

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9 am Pacific / 10 am Mountain / 11 am Central / 12 pm Eastern / 1 pm Atlantic / 1:30 pm Newfoundland, Monday, November 6, 2023

Join by Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89580980199?pwd=e0Fz2Ot8PLJJbhOz5st8aL6Mg7CEnp.1>

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| a. Review of ELA Constitution | |

- b. Affiliations with other associations
- c. The CFLA-FCAB Challenge Survey & the current landscape for Intellectual Freedom in Canada – an overview with Q & A by Dick Ellis

10. Adjournment

On behalf of the ELA Board:

- D. Thomas, President
- T. Eadie, Past President
- B. Henderson, Treasurer & membership secretary
- C. Penman, Secretary
- L. Bruce
- D. Burton
- F. Davidson-Arnott
- V. James
- C. Wilson

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting, by Zoom, November 7, 2022

Present: Board members: Donna Burton, Tom Eadie (Past President), Bob Henderson (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), Vivienne James, Deborah Thomas (President), and Christina Wilson. Ex officio: Lorne Bruce, Frances Davidson-Arnott.

Members at Large: 23 present.

Reports for Agenda items 5 to 9 were included with the agenda. Amendments and comments will be included in the minutes.

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Deborah Thomas called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm EST, followed by a Land Acknowledgement.

A quorum was present, with 31 members in attendance via Zoom.

2. Adoption of the Agenda.

Addition to the agenda: 8 i. Nominating Committee Report

Moved by Bob Henderson, seconded by Alison Stirling, that the agenda, as amended, be adopted. Motion carried.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, November 1, 2021

Amendment to Minutes:

7 (a) Biography Project Committee (Lorne Bruce): Should be 135 biographies, not 185. Moved by Elizabeth Ridler, seconded by Frances Davidson-Arnott, that the *Minutes of the Annual General Meeting* of November 1, 2021, as amended, be approved. Motion carried.

4. Business arising from the Minutes.

There was none.

5. President's Report (D. Thomas)

Deborah thanked present and past members of the Board and Committees for their contributions to ELA. She said a priority would be a review of ELA's constitution. It was last amended twelve years ago.

6. Treasurer's Report (B. Henderson)

Income exceeded expenditures by nearly \$700. The largest expense was for ELAN. There is still clothing available for sale, including t-shirts, polo-shirts and sweat-shirts. Order via Bob. The GIC was reinvested at 4.15%.

7. Membership Secretary's Report (B. Henderson)

In response to questions, it was noted that some life members had died, that the number of institutional members remained the same, and that about 56% of ELA members renewed their memberships.

8. Committee/Project Reports:

a. Biography Project Committee (L. Bruce)

Lorne thanked Nancy Williamson, who retired from the Chair's position, for all her work. There are nearly 140 biographies, another one should be added by the end of the month. This makes it the largest biographical database for library-related individuals in Canada. Some have been cited in Wikipedia.

b. Newsletter Committee (F. Davidson-Arnott)

Alvin Schrader expressed his thanks for the Newsletter, saying he always enjoyed reading it. Frances noted that it was a team effort, with every committee member making a contribution along with the regular contributors.

c. Ad Hoc Library Tours Committee (V. James)

Due to the success of the virtual tours in 2021, it is planned to have both in-person and virtual tours in the future. The possibility of in-person tours in other areas outside the GTA will be explored; western Canada and south west Ontario were mentioned. Vivienne thanked Doreen London and Julia Schneider for their excellent write ups about the tours for ELAN.

d. Website and Listserv Committee (L. Bruce)

Lorne noticed there had been a big improvement in website usability since the move to a new host. New material is added on a regular basis. Frances Davidson-Arnott thanked Lorne for his work with the website and listserv and his responsiveness to her requests.

e. Facebook Committee (D. Burton)

There are now over 200 followers and the Facebook pages are a valuable resource for reaching out beyond ELA membership. Changes made by Meta have resulted in a more complex method of posting material, but it is manageable. Donna thanked Doreen London for supplying photographs from the various library tours.

f. W. Kaye Lamb Award Committee (C. Wilson)

Christina thanked Elizabeth Ridler for her leadership of this committee over the years and for the support she gave to her and Donna Burton, as they worked on the project. She also noted that three new committee members (Todd Kyle, Ann Smith, and Michael Rogowski, all associated with CFLA-FCAB) had greatly contributed to the committee's work and to ensuring wide distribution of the award's existence.

g. Archives Committee (C. Wilson pro tem)

This committee is looking for a chair and members with experience with archives. Please contact [Christina](#) if you are interested.

h. CFLA-FCAB Intellectual Freedom Committee (D. Thomas)

Following a question about the situation in Canada, it was noted that challenges came from both the left and right sides of the political spectrum. The challenges are especially occurring in school libraries, at present.

i. Nomination Committee (Tom Eadie)

Secretary to the Board: Cynthea Penman volunteered for this position. Her nomination was moved by Tom Eadie and seconded by Alison Stirling. There being no other nominations, Cynthia was welcomed to the Board.

Vice-President: There were no volunteers or nominations for this position.

Archivist: There were no volunteers or nominations for this position.

If interested, members should contact [President Deb Thomas](#).

Moved by Elizabeth Ridler, seconded by Alvin Schrader, that the reports be accepted. Motion carried.

9. Proposal to Create a Student Bursary (D. Thomas)

The motion in the attachment to the agenda on this topic was amended to:

MOTION: That the Ex Libris Association enters into a partnership with Indspire to develop and award an annual bursary of \$2,500 to a student in a program of library studies (library technician or masters program). Further, that Ex Libris Association commits to raising a minimum of \$2,500 a year over 10 years, to meet the 2022 criteria from Indspire for a named bursary.

Moved by Deb Thomas, seconded by Tom Eadie. Motion carried.

10. Other business.

There was none.

11. Adjournment.

C. Wilson moved for adjournment at 2:21pm (EST).

Suzette Giles

November 9, 2022

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Date: October 1, 2023
Committee/Role: President
Incumbent: Deb Thomas

Report on activities:

What we've accomplished so far in 2023:

- We launched the Indigenous Student Bursary, promoting it widely and raising sufficient funds for a 2023 bursary.
- Christina Wilson and her committee announced the application deadline for the biennial W. Kaye Lamb award, for which we received so many excellent applications in 2021.
- Two fascinating tours – one in-person and one virtual – of Canadian libraries were organized by Vivienne James for members
- The Board surveyed members on their preferences for our AGM and annual conference – and on topics of interest for webinars.
- An education committee is formed to facilitate educational opportunities for members
- Lorne Bruce and his committee continue to update the [Biographies of Librarians and Information Professionals](#) and maintain the [remembrance page](#) (where members can post memories and tributes of deceased colleagues) on our website
- Frances Davidson-Arnott and her committee continue to produce information packed issues of ELAN – available in print and [online](#).
- Members exchanged links and commentary on issues in the library world, including threats to intellectual freedom and library budgets on both sides of the US/Canada border
- Sadly, we lost a former ELA Board member this year. Matt Scholtz died in June 2023. A thoughtful and very funny man who gave very good hugs. We will miss him.

We continue to look for new recruits to the Board, in particular for the Vice President (president-elect) and Archivist positions – and for a few committee positions. Ideas on effective recruitment methods are welcomed!

Ex Libris Association
Financial Report: October 18, 2022 - October 11, 2023
Statement of Income and Expenditures

Balance: October 18, 2022 **\$ 9,813.66**

Income: October 18, 2022 - October 11, 2023

Membership	\$ 3,778.80
Donations	\$ 1,220.60
Indspire Donations	\$ 3,150.00
Sales: T-Shirts	\$ 367.00
Sales: Sweat Shirts	\$ 120.00
Sales: Polo Shirts	\$ 45.00
Sales: Bags	\$ 175.00

Total Income: Oct. 18, 2022 - Oct. 11, 2023 **\$ 8,856.40**

Expenditures: October 18, 2022 - October 11, 2023

General Administration	\$ 26.07
Membership	\$ 574.76
ELAN	\$ 7,772.28
T-Shirts (Shipping)	\$ 118.90
ELA Website	\$ 278.95
Conferences (OLA, BCLA, APLA)	\$ 271.32
AGM	\$ 26.58
Prizes / Awards / Donations	\$ 217.99
Indspire Bursary	\$ 2,800.00
Bank Charges	\$ 17.00

Total Expenditures: Oct. 18, 2022 - Oct. 11, 2023 **\$ 12,103.85**

Balance: Oct. 11, 2023 **\$ 6,566.21**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets

Cash in bank account	\$ 6,566.21
GICs	* \$ 17,625.00
Total Assets	\$ 24,191.21

Liabilities

Trust fund for Life Memberships (\$100 x 7)	\$ 700.00
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*Includes Dorothy Ryder Bequest (\$4,000)

Bob Henderson, Treasurer, Ex Libris Association
October 13, 2023

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Date: October 16, 2023
Committee/Role: Membership
Chair: Bob Henderson

Report on activities:

ELA has 229 members, 31 more than reported in 2022.

Personal members:

Annual	209
Life	7
Subtotal	216

Honorary members 8

Institutional/organizational members 5

Current total mailing list: 229

Since the last annual report:

- 41 new members have joined
- 91 members (43%) have renewed for 2023
- 17 members renewed for 2 years (2023-4)
- 44 members renewed through e-transfers
- 7 members renewed through CanadaHelps
- 8 memberships donated by current members
- 55 members have not renewed

I invite all members to help in the recruitment of new members, either by giving new retirees the ELA brochure or by forwarding their names to me at 647-297-8161 or by e-mail at bob.exlibris@gmail.com.

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Date: September 25, 2023
Committee/Role: Biography Project
Chair: Lorne Bruce

Report on activities:

The ELA Biography page can be found at:

<https://www.exlibris.ca/doku.php?id=history:canadian-librarians-biography-mainpage>

Currently, there are just more than 130 biographies on our site. To improve our linkages with Google and Bing search engines, the URLs for the main page and all biographies were shortened to allow for a greater priority in providing responses to searches.

The ELA database will continue to feature brief, pertinent biographies about prominent Canadian persons in the field of Library and Information Science, as well as Archives. It includes personal facts; significant information on education, careers, publications, honours, awards, accomplishments, or association work; and comments by contemporaries. The inclusion of sources provides readers with further references on each individual. With the addition of current (retired) professionals, we hope to add personal comments provided through direct communication.

There have been a few bios added this year: Margaret Cockshutt, Jean Weihs, Nancy Williamson, Flora Francis, and Florence Patridge.

ELA members can contribute to the project in a number of ways: by writing biographical entries, by suggesting improvements to the database, by correcting erroneous information, and by adding biographical material to persons already in the database. We welcome contributions to this project; please get in touch with me at the address below for details on contributing.

I am also going to note that the memories and tributes page to members who have passed away is also expanding. This is a personalized page that allows ELA members to comment on their former friends and colleagues. The page is at:

<https://www.exlibris.ca/doku.php?id=history:memories-and-tributes>.

If you would like to contribute to the biography project, please contact me at lbruce@uoguelph.ca

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Date: October 1, 2023
Committee/Role: ELAN
Chair: Frances Davidson-Arnott
Members: Judy Dunn, Suzette Giles, Susan Ibbetson, Vivienne James, Leslie McGrath, Wendy Newman, Jean Weihs

Report on activities:

The Newsletter is by and for members of Ex Libris Association. Our primary role is to cover events and activities of the association. Beyond that, historical topics (especially Canadian) and library news of interest to our readers are of significant focus. This includes books of interest and milestones within our community. Another important goal is to keep members up-to-date on current news and activities within the profession.

Again in 2023, we published two *ELAN* issues, spring and fall. The Committee met, via Zoom, in the spring and fall to discuss the previous issue and plan the next.

We are grateful to our members for writing such great articles. We invite all ELA members to make suggestions about topics to be explored, suitable books to be reviewed, and to send us news (honours, deaths, retirements) about our members and professional associates. Members who publish books are asked to let us know. Please note that we are still looking for members to take over "Obituaries" "Archives News" and "Book Reviews." Please contact Frances Davidson-Arnott (frances.davidson-arnott@senecaretirees.ca) if you are interested in working on these columns.

ELAN continues to change gradually and gently over time. We are increasingly taking advantage of the opportunities presented for readers who read the issues online. We are integrating our articles with links to our website where there is additional content and linking to items on the Internet. Suggestions for improvement are very welcome.

Thanks again to our editor, Jo Calvert, for her skill and to Bob Henderson for all his work. We have had even more support than usual from Lorne Bruce this year, in tying *ELAN* articles to the ELA website. Special thanks go to the Ontario Library Association for its continuing support and dedication in publishing *ELAN*. Laurel McLeod took over the layout work for *ELAN* from Megan Anderi who left OLA. Laurel has done a spectacular job, picking it up without dropping a stitch!

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Date: September 25, 2023
Committee/Role: Website
Chair: Lorne Bruce

Report on activities:

The ELA Website page can be found at: <https://www.exlibris.ca>

In 2023, more new entries and pages have been added, such as our Memoriam and Tributes or new News and Views section, but for the most part, the work has focused on improving the navigation of our site and installing a variety of 'plugins,' that is programs that do things, such as batch edits, to correct and move links and pages. Most new updated pages, especially for biographies, are announced through our Listserv, which currently has more than 195 members.

Our work has focused on:

- Installing a new general template for the site, with a change in the background colour for all pages
- Correcting broken links and changing all our previous underscored URLs to hyphenated URLs that became standard a few years ago
- Adding a variety of images to improve the overall look of the site and add information
- Adding new plugins to assist in changing items and page views, such as PDF page maker for site visitors
- Creating a sitemap that was submitted to Google and Bing search engines to improve the frequency of visits to our site for information
- Changing the headers, footers, and sidebar

Along with our Listserv, the Wiki format for our site makes it easier to contact our membership and keep people updated. The Listserv has been busy this year and there have been fewer disruptions due to several changes in the basic listserv protocols for security.

Thanks to Donna Burton, our Facebook page continues to attract more attention: it reaches many more people than ELA's membership. Unfortunately, the owner of Facebook, Meta, is currently disrupting the distribution of Canadian news, due to recent federal legislation, and it is not certain how this will be resolved. If you have a Facebook account, be sure to visit our site and add your information about what is going on.

If you would like to help with the website work, please contact me at lbruce@uoguelph.ca

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Date: September 30, 2023
Committee/Role: Facebook
Chair: Donna Burton

Report on activities:

The ELA Facebook (FB) page continues to experience small but steady growth. As of September 28, 2023, the page has 189 “Likes” and 216 “Follows,” up from 167 “Likes” and 201 “Follows” in September 2022.

Postings include recent news and trends in the library and information sector, notices of conferences, ELA news, and other related articles that might be of interest to ELA’s diverse membership. There are normally several new postings per week from a variety of sources, such as libraries’ FB postings, the non-profit organization *Librarianship.ca* and library associations. Only publicly available information is posted.

Articles from news media are no longer posted, due to Meta’s decision to prevent users in Canada from viewing news articles in response to the federal *Online News Act*.

The ELA page is a useful tool to promote ELA activities, ELA news, and upcoming events such as tours and webinars. The ELA page is a public page and can be viewed by both ELA members and non-members. Where an event is for members only, it is noted.

The ELA page can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/ExLibrisAssociation>

Viewers can “Like” or “Follow” the ELA page to get new updates in their FB newsfeeds. Viewers are encouraged to comment on any of the postings or share the item on their own FB pages.

Challenge facing the ELA Facebook Page:

Meta’s decision to prevent users in Canada from accessing content from global news outlets, including news publishers and broadcasters on platforms such as FB and Instagram, has negatively impacted content available on the ELA page.

Of 49 posts to the ELA page in July, at least 21 were from Canadian news sources (42%). Many postings on happenings in Canadian libraries were taken from news articles in local papers across Canada and distributed via FB shared postings. Often posts to the ELA page are reposted from sources such as *Librarianship.ca* and *Canadian Librarianship* and their content has also been affected by Meta’s decision. Not only has discovery of articles been affected, because news articles no longer appear in personal news feeds, but sharing is also not allowed. If an article of potential interest to ELA’s membership is captured directly from a source, such as CBC, *Globe and Mail*, etc., or via another news aggregator, it still cannot be shared on the ELA page or on any other FB page, due to the Meta ban. Articles that are posted and are subject to the news ban are automatically marked “This content isn’t available

in Canada.” News content that was posted to the ELA page before Meta’s decision came into effect has also been withdrawn from view. Workarounds, such as *ShareNews.ca*, have been developed for posting news articles, but Meta quickly caught up with the *ShareNews* workaround and it no longer works.

The Meta ban will likely result in far fewer postings to the ELA page.

Librarianship.ca is linking to articles on library news on their website in a section called “Canadian Librarianship News Updates” and making reference to these articles on its FB page. From time to time, a reference will be made on the ELA page to *Librarianship.ca* for library related news.

ELA will continue to monitor the situation.

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Date: October 9, 2023
Committee/Role: W. Kaye Lamb Award Committee
Chair: Christina Wilson
Members: Frances Davidson-Arnott and Bob Henderson

Report on activities:

The W. Kaye Lamb Award is given out biennially to a Canadian library whose application demonstrates outstanding library service to seniors. Named for Canada's first National Librarian, it is a cash prize of \$500.00 with a commemorative plaque. The 2021 award was given to West Vancouver Memorial Library, with acknowledgements given to Brighton, Oakville, and Toronto. No award was given in 2020, due to the lack of applicants. Co-sponsored by ELA and CFLA-FCAB, the award is open to any library across Canada, whether private, public, governmental, special or postsecondary.

Application Timelines/Activities:

For 2023, the application deadline was moved from September 30 to October 2, due to the creation of the federal statutory holiday "National Day for Truth and Reconciliation" and the commemoration of Orange Shirt Day among First Nations libraries.

Three ELA members and a CFLA/FCAB Board member formed the 2023 committee: ELA members are Christina Wilson (Chair), Donna Burton, and Todd Kyle, replacing Elizabeth Ridler who retired from the committee. Ann Smith, CFLA/FCAB Board Secretary and Atlantic Canada representative, joined the Committee in 2023. Michael/Michelle Rogowski, CFLA-FCAB's Administrative Assistant, provided support:

- promoting via social media channels and the provincial library association network,
- inviting all of the unsuccessful applicants from 2021 to re-apply for the award and
- receiving and then distributing the 2023 applicants to the committee.

Both associations' websites were updated to reflect the new timelines and with information about past winners. ELA member Lorne Bruce updated ELA's award website page.

Communication: ELA and CFLA-FCAB used consistent messaging and promotion methods through social media platforms and other communication tools, beginning with a "Call for Submissions" which appeared in: ELAN (spring and fall issues), librarianship.ca, FOPL.ca, LAA's newsletter and a variety of library listservs, including APLA, ELA, Jerome (Alberta), BCLA and OLS' First Nations listserv. It also appeared in the FOPL blog and newsletter.

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Date: October 9, 2023
Committee/Role: Archives & Community Webs Committee
Pro Tem Chair: Christina Wilson
Members: Frances Davidson-Arnott and Bob Henderson

Report on activities:

The focus in 2023 has been to:

- a) Develop draft terms of reference for the committee, arising from the plan developed in 2022. These are in place.
- b) Recruit a Toronto-area ELA member to lead the committee. Still unsuccessful and, so, Christina Wilson has been leading this initiative.
- c) Mesh the goals and potential of the Community Webs project into the Archives Committee. These are still evolving with input from Lorne Bruce, Biography Committee Chair.
- d) Liaise with the Biography Committee Chair, Lorne Bruce

Next steps:

Seek committee members with interest and expertise in Archives and the Community Webs project from the ELA membership.

Work with OLA and other partners to assess and then find a home for our physical archives.

Use Google docs to digitally capture and, possibly preserve through Community Webs, ELA's documents.

If interested in joining the committee, please contact Christina Wilson (chriswilson@shaw.ca).

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Date: October 1, 2023
Committee/Role: Indigenous Student Bursary
Chair: Deb Thomas
Members: Bob Henderson, Tom Eadie, Lorisia MacLeod

Report on activities:

Donations

Thanks to member donations and a generous \$500 donation from Library Bound, we reached our fundraising goal of \$2,800 (\$2,500 bursary, \$300 admin fees for Indspire) for the 2023 bursary this spring. These funds have been transferred to Indspire who will identify appropriate applicants. We are pleased to announce that Library Bound will be renewing its support for 2024. See <https://exlibris.ca/doku.php?id=award:ex-libris-association-indigenous-bursary> for details on how to donate.

Promotion

Information on the bursary has been widely distributed. Emails were sent to all programs of library and archival studies in Canada. Bookmarks and flyers have been made available at in-person conferences. News of the bursary has been distributed to members of CFLA and provincial associations and promoted on our website and Facebook page. And most recently, flyers and a few bookmarks are being sent to Indigenous institutes and colleges across Canada.

Process

Applications for bursaries and scholarships facilitated by Indspire, including ours, opened on August 1. Indspire receives general applications for financial support and searches out appropriate funding sources for students. If a student is matched to our award, Indspire will provide an interim report by the end of the year. If no students are matched until early in 2024, a report will be sent to ELA in June or July as to which students have been supported. See <https://indspire.ca/programs/students/bursaries-scholarships/> for more details on the application process. Indspire is also able to leverage government funds through grants and special initiatives to top up bursary awards for students in financial need. Note that Indspire also facilitates mentoring of students by Indigenous professionals. See <https://indspire.ca/programs/students/rivers-to-success/become-a-mentor/> if you qualify and this interests you.

Thanks to the committee members for their input, advice and general support.

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Date: October 1, 2023
Committee/Role: Education
Chair: Deb Thomas
Members: Tom Eadie, Todd Kyle

Report on activities:

The newly-formed Education committee is following up on our members' interest in educational opportunities, as expressed in our member survey.

- We are offering our first webinar for ELA members with Kayla Lar-Son, Indigenous Programs and Services Librarian for UBC's Xwi7xwa Library, on October 24.
- Negotiations are underway for an in-person presentation about Carnegie Libraries at a TPL branch, in spring 2024. Watch for details on the ELA list!

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Ex Libris Association Constitution Review

Note that all changes are highlighted in yellow with explanations in italics following.

The Ex Libris Association is the Canadian national association mostly for retired persons whose careers have been in libraries and information centres, archives, publishing, and related areas. The Association has members from across Canada, from St. John's to Victoria.

The Ex Libris Association objectives are:

- To keep members informed on current developments and serve as a voice for retired librarians on important library-related issues;
- To connect retired information professionals with other like-minded retirees through educational and social activities such as speakers and tours.;
- To be informed about issues of concern to libraries and archives and support relevant agencies doing advocacy on these issues where appropriate;
- To publish a Newsletter and maintain a social networking presence (a) to provide news and reports on the activities of the ELA to members, (b) to inform members of activities of individuals and institutions in the field of librarianship; (c) to discuss issues concerning libraries and librarians; (d) to record matters of interest in the history and development of libraries and the library profession.
- To provide a forum for individuals interested in the history of Canadian librarianship
- ~~To collect oral histories related to library history in Canada;~~ *[removed]*
- To identify materials related to library history in Canada which are not at present preserved by any other organization;
- To encourage persons and institutions possessing archival materials related to library history in Canada to preserve and publicize their holdings.

The Ex Libris Association bylaws are:

Article I. NAME.

The name of this organization is Ex Libris Association (ELA).

Article II. PURPOSE.

To provide a forum for those interested in the history of and contemporary issues in Canadian information services, including Canadian libraries, archives and publishing; to promote collection, preservation and accessibility of archival materials relating to Canadian library history; to serve as a voice for its members.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. Membership. The Board of Directors shall prescribe procedures for application for membership. The Board of Directors shall have the power to terminate membership, as set forth in Section 4.

Section 2. Regular Membership. While ELA is primarily composed of retired librarians and library technicians, regular membership in ELA is open to all who support its purpose. Regular membership

shall be available to any individual who has successfully applied and has paid the currently stipulated regular membership dues **or has been awarded a complimentary membership.** A regular member in good standing shall have all the privileges of membership, as established by the Board of Directors, including the right to vote and to hold office in the Association. Free life memberships shall be awarded to any member over 90 years of age. Those members who became life members, shall retain their membership privileges indefinitely.

Section 3. Institutional Membership. Institutional membership shall be available to any organization, firm, association or other institution interested in forwarding the purpose and programs of ELA. The Board of Directors shall prescribe the application form, the dues and the privileges of institutional members. Each institutional member shall designate a representative who shall be the recipient of communications from ELA.

Section 4. Termination of Membership. Membership in ELA may be terminated when continuation is deemed detrimental to the interests of the Association, effective at the end of the membership year, by a two-thirds vote of the entire voting membership of the Board of Directors. The member so terminated may request and obtain a review of termination by the Board of Directors prior to the effective date of the termination. Continuation or termination of membership shall be by two-thirds vote of the entire voting membership of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Membership year. Membership shall be for the calendar year.

Article IV. OFFICERS.

Section 1. Officers and Their Duties. Only regular members shall have the right to hold office. The officers of the Association shall be the President, the President-Elect, the immediate Past- President, the Treasurer, the Recording and Correspondence Secretary, the Membership Secretary. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Association. **The President, President-Elect, and Past President will assume their roles on 1 January of the next calendar year and serve for a minimum of two years.** The remaining officers elected shall assume offices on 1 January of the next calendar year and serve for one year or until their successors are elected.

Section 2. Voting. In any contested election a plurality of votes will decide the winner. In any case of a tied vote the winner will be determined by lot, drawn by the tellers (vote-counters).

Section 3. Vacancies in Office. If a vacancy occurs in any office, the Board of Directors may appoint a regular member of the Association to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. A member so appointed shall be eligible for nomination at the completion of the unexpired term.

Article V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Section 1. Composition. The Board of Directors shall consist of no more than 15 Directors and shall include the Officers of the Association. The Officers of the Association, including the Directors, shall constitute the voting members of the Board of Directors. **The Archivist and the chairs of standing committees** shall be members of the Board. Board members elected shall assume offices on 1 January of the next calendar year and serve for two years or until their successors are elected.

Section 2. Duties and Powers. The Board of Directors shall exercise general supervision of the affairs of the Association in between annual meetings and perform such duties as are specified in these Bylaws.

Section 3. Board Meetings. The Board shall meet at least twice a year in the spring and fall. It may meet at the conclusion of the annual meeting at the call of the President.

Section 4. Quorum: 50% + 1 of the voting members of the Board [was eight] shall constitute the quorum.

Section 5. Electronic Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors and Committees may be held in-person or virtually through digital meeting platforms or in hybrid (virtual and in-person) providing that all members may fully participate by hearing each other, speaking, and voting. [added to make formal the use of Zoom for meetings] The procedure for holding electronic meetings shall be established and published by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Action Taken Without Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if all the Directors consent to the action in writing and the written consents are filed with the records of the meeting of Directors. Such consents shall be treated for all purposes as a vote at a meeting. The term "in writing" shall include communications by electronic mail (e-mail) or on the Google Drive [added the Google Drive being used for archiving ELA papers and removed FAX]

ARTICLE VI. NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Section 1. Method of Selection. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members including the immediate Past President, who shall be the Committee Chair. If the Past President is unable to serve the President shall appoint as Chair another Board member.

Section 2. Nominations. The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted. All nominees shall confirm in writing their willingness to serve if elected.

Article VII. COMMITTEES.

Section 1. Membership of Committees. There shall be a Nominating Committee and such other Standing and Special Committees as the Board of Directors shall establish to carry on the work of the Association. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees except the Nominating Committee. All members of ELA Committees shall be regular members of the Association except by authorization of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Committee Reports. A list of all Standing and Special Committees, their members and their duties shall be presented by the Board of Directors to the members for information at the Annual Meeting together with the annual report of each Committee.

Article VIII. MEETINGS.

Section 1. Annual Meetings. There shall be an annual meeting of members of the Association held at a place and time in either November or December as determined by the Board of Directors. This meeting may be held in-person or virtually through digital meeting platforms or in hybrid (virtual and in-person) providing that all members may fully participate by hearing each other, speaking, and voting. [as above] This meeting shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and Committees and for any other business that may arise. Fifteen voting members shall constitute the quorum.

Section 2. Special Meetings. A special meeting may be called by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Such meetings may be held in-person or virtually through digital meeting platforms or in hybrid (virtual and in-person) providing that all members may fully participate by hearing each other, speaking, and voting. As in V, 6 above, such meetings could be conducted by email if time is short and gathering all members for a meeting proves impossible.

Section 3. Open Meetings. All meetings of the Board of Directors and of its Committees shall be open to regular members except when the meeting goes into a **closed or in camera session.** [*clarified term used*]

Article IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY.

The current edition of *Meeting Procedures: Parliamentary Law and Rules of Order for the 21st Century* (2003) by James Lochrie shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

Article X. AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS AND EDITORIAL CHANGES.

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended at any of the Association by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to the members at least four weeks ahead of the meeting.

Section 2. The Board of Directors may make such editorial changes in the Bylaws as do not change their substance and meaning. These changes shall take effect upon such action and reported to the members on the Association Web site and in the next issue of ELAN.

Article XI. DISSOLUTION.

If the Ex Libris Association is wound up, any monies remaining after expenses are paid shall be given to the **Canadian Library Association/Association canadienne de bibliothèques.** (Should now be **The Canadian Federation of Library Associations / La Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques.** [*Updated – was “Canadian Library Association”*])

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