



Canadian Federation of Library Associations Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques

CFLA-FCAB Update

September 5, 2024 Board Meeting

The [CFLA-FCAB Board](#) provides updates to our members every six weeks following Board meetings. Meeting minutes are posted on our [website](#). Minutes for the September 5, 2024 meeting will be posted once approved at our October meeting.

- The CFLA-FCAB put forward a written submission to the federal government in advance of the 2025 Federal Budget. The submission included three key recommendations:
 - Increased funding to public libraries to support them as an essential part of the social infrastructure of our communities.
 - Increased investment in organizations that provide accessible reading services.
 - Increased support for Indigenous libraries and Indigenous library workers.
- Following a nearly two-year long consultation of the Canadian library community, and upon the recommendation of the Cataloguing and Metadata Standards Committee, the CFLA-FCAB Board officially endorsed the [Cataloguing Code of Ethics](#), a joint project of the American Library Association, the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (UK), and CFLA-FCAB.
- In support of the Prison Library Network and the rights of incarcerated people inside Canadian correctional institutions, the CFLA-FCAB Board endorsed an updated version of the Prison Library Network's Prisoners' Right to Read Statement.
- Following a review of the issues raised by CFLA-FCAB members at recent stakeholder meetings, the Board's Governance Review Steering Committee proposed a series of recommendations that have been approved by the Board. The recommendations identified a series of opportunities for improvement in relation to:
 - the clarification and routinization of the CFLA appointment process for committees;
 - the enhancement of committee accountability and an alignment of committee work with the CFLA's strategic priorities;
 - capacity building for committees and their members;
 - the clarification of the committee structure and organisation;
 - an improved process in relation to position statements;
 - improved Board member recruitment;
 - the development of a membership recruitment campaign; and
 - modifications to the terms of reference for CFLA-FCAB executive.

A workplan is being developed to action and implement these various items over the next few months.

- Planning for the 2025 National Forum, to be held in Toronto on Wednesday, January 29th in collaboration with the Ontario Library Association, is well under way. Mark your calendars! Full details and registration information will be released this Fall.

For more information or to contact the CFLA-FCAB Board, please email info@cfla-fcab.ca.