

MINUTES (Approved February 14, 2006)

Ontario Public Library Guidelines and Accreditation Council Teleconference Meeting, January 11, 2006, 2:00 PM

Present:

Margaret Williams - Chair (AMPLO), John Slater (OLS-N), Rod Sawyer (MC), Elise Cole (OLA), Peggy Malcolm (SOLS), Yolande LaPointe (ASPLO), Nancy Leindecker (North Ont.), Margaret Rule (ARUPLO)

Regrets: Leanne Clendening (SDC)

1. Welcome/Call to order

The meeting began at 2:05 PM.

2. Approval of agenda

Motion 1-06: Rod Sawyer/ Nancy Leindecker

"That the draft agenda be approved as read."

CARRIED

3. Minutes of November 30, 2005

Motion 2-06: Elise Cole /Yolande LaPointe

"That the minutes of November 30, 2005 be approved as amended."

CARRIED

4. Matters Arising

a) OLA Super Conference Public Library Awards Ceremony

Two re-accredited libraries, Kirkland Lake and Barrie, and two newly accredited libraries, East Ferris and County of Prince Edward, will be receiving accreditation certificates. The CEO of Kirkland Lake PL will probably attend, but was somewhat uncertain when recently contacted. John will follow up on this.

John and Peggy will follow up with these libraries to make sure they have submitted photos to Andrew Ryther, OLA.

It was reconfirmed by Council that the accreditation certificates will be co-signed by the Chair of the OPL Guidelines Council. Rod will courier the certificates to Margaret Williams so that she can add her signature.

Margaret Williams will plan to say a few words of introduction at the ceremony.

Elise, Yolande, Margaret Rule, Rod and Nancy also plan to attend.

b) Meeting at OLA Conference

Rod has reserved space for 10 in Margaret Williams' name at Joe Badali's Restaurant on Front Street, Toronto for Friday, February 3rd at 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM. Jane Horrocks and Laurie Gillies will be attending. A separate room was not available for this size of group.

Rod agreed to take minutes of the meeting.

John agreed to start a list of Council's concerns concerning the transfer of reporting relationship to FOPL as points for discussion at the meeting. He will circulate the list by email and ask others to add to it.

c) Review of Section 3.3 of the Checklist, "Access to information"

This section was reviewed and the following changes agreed upon:

Introduction: Add a sentence referring to the importance of providing trained staff to assist users in accessing information resources.

3.3.1: Make it a requirement to have an on-line public access catalogue with MARC compatible records, and make it Mandatory. Refer to the ARUPLO Guideline, 3.7.1.

3.3.2: Delete the current 3.3.2 (Catalogue entries), and replace it with a requirement to provide access to the library's catalogue via the Web.

3.3.7: Change the heading from 'Periodical index' to 'Electronic reference resources'. Remove the phrase, "contained in periodical literature". Update the examples.

3.3.8: Change the content to focus on current/selected links to web-based resources. Update the examples.

John will bring a draft of the proposed changes to the next meeting for discussion.

[NOTE: Margaret Rule left the meeting at 3:03 PM]

d) Accessibility sub-committee

The sub-committee (Rod, Elise, John) met briefly by teleconference on January 10th.

Rod reported that Cynthia Archer, York University Librarian, has been approved by OLA as library sector contact on the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Customer Service Standards Board. Cynthia is keen to work with a public library representative who can provide public library input. She suggested that such a person should be approved by OPLA. Elise will send a message to the Chair of OPLA declaring her interest in and qualifications for being this representative.

Cynthia will be meeting with the Directorate on January 23, after which time she will have a better idea of what will be expected of public libraries.

e) Joint AMPLO/ARUPLO meeting

The report was deferred to the next meeting.

5. Other Business

a) Up-coming accreditation audits

Elliot Lake PL has expressed interest in an accreditation audit before July.

b) Current terms of reference

Copies of Council's current terms of reference were redistributed to members with the agenda. Elise will bring copies to the meeting in Toronto for Laurie and Jane.

Yolande raised the following question: If ASPLO, AMPLO, ARUPLO or CELPLO were to dissolve in future in response to the growth of FOPL, what impact would this have on the composition of Council?

c) First Nations version of the OPL Guidelines

To be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

6. Next Meeting

The next teleconference meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 2:00 pm.**