

Alberta Public Library Administrators Council
SUMMER MEETING
Via Zoom from Grande Prairie Public Library
August 21, 2020
1:30pm-3:30pm

1. Call to order: A. Stewart at 1:30pm

2. Adopt Agenda

A. Stewart indicated adding the Membership Report as item 4.

D. Cryderman moved to adopt the agenda as amended

CARRIED

3. Approval of 2020 Q2 Financial Report

M. Zazelenchuk moved to accept the 2020 Q2 Financial Report as presented.

CARRIED

4. Membership Report

P. Medland moved to accept the Membership Report as presented

CARRIED

5. MOTION: J. Keetch moved APLAC re-direct the funds previously intended for an Alberta Library Conference sponsorship to sponsoring the “Stronger Together” joint virtual library conference taking place October 1st & 2nd, 2020 upto \$1000.00.

DISCUSSION: P. Bailey asked for clarification on the Virtual Conference. A. Stewart asked the representatives from YRL, PRL and TAL to explain how the Virtual Conference came together.

K. Palichuk, M. Law, H. Amendt provided details. Discussion centered around whether the planning committee needs a larger amount than the top level \$120.00.

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6. Update: The Alberta Library - Dr. Margaret Law

- TAL has moved to the new Milner Library and is heavily focused on diversifying their revenue stream.
- Looking for various licensing opportunities that can be provided to members
- They have received their funding for Lois Hole Digital Library.
- The Briefing Book is being updated. The Briefing Boo is a collection of information available to all members that contains answers to advocacy questions for libraries as they engage with the community. Different answers for different audiences.
- Planning out how to do an environmental scan for their members to help libraries as they do their planning.
- Work continues on their resources page which contains various areas including Indigenous resources, free training resources. There is also a post-COVID resource page. Essentially, they are trying to collate the various resources in one place so WE don't have to spend our time hunting around looking for things.
- Exploring how to provide live training opportunities. Willing to partner with anyone to provide access to their infrastructure.

- S.Siga asked Dr. Law to clarify the GST audit situation for the general membership. Rather than asking the membership to pay for shortfall they took the funds from reserves.
- Currently TAL is financially stable but if their members become financially unstable then TAL's finances become unstable which is why they are focused on diversification

7. Update: Public Library Services Branch -Dr. Diana Davidson and Jordan DeSousa

D. Davidson:

- Re-cap of the activities post-COVID shutdown, including the Fact Sheets. Holding weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly teleconferences with Regional Nodes and large urban libraries.
- Municipal Affairs is highly supportive of libraries so there was not a lot of departmental push back towards the activities for supporting libraries. This included disbursing the funding grant installments in two batches; 50% early and second 50% on Oct. 1.
- They were able to disburse funding to NNELS and CELA (waiting to sign project grant).
- Maintained licensing fees for e-resources including BPAA, usage increased 200%.
- Laura Taylor (when at Marigold) was instrumental in helping determine what should be done.
- Distributed funding to Metro Fund for ME Libraries and van deliveries.
- Streamlined provincial ILL delivery. The savings are being put into SuperNET.
- PLSB is participating in the Stronger Together and Minister Madu will be sending video greetings.

J. DeSousa:

- Provided training update details; they are working on moving to online delivery
- . Board Basics is difficult to do online because of the massive amount of content. Instead they are providing customized one on one sessions with individual boards to focus on what is essential for that individual board at a time that is convenient for that board.
- Training hasn't stopped, it's being adapted. PLSB is providing webinars on various topics at shorter times.
- Next year is a heavy Plan of Service year with 60 boards needing to file. Helping boards re-think how they engage their communities. They encouraging libraries to adapt; PLSB doesn't have magic solution but is happy to work with people to work out solutions.
- Several surveys came out over the past few months and a new one is coming out on August 24th re: SRP. It is seeking to capture the differences between previous SRP. Surveys capture what is happening across the province to provide information to the govt' and to the communities.

A.Newland asked when customized board training would be implemented. Jordan indicated it is available immediately.

D.Davidson indicated that they will be in touch with winners of the Minister's Award to determine how to connect with the Minister.

A.Stewart queried if there were long-term plans to adapt the annual report survey to include impact-based information to support numerical metrics.

D. Davidson indicated the stories provided in the comments section are useful and support the work being done by PLSB in their reporting to the Ministry.

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

8.1. Advocacy-

8.1.1. APLAC Logo

A. Stewart provided an update. A logo was being developed right before the COVID-19 pandemic hit Alberta. The executive provided feedback to S. Parkinson on a few designs. A. Stewart will follow up with Parkinson to get a choice of logos to the general membership to select so that it can be used as part of the sponsorship package for the Stronger Together virtual conference.

9. Round Robins

10. Next Meeting: November 23rd 1:00pm 3:30pm Via Zoom

11. Adjournment: Moved by D. Cryderman to adjourn at 3:30pm
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