



BOARD REPORT

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TO: Library Board
FROM: Raji Mangat (filling in for Amanda Card, InterLINK Liaison)
SUBJECT: InterLINK Report, May 2017

SUMMARY

This report constitutes the regular monthly update from the InterLINK liaison.

PURPOSE

This report is for information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receive the report for information.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The VPL 2020 Strategic Plan includes a focus on Sharing & Collaboration and seeks to foster a community that shares information, ideas & stories. The VPL board's liaison roles, while part of our standard governance practice, also support this initiative.

BACKGROUND

Until February 2017 this report was provided verbally. In an effort to increase the efficiency of board meetings, the Governance Committee agreed to having the monthly updates on BCLTA and InterLINK provided via written report.

DISCUSSION

Guest Presentation on Advocacy

Dr. Ken Haycock presented on how the InterLINK Board may use advocacy strategies to develop understanding about and support for InterLINK with home library boards, funding decision-makers (such as MLAs) and other stakeholders. Following the presentation, board members had a discussion with Dr. Haycock about how to put advocacy skills into practice.

InterLINK Agreement

K. Siedlaczek, Chair of the InterLINK Governance and Planning Committee (“GPC”) presented the draft InterLINK Agreement, the most recent version of which had been reviewed by the GPC and at the most recent Administrators’ Advisory Group (“AAG”) meeting. K. Siedlaczek provided background on the revision of the Agreement. The Board moved that: the draft Agreement be transmitted to the Libraries Branch for their comment; after feedback from the Libraries Branch is received and incorporated, the draft be reviewed by a lawyer; and a final vote recommending approval of the Agreement by member libraries take place at the September 26, 2017 InterLINK Board meeting.

Governance and Planning

M. Burris, InterLINK Executive Director, and K. Siedlaczek reported on the strategic plan review. A facilitated session will be put together for group-review of the strategic plan and will take place at the September board meeting. M. Burris canvassed the Board about the possibility of using an online survey for the board self-evaluation process, which would be distributed in the Fall. The GPC will prioritize review of the Personnel Manual (with all policies related to Human Resources), as well as developing a Procurement Policy and a Risk Management Policy.

2016 Report to Members

M. Burris, InterLINK Executive Director, presented the Public Library InterLINK 2016 Report to Member for feedback from the Board. The Board noted that the report is well-put together and may be used for advocacy and education about the work InterLINK does.

Libraries at the PNE

M. Burris reported that the PNE has indicated interest in partnering with libraries to promote and support literacy. InterLINK has been discussing an initiative for this year’s PNE. The plan is for the PNE to offer discounted entry to library patrons and for a reading tent to run for the entirety of the PNE.

FINAL REMARKS

The next InterLINK meeting is Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at Burnaby Library –Metrotown Branch. InterLINK’s last meeting of the year, which is typically held in November, has been moved to December 5, 2017.