

**OAXACA LENDING LIBRARY**  
**Annual General Assembly Meeting**  
**February 10, 2018**

1. **Quorum** There being no quorum at the stated hour of 1:00p.m., the meeting began at 2:00p, at which time a quorum was determined to be present.
2. **Call to Order and Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting** President Siobhan Grogan called the meeting to order at 2:00p. Forty-two current members, over 18 years of age, were declared voting members of the Annual General Assembly Meeting, 2018. (See appended list of members present in 2018 and that of members of the Annual General Assembly Meeting 2017 who resigned membership in the Annual General Assembly Meeting 2018). Secretary John Burch made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Assembly Meeting. It was seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.
3. **President's Report** Siobhan began her remarks by saying that despite personal challenges, her term as President was marked by growth in membership, event attendance, and material circulation. She then introduced the current members of the Board: John Dumser, Vice President; Ralph Gault, Treasurer; John Burch, Secretary, Fay Henderson de Diaz, Director; Sally Sell, Director; Judy Burrell, Director; and Marcia Reddy, Director. Her remarks continued with an expression of gratitude to the members of the Board for their work, with particular notice of the support of Vice President, John Dumser.
4. **Highlights of 2017** John Dumser then reviewed some of the year's accomplishments, among which were the initiation of the Online Store, which allows web access to register for events and lectures on the eBlast or the Library website; the successful Building Our Future Campaign which made possible the expansion of the roof spaces, digitizing of the archives by David Myler. He also mentioned the establishment of two new committees—the Development Committee, chaired by Judy Burrell, and the Community Outreach Committee, chaired by Fay Henderson de Diaz, which is intended to reach out to our Mexican hosts by way of letters of agreement with local educational institutions. He then discussed briefly some of the year's Special Events (also a new Committee in 2017) and the Out and About and Hoofing It In Oaxaca programs.
5. **Committee Accomplishments** Siobhan reviewed the Committees, some of their accomplishments: Book Committee, Kevin McGrath and Peter McCallion, Co-chairs; Building Committee, Tom Holloway, Chair; Community Outreach, Chair, Fay Henderson de Diaz; Development, Judy, Burrell, Chair; Events In-House, Jeannie Kes and John Dumser, Chairs; Events – Out and About, Michelle Verduzco, Chair; Finance, Ralph Gault, Chair; Nominations, Bill Watts Chair; and Volunteer, Marcia Reddy, Chair, and Linda Mazzei, Volunteer Coordinator.

6. **Non-Committee Programs** John Burch outlined those activities carried out by individuals or *ad hoc* committees, including the seasonal Bazaar (Marcia Reddy and Elaine Russell); Board of Directors Retreat (Sandra Thompson); Boutique (Bliss Wilson); Building Our Future Campaign (Kathy Mazetti and Alan Goodman, Co-Chairs); Digitizing the OLL archives (David Myler); Out and About/Hoofing It In Oaxaca (Larry Ginzkey); Introduction to Oaxaca (Siobhan Grogan); Oaxaca Events Calendar ([www.oaxacaevents.com](http://www.oaxacaevents.com) – Dottie Bellinger); Online Store (Tanya Lapierre); Saturday Programs (Intercambio, Flor Bautista, Story Time (Karen Mungia), Ninos Adelante (Karen Mungia), and Jovenes Adelante); Website (Tanya Lapierre); and Weekly Newsletter (Joanie Harmon—with 2176 subscribers!).
7. **Treasurer's Report** Ralph Gault reviewed the Library's finances. He reported income of \$930,414.00 pesos in 2017 from all sources (membership, donations, events), and operating expenses of \$822,929.00 pesos (rent, staff, books). He pointed to the Reserve Fund which is sufficient to cover more than seven months of operating expenses, and that the year-end balance was \$599,094.00 pesos. He mentioned that our tax obligation in 2017, was unusually large, partially due to contributions to the Building Our Future Campaign. The Paypal account had \$222,684.00 pesos, a figure which will be reduced as facturas continue to be received and paid. The balance of funds contributed to the Building Our Future Campaign has a sum of \$15,000.00 pesos to be kept aside for repairs, with an additional \$16,397.00 pesos to be divided equally between the Oaxaca Lending Library and Libros para Pueblos. A full account can be found in the published 2017 Annual Report.
8. **By-law Amendment** Fay Henderson then spoke about the proposed By-law Amendment:

#### **Article II, Section 5 - English Teacher Membership**

**“English teachers at schools with which the Oaxaca Lending Library has Letters of Agreement shall be given a free annual membership to the Library. Such members shall not have a vote at the Annual General Assembly Meeting or Special Assembly Meetings.”**

The reasoning behind it is that now that the Library has letters of agreement with local educational institutions, whereby Library benefits are to be conferred on some of their students, whose membership is already permitted in the By-laws, it is desirable to open that membership to their teachers. She moved that it be accepted. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by the membership.

9. **Nominations to the Board** Bill Pumphrey then presented the Nominating Committee's slate of officers. These included Tom Lockwood as Vice President for a term of one year; Oreen Scott as Secretary, for a term of two years; and Jacki Gordon as Director for a term of three years. Bill moved that the slate be accepted as no nominations from the floor were forthcoming. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. He then asked for nominations from the floor as there can be additional Directors. Doug Harmon nominated Del Highfield to fill the unexpired term of Michelle Verduzco (to 2019). His nomination was seconded and unanimously passed. Bill Pumphrey was then nominated as Director at Large. The nomination was accepted and

unanimously approved. (It was agreed that he and) Karen Wuebbens agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2018. Bill solicited the membership for other nominees. None were forthcoming, so the President said he would appoint two more Committee members.

**10. New Business** Del Highfield made a motion, which was seconded, as follows:

**“The Board of Directors and staff shall be prohibited from using Oaxaca Lending Library funds to provide financial assistance or loans to any person, corporation, or organization without express approval by a majority of voting members at the Annual General Assembly Meeting.”**

*En pro* Del stated that when he assumed the post of Treasurer in 2015, it was discovered that there were numerous unpaid loans totaling thousands of pesos to individuals over a multi-year period, loans which had to be written off, and that this motion was intended to prevent such well-meaning but ill-advised financial decisions from being made. *En contra* Board members pointed out that they had approved the granting of payroll advances, which Mexican labor laws allow, including the amount of individual withholdings, to staff according to strict guidelines. The prohibition proposed would prevent the Library from joining Libros para Pueblos, for example, at which Dell offered to remove that wording. Further, it was pointed out that Mexicans of modest means have few palatable recourses to loans, and finally, that the Board had been duly elected, which implicitly includes the assumption of fiscal responsibility. John Dumser, as the new President of the Board, called the question at this point. There was one vote in favor, with the majority opposed. The motion was defeated.

**11. Attendance**

<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Anderson, Geraldine	Anderson, Geri
Bertelli, Mary Kathryn*	Burch, John M.
Bronn, Mike *	Charneski, Christine
Burch, John M.	Dean, Richard
Burrell, Judith	Derr, Robert
Charneski, Christine	Bellinger, Dottie
Derr, Robert	Dumser, John
Duttenhofer, Jill	Dunham, Tom
Gault, Ralph	Duttenhofer, Jill
Ginzkey, Lawrence Raymond	Gault, Ralph
Grogan, Katherine Siobhan Murphy	Ginzkey, Lawrence Raymond
Grogan,	Gordon, Jacki
Spencer Grogan *	Grogan, Katherine Siobhan Grogan
Haberfeld, Miriam*	Harmon, Douglas
Harmon, Douglas	Harmon, Joan
Harmon, Joan	

Highfield, Del  
Holloway, John Thomas  
Kes, Erich\*  
Kes, Jeannie\*  
Lang, Richard\*  
Lapierre, Tanya  
Lynn, Enid  
Lyons, Suzanne  
McCallion, Perter  
Myler, David Charles, Jr.\*  
Newell, Beverly Jean  
Owens, Carl R.  
Palmer, Robert B.\*  
Reddy, Marcia  
Ryan, Charles, Henry\*  
Schaenbacher, Bliss W.\*  
Sell, Ralph  
Sell, Sally  
Severeide, Rebecca\*  
Verduzco, Michelle\*  
Watts, Bill  
Weiss, Peter

Henderson de Diaz, Fay  
Highfield, Del  
Highfield, Kate  
Holloway, John Thomas  
Lapierre, Tanya  
Lockwood, Tom  
Lynn, Enid  
Lyons, Suzanne  
McCallion, Peter  
Newell, Beverly  
Owens, Carl R.  
Pumphrey, Bill  
Rankin, Mary  
Reddy, Marcia  
Scott, Oreen  
Sell, Ralph  
Sell, Sally  
Stores, Bruce  
Templeton, Elizabeth  
Watts, Bill  
Watts, Kyle  
Weiss, Peter  
Wexler, JoAnn  
Wuebbens, Karen

\* Not in attendance at the 2018 meeting

**12. Adjournment** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **4:00p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Burch, Secretary