

CSI Conference and Training Committee  
September 27, 2018 Minutes

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Present: Sumiye Sugawara, Nipigon; Christina Blazecka, Cochrane

Absent: Sheri Mish, Wikwemikong; Ravil Veli, North Bay; Dayna Debenedet, Dryden; Johanna , Kapuskasing

General discussion – perceptions about the conference:

- Increase session length to a minimum of 1.25 hours. 1 hour sessions were too short.
- Skyped session didn't work. If this must be used at future conferences, the suggestion is for the presenter to create a canned presentation which delegates view followed by a live question and answer period.
- Invite OLA's Youth Expo, either as vendor or presenter.
- Need sessions on library programming.
- More interactive sessions; more sessions with small group work, more time to share ideas.
- Suggestion that there are more active and interactive sessions in the morning.
- Hold the conference one week earlier in September as this gives delegates time to organize for library week, and reduces probability of inclement weather, increased day light, reduced risks from animals.
- Entertainment was awesome! Suggest that we investigate a stand-up comedian for 2019.
- Conduct pre-draws for closing ceremonies instead of the actual draws during the lunch.
- Provide a map of restaurants within walking distance of the conference hotel.

Exhibits

- Delegates didn't attend the exhibits even though a longer lunch hour was offered to accommodate
- Suggestion is to increase the morning break time and shorten the lunch hour to increase traffic to the exhibits. Shorter lunch prevents delegates from leaving the hotel.
- Incorporate a maker space into the exhibits for next year's conference where delegates can learn hands-on. This would also encourage delegates to visit the exhibits.
- Need more vendors at the exhibits.
- JASI station which highlights different topics or modules at various times throughout the day.

Next teleconference: early November