



APLA VP Nova Scotia Report May 2025

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Future of APLA - Discussions

I have been active in discussions with fellow Executive members about the future of APLA, including recruitment for various roles that are or will be vacant in the next year.

Letter Regarding New Brunswick School Library Staff Layoffs

Earlier this month, I teamed up with Emily Blackmore, President, and Marc Harper, VP NB, to draft a letter expressing concerns with the plan of the New Brunswick government to lay off school library staff in the next school year. The inspiration for writing a letter came from Sam Read, VP Membership, who also suggested wording that we incorporated into the letter. Kate McClintock, APLA Bulletin Co-Editor, and Evelyn Trainer, Conference Co-Coordinator, also wrote parts of the letter. The letter was reviewed for approval by the APLA Executive and subsequently sent out to New Brunswick Department of Education representatives. We have received positive feedback from the membership regarding our advocacy efforts in this matter. At the time of writing this report, we are still waiting on a response from the New Brunswick Department of Education.

APLA Graduating Student Awards

I reached out to representatives from NSCC's Library and Information Technology program and Dalhousie's School of Information Management regarding the winners of the APLA prize for graduating students. I prepared award certificates for the recipients, which were signed by our President. Colin MacKay, Treasurer, prepared the cheques for the winners and ensured that both certificates and cheques made it to the NSCC and Dal representatives to be delivered to the winners.

Awards

Along with Terri Winchcombe, President Elect, and my fellow provincial VPs, I adjudicated the First Timer's Conference Grant, and the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship.

Last Report

Having completed my two-year term as VP NS, I was asked to stay on in this role for an extra year. This extra year is now coming to a close and so this is my last report as VP NS. Serving on the APLA Executive in this position has been a rewarding experience filled with opportunities for professional and personal growth, for which I am grateful. I would like to thank my colleagues on the APLA Executive alongside whom I have served these past three years and wish them well in their journeys ahead.

Respectfully submitted on May 22, 2025 by Agnieszka Hayes