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Governance and Operations BCLTA Workshop

I attended this meeting as the only Director in the Zoom. What I really enjoyed about this meeting was getting an inside look at how Board members operate and what they think of their role(s) in the Board. I didn't realize different library Boards have different approaches to how they do their work. There was a lot of discussion on role clarity and about the difference between helping the Director and crossing the line into taking charge or demanding that your opinions be implemented over what the Director wants. Though I haven't felt this from anyone on our Board, it serves as a good reminder for myself that I am ultimately responsible for the operation of the Library and the Board is a good source of support, resources, and feedback.

I also liked Babs' comment about the Board not just being a stamp of approval/denial for the Director. I think our Board does a good job at really being involved in the library and having discussions about the changes and goings on in the library; even though we might try to keep our meetings to an hour, the discussions we have are important and I'm glad we take the time to really talk about what's on the agenda.