

Public Library InterLINK

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 Time: 5:00 p.m.  
Location: Videoconference via Zoom

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Minutes

**Present:**

Michael Penny	BIPL
Chris Dong	BPL
Julie Fisher	CPL
Jeannie Kanakos	FVRL (arrived at 5:09 pm)
Joy Bradbury	GibPL
Jane Duber	LALA
Norah Andrew	NWPL (left at 7:15 pm)
Parveen Somji	NVCL
Barb Lawrie (Vice Chair)	NVDPL
Carmen Praine	PemPL (arrived at 6:13 pm)
William Lawrie	PMPL (left at 7:00 pm)
Rhian Piprell	SecPL (left at 6:54 pm)
Janet Jamieson	SqPL (arrived at 5:06 pm)
Moninder Singh	SPL (left at 6:16 pm)
Raji Mangat	VPL (arrived at 5:13 pm)
Ron Shimoda (Treasurer)	WVML
Josie Chuback (Chair)	WhPL
Tina Young	WhPL – Alternate (left at 7:00 pm)
Michael Burris – Executive Director	InterLINK
Allie Douglas – Recording Secretary	InterLINK

**Regrets:** Danielle Lemon RPL

***Chair J. Chuback acknowledged that Board members are meeting virtually from the traditional and unceded territories of the Indigenous peoples in those areas and that libraries in the Federation are grateful, mindful, and respectful for that and want to acknowledge that we have much to learn and appreciate for the ability to meet on these shared lands.***

**050. Call to Order**

J. Chuback welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Participants introduced themselves.

**100. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** J. Fisher moved and W. Lawrie seconded

**“THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.”**

**CARRIED**

**200. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 201. Draft Board Minutes, April 6, 2021
- 202. Reports
  - 202.1 Executive Director Report
  - 202.2 Unaudited Financial Statements to Mar. 31, 2021
  - 202.3 InterLINK 2020 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)
  - 202.4 Draft non-resident borrowing statistics Jan – Mar 2021
- 203. Correspondence
  - 203.1 To S. Parker, UBC Library
- 204. Information Items
  - 204.1 Draft GPC Minutes, May 14, 2021
  - 204.2 Draft AAG minutes, May 14, 2021

**MOTION:** R. Shimoda moved and J. Jamieson seconded

**“THAT the consent agenda be approved as circulated.”**

**CARRIED**

**300. CONTINUING BUSINESS**

**301. Governance and Policy Update – B. Lawrie**

B. Lawrie provided an update on the Committee’s work and their last meeting. Committee members are Norah Andrew, Jeannie Kanakos, Barb Lawrie and Josie Chuback (ex-officio). Main priorities for the committee are scheduling a board advocacy session, reviewing the Board orientation process, Reconciliation (see Agenda item 302), and updating the Board Skills Matrix.

M. Burris spoke to the advocacy session, which will be a presentation by Anni Holtby (Nelson Public Library Board member); the committee is hoping all board members will be able to attend, so everyone can become familiar with the concepts introduced, and then at the following board meeting, have a conversation around InterLINK’s role with regard to advocacy. M. Burris will send potential dates for the session as soon as possible. M. Burris noted that A. Holtby also has familiarity and experience with library federations.

In the context of the board skills matrix review, the committee members discussed whether the matrix survey sent out by M. Burris needed to be tweaked to ensure it was relevant to the work of the

InterLINK Board. A short discussion among board members followed on the roundtable discussion, as well as the meeting summary that M. Burris sends out. There is some interest in possibly continuing to tweak the roundtable format during the meeting, or other methods for sharing library board news, events and challenges.

**MOTION:** N. Andrew moved and R. Piprell seconded

**“THAT the Governance and Policy Committee update be received.”**

**CARRIED**

### **302. Reconciliation – J. Chuback**

J. Chuback noted that the next portion of the meeting was intended by the Reconciliation Subcommittee as a conversation to provide a grounding for further discussions on reconciliation, focusing on the role of the federation in reconciliation and exploring next steps. She asked B. Lawrie to facilitate this discussion; B. Lawrie introduced the members of the Reconciliation Subcommittee and the question, “In your early years, in school or at home, what do you remember learning or hearing about colonies?”. Board members who wished to participate shared their personal memories.

J. Chuback thanked the Reconciliation Subcommittee and everyone who shared their insight and perspectives. She noted that there is work being done at the BC Library Trustees Association for trustees, and at the Association of BC Public Library Directors for library directors, so for InterLINK, the focus will be the role of a library federation in reconciliation. It will be important to develop a plan with outcomes in mind, and decide on the resources needed to achieve the outcomes. Suggestions of areas for consideration included looking at policies with “indigenous consideration,” considering shared funding for events or positions, engaging with the AAG to develop a list of what is happening in libraries, and to see how they are supporting Indigenous borrowing and board participation in the area served by InterLINK member libraries.

### **303. 2021 Operations Plan Update - M. Burris**

M. Burris highlighted some items from his update. Due to the changes brought on by the pandemic, emphasis shifted from resource sharing to capacity building, which has been very successful. InterLINK has consulted with AAG members about library priorities in 2021, and maintaining services and stability were a main focus. InterLINK has been very proactive in working with the other library federations, as well as the associations and the BC Libraries Cooperative, which has been very helpful during the pandemic.

**MOTION:** B. Lawrie moved and R. Shimoda seconded

**“THAT the 2021 Operations Plan Update be received.”**

**CARRIED**

**400. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**500. IN-CAMERA**

**MOTION:** R. Shimoda moved and J. Kanakos seconded

**“THAT the meeting move to in-camera session.”**

**CARRIED**

A. Douglas left the meeting at 7:15 pm.

**MOTION:** B. Lawrie moved and R. Shimoda seconded

**“THAT the meeting move out of in-camera session.”**

**CARRIED**

A. Douglas returned to the meeting at 7:25 pm.

**600. AROUND THE BOARD**

Board members shared a variety of topics, including recent successes, challenges, and future events they are looking forward to.

**700. ADJOURNMENT**

R. Shimoda moved adjournment at 7:50 pm.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 5:00 pm – In person if possible (BPL – Metrotown Library) pending BPL approval for event and changes to gathering restrictions.