

OLS Board Assembly

November 16, 2021

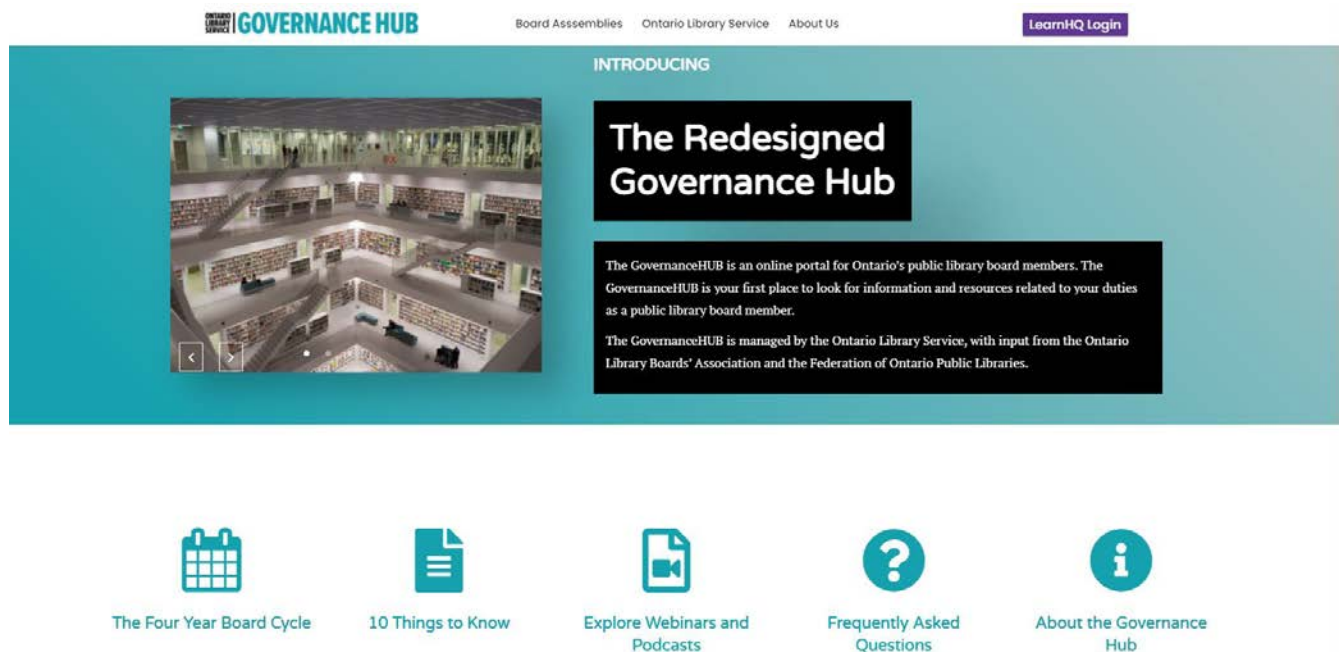
Meeting Attendees

There were 8 libraries represented at the meeting:

- Sue Bennett, Innisfil Public Library
- Jack Groothuis, Stratford Public Library
- Timothy Houlahan, East Gwillimbury Public Library
- David Phillips, Uxbridge Public Library
- Mel Pyper, New Tecumseth Public Library
- Alyssa Seul, Grimsby Public Library
- Jennifer Thiessen, Lincoln Public Library
- Deb Watson, Orillia Public Library

This was disappointing as there are 24 Libraries in our group (20,000 to 39,000 pop)

The meeting was chaired by Alexandra Taylor, an OLS consultant and started with a slide presentation which is in your package. The presentation began with OLS updates:



www.olservice.ca is the website to sign up for twice yearly news letters

OLA Partners

Ontario Library Boards Association (OLBA)

The OLBA Council is for a 3 year term. This council creates/shares resources and discusses issues related to Board development and connects with the broader membership.

Along with OLA, the Federation of Public Libraries (FOPL) work at positively influencing legislation and government initiatives that impact Libraries.

The OLA Super Conference will be held February 01 to 05. As always the last day, Saturday, will be the Board members Boot Camp. The whole event is held virtually and it is suggested Board members sign up for the Boot Camp at a minimum.

Board Development

OLS is suggesting Board assessments and Board member self evaluations be done once or twice a term with the CEO included. Boards are responsible for setting policy on this with a responsible and meaningful process. The slide presentation has sample forms for policy and evaluation. The Governance Hub also has many resources. Our Board has no policy on this but has done it a few times with different methods. If we decide to setup something, please wait until next year as Marianne, Lorraine and I will have completed our term by then (Haha).

Round Table discussion

The group discussed how their Libraries are handling staff vaccinations. Most seem to be following the protocol of their municipalities, similar to ours.

Simcoe County recently took advantage of the Provincial govt money for finding Library inefficiencies. KPMG was hired to do this and the cuts they suggested were horrendous. The Board rejected this outright.

Report by:

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