

PENDER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
March 7, 2022
(via Zoom)

Members in attendance (17): Laura Vilness, Lori Ragan, Joanne Peacock, Dianne Wilson, Ralph Dawson, Judy Pullen, Kathy MacLachlan, Bettyanne Neufeld, Peter Wilson, Susan Dawson, Helen Lemon-Moore, Lyn Greenhill, Therese Williams, Perry Taylor, Carmen Oleskevich, Melody Pender, Colette Clarke. (Quorum met.)

Mission: Provide access to a range of library resources to support the diverse needs of our community.

Vision: Be a dynamic and welcoming centre where all can learn, discover, explore and connect.

Guiding Principles: Respect, Responsive to change, Collaboration, and Service.

1. Call to Order – Laura Vilness, Chairperson, 10:02 am

“We acknowledge we meet on the traditional lands of the Wsáneć peoples.”

2. Welcome to meeting by Chairperson.

3. **Motion/Seconded/Carried** to approve the agenda.

4. **Motion/Seconded/Carried** to approve the past-AGM Minutes as amended of March 1, 2021

5. Reports

I. Chairperson’s Report given by Laura Vilness. Laura highlighted the activities of Board Committees in 2021, including Board Development, Finance, Health & Safety, Policy, and Volunteer Management. The Southern Gulf Islands Library Commission was discussed, with update on drafting a new library services agreement with the CRD. Laura expressed appreciation of Library Director’s diligence in ensuring a safe and welcoming environment within the Library to keep it open to the community during COVID-19, and thanked staff and volunteers for their excellent work and commitment to the Library.

II. Financial Report given by Trustee Ralph Dawson.

Motion/Seconded/Carried to approve the PIPLA financial statement 2021 as prepared by Schell & Associates Chartered Professional Accountants, Victoria, BC, and to appoint Schell & Associates Chartered Professional Accountants, Victoria, BC, as the financial reviewer for PIPLA in 2022.

Ralph thanked retiring Trustee Judy Pullen for her years of service to the Library and to the financial management committee in particular, reflecting that during her 8-years on the Board changes were made that put PIPL in a very good position with good financial oversight in place.

- III. Library Director's Report given by Carmen Oleskevich. Carmen presented a slide show highlighting the main operational activities of 2021, including progress on the Strategic Plan (2019-2023), library statistics, and a summary of programs. She thanked the Board Trustees, staff and volunteers for their work during the past year under COVID-19 conditions.

Motion/Seconded/Carried to accept all reports.

6. Bylaw changes – Laura Vilness explained the reasons behind the proposed changes.
Motion/Seconded/Carried to adopt Bylaw Motion #1: In PIPLA Bylaws, in the General Meetings section, replace the first sentence in the Quorum paragraph with, "A General Meeting may not take place unless 10 members that meet the requirements of the Library Act are present."

Motion/Seconded/Carried to adopt Bylaw Motion #2: In PIPLA Bylaws, in the General Meetings section, replace the Annual General Meetings paragraph with, "Will be held by March 15th at a time and place determined by the Board."

7. Election of Board Trustees
Motion/Seconded/Carried to reappoint Dianne Wilson and to appoint Bettyanne Neufeld to the PIPLA Board of Trustees.
8. Q & A period – the Chairperson responded to several questions from the membership. The Chairperson thanked departing Trustees Judy Pullen and Kathy MacLachlan for all their work and commitment to the library over the years. The Chairperson was also thanked Kathy for her extensive work on the Board of Trustees during 2021.
9. Adjournment at 10:40 am.