**Administrators of Rural Urban Public Libraries of Ontario**

**Friday, December 5, 2014**

**Via Teleconference**

**Minutes of the meeting**

**Present:**

Julie Gonyou, Middlesex (Co-Chair)

Bessie Sullivan, Haliburton (Acting Secretary)

Meighan Wark, Huron

Lisa Miettinen, Oxford

Brian Masschaele, Elgin

Katherine Seredynska, Waterloo

Lindsay Brock, Middlesex

Gayle Hall, Simcoe

Chanda Gilpin, Wellington

Karen Franklin, Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry (joined meeting at 10:20am)

1. Welcome and call to order

Julie called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

2. Approval of agenda

**Moved by Meighan Wark / Seconded by Katherine Seredynska that the agenda be approved as presented – CARRIED.**

3. Approval of the minutes of September 17, 2014

**Moved by Brian Masschaele / Seconded by Lisa Miettinen that the minutes be approved as presented – CARRIED.**

4. ARUPLO Guidelines Proposal

Meighan presented the year three proposal on behalf of B. Ross & Associates. The proposal entails interviews with CEOs as well as running branch reports again based on feedback received from the last go around. Meighan noted that the cost is significantly higher but the treasurer reports that funds are available if we use investments.

The consultants feel this method will work better in terms of engaging all members of ARUPLO. They felt that nine systems providing data was a poor response.

There was discussion around what was to be accomplished by conducting direct interviews other than an increased cost. ARUPLO members attending the meeting also believe that the core sample of nine library systems is adequate but would like to encourage other members to participate in the next round.

**Moved by Brian Masschaele / Seconded by Gayle Hall that Meighan to go back to Beth and John to ask for a revised proposal with the CEO interview portion removed and have something to bring back to the March meeting for group approval. CARRIED.**

5. Business arising from the minutes

5.1 ILLO discussion with SOLS

Bessie will follow up and bring forward information at the March meeting.

5.2 FOPL fee proposal update

Bessie reported that all ARUPLO members were called by FOPL board members as part of their membership drive. It is felt by many ARUPLO members that the fee structure penalizes counties because of combined municipalities. Stephan Abram, Executive Director of FOPL agrees with ARUPLO but can’t seem to make headway with his board. He was hoping that individual discussions of FOPL Board members with ARUPLO libraries might make more of an impact. However, at the November 28th FOPL Board meeting there was no movement by the Board.

The group discussed next steps and felt that ARUPLO had done all that they could do and that no more follow-up would occur.

5.3 Advocacy for rural libraries

Bessie as well as Sandi Loponen of Elgin County were part of the delegation to Queen’s Park on November 26th spearheaded by the OLA and facilitated by Impact Affairs. Twenty Four people attended, representing different aspect of library work, and met with various ministers and MPPs depending on where they lived and what they did. This initiative came as an action item of the OLA Advocacy Committee.

6. Correspondence – None received.

7. Reports

7.1 Kempenfelt Committee - Laura Carter, Catherine Coles, Karen Franklin, Julie Gonyou

The committee has not yet met in person but have drafted a letter to SOLS about reshaping Kempenfelt. The intention is to assess SOLS’s commitment to ARUPLO training in terms of how the training of rural libraries fits into their training priorities province wide. What is their intention moving forward in light of Helene’s retirement and what is being envisioned for 2016? The committee will get feedback from SOLS and present options for the future of Kempenfelt at the March meeting.

7.2 Guidelines Committee - Meighan Wark, Bessie Sullivan, Kelly Bernstein

This item was covered in agenda item 4.

7.3 Treasurer’s Report – Laura Carter

Laura has determined that the budget amount of $350.00 for an independent reviewer is too low. It was felt that Laura should have the advantage of dealing with someone local to her and that she should see what the real costs are and bring a proposal to the meeting in March.

**Moved by Karen Franklin / Seconded by Meighan Wark that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted as presented – CARRIED.**

7.4 Ontario Public Library Guidelines Report – Meighan Wark

Meighan reports that the committee has been working on the notion of providing additional cash to libraries that are accredited. The idea has been brought forward to the Ministry and they would be receptive. The council finally has representation from a large public library with the CEO from Brantford joining the council.

**Moved by Lisa Miettinen / Seconded by Katherine Seredynska that the Committee Reports be accepted as presented – CARRIED.**

8. Member News/ Roundtable

David Harvie commenced duties at the City of Kawartha Lakes on September 29, 2014 as their CEO and Chief Librarian.

Katherine Seredynska announced that she will be retiring on March 20, 2015

9. Next meeting date & location:

Friday, March 6, 2015 (tentatively) in Toronto for a joint meeting with AMPLO

10. Adjournment

**Adjournment- Moved by Meighan Wark that the meeting be adjourned at 11:25 am – CARRIED.**