

Johanne Blenkin: Grant letters have not yet been sent – there is no definitive answer re next year’s budget. LSO has delayed their budget until November. LIRN is asking for a 0% budget increase, hoping just to hold the line for next year.

LIRN is currently focused on getting the information required to assess resource needs, and how to allocate the resources. They are looking at the short- and long-term implications from COVID regarding print vs online information sources. They will be conducting an updated inventory of equipment and resources, along with usage statistics, to enable an evidence-based decision. They will be doing a lot of background legwork over the next six months, so we may not actually see anything being done.

Libraries matter – now more than ever. Libraries are a high priority, but there are no definitive answers at this time. Johanne praised the library staff in rising to the challenges created by the pandemic.

Theresa Leitch: Theresa commented on how enjoyable it was getting to meet librarians over the past couple of weeks. She found many similarities and a few differences between the libraries. She noted that CPD involvement varies from one to another. She is pleased to see how we have been able to deal with COVID and still serve our members’ needs. It was a great experience to see how we rose to the challenges.

The skills-based board of LIRN includes a great mix of skills. They are well-positioned to guide LIRN into the future. Since LibraryCo was first established, the world has changed, and library & information services have also changed. There is more online content, and more emphasis on digital resources. Share holders are anxious that we should meet these challenges.

Much discussion went into the organization of LIRN to ensure that licensees get value out of the system.

Cooperation between libraries and the ILL system is outstanding. The libraries are very important to the users.

LIRN needs information to ensure we are meeting the users’ needs in a cost-efficient way.

They will be conducting an inventory of resources and equipment – a survey is being designed. It will be extensive.

LIRN will undertake a strategic planning process, a listening and learning stage, including consultation with libraries and stakeholders, keeping in mind LSO budget as well as COVID and its future impacts.

We need to be prepared for the future, including unforeseen problems, and we must be flexible.

Our success in adapting to COVID challenges speaks well to our flexibility going forward.

LIRN will keep us informed.

P.S. from Johanne: How we do things and how libraries function are always changing. Keep in mind the “Why” of what we are doing and who we are doing it for.

Pace yourselves. This kind of change is exhausting at times, and messy. We have strong people and a strong network. We CAN survive this and thrive – come out much stronger and better.

Pia thanked Johanne and Theresa for meeting and sharing with us. We look forward to working with both of them in the future.

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

6.1. Best Practices Committee (B. Dykstra, L. Richmond, & J. Kerr)

Laura commented that there is not much new to report. There are no ongoing conversations about uploading and maintaining the resource.

John said that he is creating a manual for his own library: what he does, how, and why. He is willing to share his. We should all have such a manual specific to our own library.

6.2 Privacy Policy for the website (H. Heerema)

Helen: Our current policy is dated. We are looking for volunteers to help create and implement a new policy. If you have samples of your association’s policy, please share.

Pia has agreed to assist in this process.

6.3 COLAL and Training (M. Gerrits)

Michelle: From discussion at the last Local Libraries zoom meeting: we are missing the educational sessions we would normally get at COLAL.

Some suggestions for workshops include: Mental Health and Mindfulness – to help us deal with the stress from the current situation; ideas about working as a solo librarian.

	<p>Kelly: Thanks to all who responded. Thank you to Helen for supplying the earlier version of the survey. The report is also available on the OCLA website.</p>
12.	<p>Elections</p> <p>10.1. FOLA PRC Committee – Standing Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep 1 – Ciara Ward, Northumberland • Rep 2 – Jen Walker, Carleton <p>Motion to endorse current representatives Moved by: Pia Williams Seconded by: Mary-Jo Petsche Motion carried.</p> <p>10.2. Core/Essential Committee – Standing Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local – John Kerr, Wellington • Area - Kelly Elliot, Lincoln • Regional - Megan Strain (with assistance from Joan Rataic-Lang), Toronto <p>Motion to elect regional representative to committee Moved by: Pia Williams Seconded by: Michelle Landriault Motion carried</p> <p>10.3. Executive positions open for nominations:</p> <p>10.3.1. Standing for Chair: Nominating Committee put forward Jennifer Walker Motion to acclaim a Chair to the Executive Moved by: Pia Williams Seconded by: Mary-Jo Petsche Motion carried</p> <p>10.3.2. Standing for Vice Chair(s): Nominating Committee put forward Laura Richmond Motion to acclaim a Vice-Chair(s) to the Executive Moved by: Pia Williams Seconded by: Betty Dykstra Motion carried</p> <p>10.3.3. Standing for Secretary: Nominating Committee put forward Chris Wyskiel Motion to acclaim a Secretary to the Executive Moved by: Pia Williams Seconded by: Shabira Tamachi Motion carried</p> <p>10.3.4. Standing for Treasurer: Nominating Committee put forward Michelle Gerrits Motion to acclaim a Treasurer to the Executive Moved by: Pia Williams Seconded by: Cynthia Simpson Motion carried</p> <p>10.3.5. Standing for Member-at-Large: Nominating Committee put forward Stacey Zip Motion to acclaim a Member-at-Large to the Executive Moved by: Pia Williams Seconded by: Jackie Hassafras Motion carried</p>
12.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Pia expressed thanks to the incoming executive members, and thanks to the outgoing executive. Just prior to adjournment, Amanda Ward-Pereira introduced us to Roxanne who will be covering the Algoma Law Library while Amanda is on leave.</p> <p>Motion to Adjourn Moved by: Pia Williams Seconded by: John Kerr Meeting adjourned at 10:47 CDT Next meeting: CALL Conference, Hamilton, May 2021</p>