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**Minutes - Board Meeting January 27, 2021, 10:00am-11:30am Pacific**

**(via video conference)**

Board members present:

Beth Davies (Chair), Deb Hutchison Koep, Shirley Lew (Vice Chair – joined at 10:37am Pacific), Anna Babluck, Dr. Diana Davidson, David Christensen, Mari Martin (ex officio)

Staff present: Kevin Millsip, Sharon Herbert

Regrets:

1. Welcome and approval of agenda (2 min)
	1. Additional agenda items – there were none
2. Approval of December 9, 2020 minutes (1 min) – (DHK/DC) - approved
3. Member Participation Component (1 min) – none
4. Reports: (30 min)
	1. NNELS report (verbal) – Diana/Kevin
		1. January NNELS report (for information)
		2. Federal advocacy efforts (for discussion)
			1. **Motion: To support in principle and subject to input of NNELS Steering committee and staff advice, contribution toward advocacy for accessible publishing in partnership with CELA. (DHK/AB) – Abstentions: DC *Motion approved***.
	2. Governance Report (verbal) – Beth/Kevin
		1. Proposed AGM date: Thursday June 17th 10:00-11:30am PST via videoconference. Confirmed all Board members are able to attend.
		2. Board evaluation process (for information).
	3. Partners/PLAG update (for information) – Kevin/Beth
		1. Last Partners meeting Jan 14th.
			1. Received acknowledgment from new Ministry (Municipal Affairs), awaiting meeting time.
	4. Digital Initiative Projects update – (verbal, for information) - Kevin
		1. BC SRC final report
		2. Lendable connectivity project
5. Board anti-racism work (verbal, for discussion) – Beth (20 min)
	1. Scope Document (Kevin)
6. Finance Report (15 mins) – Deb/Kevin (20 min)
	1. Financials YTD (for information)
	2. 21/22 budget process (for information)
		1. USD funds purchase item: no action at this time due to exchange rate.
		2. Living wage employer application - (for information)
7. Next Meetings: February 17 (placeholder for Budget approval), Mar 24, May 26, July 21 (10:00am-11:30am PST)
8. Adjournment (1min) – (SL/DC) 11:25 am Pacific