

ACTION

Subject: Ontario Library Association Super Conference 2013

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RECOMMENDATION

That the OPL Board approve Trustee Gauch's participation in the Ontario Library Association Super Conference January 30 to February 2, 2013.

Reference

- OPL Board Policy B.23 Board Participation in Library-Related Conferences Meetings and Events

Background

1. In May 2012, the Ontario Library Association put out a call for papers for the 2013 Super Conference. After discussion with the Chief Executive Officer, Trustee Gauch submitted two proposals on governance. The first was to present his findings on governance based on his Master's thesis (Governance Models of the 21st Century) and the second was on the role and responsibilities of the Board in the Chief Executive Officer's annual performance review.
2. In July, Trustee Gauch was advised that his submission on roles and responsibilities of the Board in the CEO's annual performance review was approved for the OLA 2013 Super Conference program.

Analysis

1. Policy B.23 notes that "1.1 Preference in selecting Board members to attend library conferences, seminars and workshops will be given to those who will play an active role in the conference, for example as a presenter, convenor or panellist, or as the Board's representative on an external body".

2. The policy also states “1.2 The annual Ontario Library Association (OLA) and Canadian Library Association (CLA) conferences are highly relevant and important conferences; at least one Board member will be selected to attend the OLA and CLA conferences.”
3. The Board usually approves OLA conference attendance in October for the following year.
4. At this time, a recommendation is coming forward for the Board to approve Trustee Gauch’s attendance at the 2013 OLA Super Conference. If approved, this participation fulfils the Board’s policy that a minimum of one trustee attend the OLA Conference.
5. The possible participation of additional trustees in the conference will be re-visited in December pending the Board’s approval of a spend plan for its 2013 budget.