Thronberg (SPL) Nancy Kennedy (Executive Director), Sandra MacArthur (Multitype Library Board).

Regrets/Absent: Dennis Taylor (Lakeland), Darlene Morin (PNLS).

1. Call to Order

President Michael Morrow (Chinook) called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm Wednesday, January 22.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: Moved by John Thronberg (SPL), seconded by Vice-President Steven Allen (Wheatland) to adopt the agenda.
Motion carried.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The following changes were made to the minutes from the May 3, 2019 Pre and Post AGM Meeting Minutes:

1. Regrets/Absent -: John Thronberg was late, not absent.
2. Item 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting - The date of the meeting was October 12, 2018.
3. Item 4 Business Arising - The first sentence was amended to read:
There was a discussion on the SLTA meeting with the Engagement Panel.
4. Item 5.2 Nominations - It was added that: John Thronberg (SPL) agreed to be the SLTA U of S Senate Representative.
5. Item 6 Correspondence was amended to read:

President Sharon Armstrong (Parkland) read the letter from Southeast which outlined their decision to leave SLTA for a year. Lack of leadership was cited as a reason. There was lengthy discussion of the document.

1. There was consensus that we develop a Strategic Plan to keep the support we have and encourage non-members to become members of SLTA.

2. Representatives are to go to their respective boards to reiterate the value of belonging to SLTA and make them aware of what SLTA can and cannot do. The document prepared by Executive Director Nancy Kennedy about what SLTA does will be used.
3. President Michael Morrow (Chinook) and Vice-President Steven Allen (Wheatland) will develop a plan to encourage those who seceded to rejoin SLTA. The plan will be discussed at a later meeting.

Motion: Moved by Vice-President Steven Allen, seconded by John Thronberg (SPL) that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

4. New Business

5.1 Minister's Brief

There was a brief discussion around the Minister's Brief.

After corrections are made the document will be forwarded to board members to review. Once a rewrite is completed by Executive Director Nancy Kennedy, the document will again be forwarded to board members to take to their regions for input.

Motion: Moved by President Michael Morrow (Chinook), seconded by Vice-President Steven Allen that board member review the revised Minister's Brief and submit changes to Executive Director Nancy Kennedy by January 31, 2020.

Motion carried.

5.2 SLA Conference

There was discussion around conference sponsorship and the SLTA AGM. The conference is in Regina, May 7-8, 2020 at the Doubletree Hotel and Convention Centre. This year AGMs will run consecutively.

SLTA was asked by SLA to sponsor a conference session focused on Governance of Non Profit Organizations - targeted specifically to the library sector.

The SLA Board of Directors had an excellent presentation on Board Governance from a private consultant in August and are willing to approach this consultant to prepare a presentation of interest to conference delegates from SLTA (2-3 hours). The session would likely be on Friday May 8 following the AGMs.

Motion: Moved by Vice-President Steven Allen (Wheatland), seconded by Sharon Armstrong (Parkland) to provide \$500.00 to sponsor a Board Governance session at the 2020 SLA Conference.

Motion carried.

5.3 Budget

Motion: Moved by John Thronberg (SPL), seconded by Vice-President Steven Allen (Wheatland) that the 2020 SLTA budget be accepted as amended.

Motion carried.

5.4 Treasurer

Motion: Moved by Sharon Armstrong (Parkland), seconded by John Thronberg (SPL) that the position of Treasurer be filled at the 2020 AGM.

Motion carried.

5.5 Future of SLTA

SLTA needs of a clear plan moving forward. What can SLTA feasibly do with the funds they have? What can SLTA give to trustees to make them want to belong?

Good governance was discussed.

Board members will review the current strategic plan and plan from there.

6. Reports

6.1 System Reports and Provincial Library and Literacy Office/Multitype Library Board

Motion: Moved by John Thronberg (SPL), seconded by Vice-President Steven Allen (Wheatland) to receive and file the system reports.

Motion carried.

The Multitype Library Board held a teleconference today to discuss the possibility of structuring a new working group. The work of this group would be to create a Saskatchewan framework for subject headings related to indigenous peoples and would include a base vocabulary meant for use in our province's information institutions as well as a shared site where the vocabulary can be accessed. A mailing from MLB with more detail should be expected and circulated to the board. It will include an information page together with a questionnaire (only 2 or 3 questions) and a nomination form should SLTA wish to put someone's name forward.

SLTA should have this information not later than the end of the month.

7. Correspondence

No correspondence.

8. Trustee in Camera Session

No in-camera.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be May 8, 2020 at the AGM. No time or details are currently available.

10. Other Business

None.

11. Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Vice-President Steven Allen (Wheatland) that the meeting adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Motion carried.