

MINUTES (Approved February 14, 2006)

**Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council
Face-to-face meeting to review reporting structure
February 3, 2006, Joe Badali's Restaurant, Toronto, 12 noon**

Present:

Margaret Williams - Chair (AMPLO), Leanne Clendening (SDC), Rod Sawyer (MCL), Elise Cole (OLA), Margaret Rule (ARUPLO), Yolande LaPointe (ASPLO), Nancy Leindecker (North Ont.)

Regrets:

John Slater (OLS-N); Peggy Malcolm (SOLS).

In Attendance: Laurey Gillies (SOLS)

The FOPL representative did not attend.

Discussion notes:

The group discussed the following concerns relating to the SDC motion to transfer Council's reporting relationship from SDC to FOPL.

- 1) While the OPL Guidelines Council has representation from the wide Ontario public library community and has reported to SDC, an umbrella organization representing all public libraries in Ontario, not all public libraries are members of FOPL.
- 2) Do members of the Guidelines Council have to come from FOPL member libraries?
- 3) Will FOPL support the accreditation of libraries which are not FOPL members?
- 4) If ASPLO, AMPLO or ARUPLO dissolve in future, what impact will this have on appointments to Council? Would representatives be appointed by the various caucuses of FOPL?

The group discussed various reporting options:

- 1) Be independent; 2) Report to OLS; 3) Report to FOPL. (Ministry has already noted it cannot be the body Council reports to);

- Criteria for reporting body: A group that has standards in its role, is incorporated, and is perceived by public libraries and the public to speak for Ontario public libraries.
- OLS is on record as being willing to have Council report to it; a FOPL representative could be added to the Council;
- OLS already runs programs on a province-wide level, e.g. Excel; OLS could offer to withdraw from participating in audit teams if this were seen as a conflict.
- 19 libraries are accredited;
- Should PLOs dissolve, Council could elicit representation from libraries of different size to be on Council plus FOPL representative;
- The Council should add a First Nations library representative;

Following the discussion, a motion was made.

Motion 3-06: Margaret Rule / Elise Cole

"We recommend that the Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council report to the Ontario Library Service, with the Ontario Library Service agencies to work together with the Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council to work out appropriate terms of reference."

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Follow-up discussion to the above motion:

- FOPL is still trying to find its way; the Council will maintain discussions with FOPL;
- When all public libraries become FOPL members, the above can be revisited.

After a fine discussion, good food and company, the annual OLA Superconference Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council in-person meeting was adjourned!

Minutes by Rod Sawyer