

OLL Board of Directors Meeting April 22, 2021  
Agenda

- Roll Call

Board Members: Marirose Lescher, Doug Long, Mary Phillips, John Dumser, David Myler, Suzanne Grant, Lina Negrete, Ron Grant, Mark Leyes, Jacki Gordon, Jose Luis Zárate, Abraham Fregosa,

Late: Dottie Bellinger

Absent: John Burch, Kathryn Bertelli

Staff: Adriana

Guest: Peter McCallion

- Approval of Agenda

The agenda was accepted/approved without change

- Approval of Minutes BOD meeting February 11, 2021

Motion: Minutes of the February 11, 2012 BOD meeting were accepted/approved without change

- Announcements

John Dumser: Announcement on our social media sites notifying the membership that John Harvey Williams resigned as President and per By-Laws John Dumser as Vice President stepped into the role. It was agreed that that was appropriate.

Action : President to write note and Communications Committee to distribute on OLL social media.

John Dumser: Will be out of the city from October 15 to November 14. He could chair Board meeting on Zoom or delegate authority to another member of the Board.

Action: None required at this time

- President's Report

Welcome to new board members and "Thank You" for volunteering to serve on the Board. "Thank You" to the previous board members for the job they did during this last year. He acknowledged how difficult the year 2020 had been.

Implement the posting of the dates of the Board of Directors meetings on the OLL calendar and at the library and website to advise members of meeting dates in case they may wish to attend. The meeting agenda will be posted at least 1 week prior to the meeting date.

A suggestion was made to post it on the Oaxaca Events calendar, as well.

Action: President and Secretary to implement

Need to update the website for the new Board of Directors. Update the OLL institutional emails for better tracking of official documentation for archive purpose.

The technology committee is looking at a capacity issue with the present email account(s).

Action: Technology Committee, Doug Long website maintenance

John addressed what he called "some gossip." He was informed that someone at the hotel next door said that the library will be closing because "they're bankrupt." To counter the gossip he suggested that we put out the information showing we are viable with information on extended hours and the Action Plan for the year.

The fact that we're moving ahead could squelch some of the rumors. We also have to be proactive and when we hear something like this to step up and let people know that that's not the case. Also, he's been informed that there's a gentlemen in Chiapas that is known to be bad mouthing the library with falsehoods.

The information put out at the AGAM meeting really showed that the board is working on a lot of issues and we need to promote this.

Some of the information from the AGAM did bring up issues regarding the election process, the nominations committee, floor nominations. John expressed a need to be looking at these issues. Action: Will be discussed under New Business with review of By-Laws, review of the role of the Nominations Committee.

#### - Treasurer's Report

John noted that we have a year's worth of operating funds, but we need to be really careful on the expenses.

If a committee needs to spend monies they need to have the expense reviewed by Marirose prior to moving forward.

We need to stay within the boundaries of what we can do financially. Unfortunately we have to work through this time and get our income stream back on line.

Marirose started by saying "kudos to the library for being so well positioned to weather the pandemic." The renewed fundraising and as we begin to open up...all this will help the finances.

Attention was brought to the second page of the Balance Sheet and the account "Equity." Nonprofits don't have equity. The recommendation was that that account will be zeroed out.

Action: Marirose will proceed to correct the Balance Sheet

Marirose commented on donations from the OLLF either in cash or books. These are deemed income.

Each of these has a different treatment when reporting to the tax authorities.

#### - Outstanding Business

Use of Library-Proposal from Re-opening Committee

Motion: David Myler moved that the re-opening committee's most recent proposal should be accepted by the board.

Second: Doug Long.

Discussion:

Agreed the OLL should continue to monitor the Oaxaca health situation due to Covid-19 and be flexible and responsible during this 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of our re-opening.

The motion was approved and the library will move ahead with the proposal from the Re-opening Committee.

Issue regarding re-opening : Ceiling fans in back rooms. Decided that research needs to be done.

Action: Proposal to be brought to the Board by the Re-opening Committee

Fundraising

Jacki Gordon said that the goal for the fundraising effort is 1.5 million pesos. The committee has been looking at the possibility of using the software, Little Green Light. The Technology Committee and the Fundraising Committee will be meeting with Bob Anyon of The Learning Center, as it is using this software and the OLL might benefit also from its use. It was mentioned that the cost can be USD\$40/month. Need to investigate the cost.

Jose Luis Zárate offered information about the software (Little Green Light). LPP uses it and he thinks it's a good software program. It has advantages and disadvantages. He will give the committee a chance to see it in action.

Jacki added that the Fundraising Committee will be sending a letter to each board member asking them to become an ambassador. As ambassador, each will be asked to approach people they know well and solicit donations. The committee will offer a script.

#### - New Business

##### Development of Action Plan for 2021-2022 Term

The Action Plan was developed at the OLL Leadership Retreat held this month. It's been sent to the committees for implementation.

The board can provide resources and is available to help as much as they can.

The Action Plan can be accessed on the OLL website.

##### Donataria Autorizada status

This has been discussed in prior years. Marirose has offered to research and she will present a 1 page overview to the Board. At that time a decision can be made to move forward or table this issue.

José Luis Zárate mentioned that LpP is a Donataria Autorizada and the process is long and not easy.

The level of accounting will increase. He mentioned advantages and disadvantages. He offered to make an appointment with an accounting firm which LpP uses, just to have a session for getting information.

Questions to be submitted would help.

Action: Marirose will meet with José.

##### Review OLL By-Laws

Marirose has set up a committee. This task was deemed especially relevant after the AGAM.

Questions arose about the Nominations Committee, the electoral process itself, and nominations from the floor. Our by-laws should mirror the Acta Constitutiva ( AC ) which is our legal standing with governmental agencies. José mentioned that if the library were going for the status of Donataria Autorizada it would be good to wait because the By-Laws need to be incorporated.

Past President Jacki Gordon wanted the Board to know that she received phone calls and emails after the AGAM, many from younger members, that might have been avoided had the issues coming out of the meeting been reflected in the By-Laws. There is a need to be more transparent.

Suzanne Grant had the question of the Vice-President's position being open. She suggested that there is no procedure addressing this issue. Dottie Bellinger suggested reactivating the Nominations Committee and look for a Vice President.

John Dumser agreed that this is an important issue and it will be addressed in the review of the By-Laws.

#### - Standing Committee Reports

There were no questions or comments about the submitted committee reports.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16.

#### - Next Meeting

May 13, 2021 11:00 AM

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