



## APLA OGM 2025 Minutes

From the APLA OGM 2025 and Conference Closing  
Virtual (Zoom), Thursday, June 12, 2025, 5:00pm ast

In Attendance: Emily Blackmore (presiding), Cate Carlyle, Krystal Dionne, Carolyn Gillis, Peter Glenister, Vincent Grovesne, Sandra Harun, Agnieszka Hayes, Theresa Hynes, Emily MacIsaac, Colin MacKay, Kathryn (Kae) McCaskill, Rose Morton, Nathalie Richard, Crystal Sutherland, Margaret Vail, Natasha Wells, Terri Winchcombe  
2 proxy slips (Cynthia Holt, Suzanne Van Den Hoogen)  
Kae Puxley joined at 5:26

### *Land Acknowledgment*

#### **1. Call to Order**

**2. Establish Quorum. Delay in starting the meeting in order to do so. The Conference Keynote was delayed in closing. Quorum established at 5:24. Meeting opened, recording started.**

**Emily B: Terri will be acting as parliamentarian**

#### **3. Adoption of Agenda:**

**- moved by: Emily, seconded by Colin, carried**

**4. APLA Meeng Rules reminder (5:26):** Be respectul. APLA meeting rules include Rule 2 –“persons seeking recognition from the presiding officer shall identify themselves for the record, giving their names, library or other affiliation, and whether members of non-members.” Non members may speak by general consensus to vote.

**5. Adoption of the Minutes of the 85th Ordinary General Meeting (virtual) June 2024: - moved by: Colin, seconded by Krystal, carried**

**6. Business Arising from the minutes: none**

**7. President's Report- Emily Blackmore- as submitted. No questions.**

**8. Past President's Report- Krystal Dionne- as submitted. No questions.**

**9. Vice President/President Elect- Terri Winchcombe**

*Addendum: Correcon to the 1st mers award secon, the award winners were SK Maston and Cristal van der Pol. APLA awarded the winners their registration to the 2025 APLA conference. Correcon to the Karen Alma E. Summers scholarship Award second. This year 3 outstanding candidates were selected, Jordan Weaver, Holly, Crummy, nee Weaver, and Marita White. Each winner was awarded \$2,000 to help with the cost of continuing their studies.*

**10. Vice Presidents' Reports**

**10.1.New Brunswick - Marc Harper- absent with regrets, as submitted. 10.2.Newfoundland & Labrador - Rachel Head- absent, as submitted. 10.3.Nova Scotia- Agnieszka Hayes- as submitted. No questions.**

**10.4.Prince Edward Island- Emily MacIsaac- as submitted. No questions. 10.5.Membership- absent with regrets, as submitted.**

**11. Financial Examiner**

**11.1.Report 2024/25- Peter Glenister- as submitted.**

**Colin added here some prepared comments, see *Appendix A* below Moon was passed to add these comments to the treasurer's report. Moon to approve financial examiner's report: moved by Emily B., seconded by Terri W., moon carried.**

**11.2.Appointment of Financial Examiner 2025, or update on the selection process of new examiner:**

*Emily B: thanked Peter for his long tenure. The role is now open to applications. Peter: expressed his thanks.*

**12. Treasurer**

**12.1.Report 2024-2025- as submied**

**Moon to approve the treasurer's report: moved by Emily M., seconded by Emily B., moon carried.**

**12.2.Proposed Budget 2025-2026- See *Appendix B***

*Last minute addition to the agenda. Colin MacKay went over a spreadsheet. It has been submitted and will be added to the report as an addendum. No questions were asked.*

*Moon to approve this report: moved by Emily B., seconded Krystal D., moon carried.*

## ***Executive Committee Reports***

### **13. Aims & Objectives Committees:**

**13.1. Continuing Education Interest Group- no report.**

**13.2. Information Literacy Interest Group- Agnieszka Hayes- as submitted.**

**No questions.**

**13.3. Library Technicians Interest Group- no report.**

**14. APLA Bullen Committee - Kate McClintock, absent with regrets, report as submitted**

**15. Membership Committee- no report.**

**16. Nominations Committee- no report .**

## ***Standing & Special Committees***

**17. Advocacy Committee- advocacy chair is currently vacant.**

**18. Communications Committee -Shannon Bateman- absent, as submitted.**

**19. Technology Coordinator- Vincent Grovesne- as submitted. No questions.**

**20. Games at the Library Committee- no report.**

## ***Other Reports***

**21. CFLA-FCAB - no current report. Welcome to our new rep Michelle**

**Thomson 22. Dalhousie University, School of Information Management- no**

**report. 23. Nova Scotia Community College Library Technician Program- no**

**report. 24. Annual Conferences report - no report.**

**25. Revisions to Standing Orders- none**

**26. Awards**

**26.1. APLA Merit Award- included in past president's report- as submitted, there was no winner.**

**26.2. APLA First Timer's Grant Recipient - Terri W., included in VP's**

**report 26.3. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship - Terri W., included in VP's**

**report 26.4. APLA Memorial Award**

**26.5. APLA Advocacy Award**

**26.6. Dalhousie University- Agnieszka Hayes; recipient is Carolyn**

*Smith congratulations!*

**26.7 Nova Scoa Community College- Agnieszka Hayes- Julia**

*Ellio congratulations!*

**27. Nominations and Elections- general report included in past president's report. 27.1.New Executive Introductions**

*Emily B: a warm welcome to: VP NS Samantha Read, VP PEI Juanita Rossiter Technology Coordinator Leah Griffiths, Treasurer Carolyn Gillis, Secretary Kae McCaskill, VP President Elect Lisa Marshall and President Terri Winchcombe (inauguration to follow).*

**27.2.Recognition of Outgoing Executive Members**

*Emily B: thank you to Agnieszka Hayes, our outgoing VP NS, Emily Maclsaac, our outgoing VP PEI, Sam Read, our outgoing VP Membership, Vincent Grovesne, our outgoing Technology Coordinator, Colin MacKay, our outgoing Treasurer, Peter Glenister, our outgoing financial examiner, Rose Morton, our outgoing Secretary, Krystal Dionne, our outgoing Past President, Terri W, our outgoing VP Elect*

**28.New Business- no new business**

**29. Resolutions**

**Resolution 1: thanking last year's conference committee. (Terri W., and husband read in French).**

**Moon to approve: moved by Emily B., seconded by Colin, moon carried. 30. Inauguration of Incoming President**

*"The Gavel" was ceremonially passed on to Terri W. Emily expressed her thanks for the support of the executive, and looks forward to her new role.*

*Terri: expressed her excitement to begin, and shared three key priorities: Re-invigorating membership*

*Celebrating excellence: through awards and recognition, re-vitalizing the existing rewards programs and exploring new ones.*

*Strengthening our voice and vision.*

*Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me, together we can build a vital organization that will support this work.*

**31. Adjournment: Emily B: a special thank you to terri and evelyn, the conference organizers. Krystal has the gavel! Adjournment: 5:49 pm.**

## Appendix A:

### Treasurer's Remarks, read at the meeng and added as an addendum to the Treasurer's report:

Comments relating to Financial Examiner's Report

*This is a copy of a statement made verbally at the APLA OGM on June 12, 2025 by Colin MacKay, Treasurer.*

I want to take a moment to comment upon the Financial Examiners Report to the membership for the purpose of transparency. Firstly, I wanted to thank Peter for all his years as Financial Examiner and for his patience and diligence in this important role. I do want to acknowledge that in his report, Peter has noted that several accounts are unverified this year including the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Fund, the APLA Memorial Award Trust Fund, and the First Timers Conference Grant. I want to thank Peter for his notes, affirm that he is accurate in that this was a difficult audit, and provide an explanation to the membership for transparency regarding why these accounts were not verified this year.

Our financial accounts are held by TD Financial, and there have been some known pain points that made it challenging to manage our financial accounts in the way that we would like this past fiscal year. Some of these issues involve inconsistent service with financial advisors and the need to make account and investment decisions in a local TD branch which is not always possible for signing officers like the Treasure and President spread across the Atlantic Provinces. These all seem to have come to a head this year as several of our GICs used for specific scholarship funds matured and were deposited into the APLA General Fund and, combined with my own lack of me, capacity, and financial expertise over the past year to make necessary changes, has resulted in these funds not being reinvested. Peter is correct in that this made it challenging to verify our financial accounts as some of the accounts no longer existed at the

me of the audit, and I stand by his assessment and acknowledge my own role in making this a difficult final audit for Peter.

I do want to reassure the membership that the funds for both the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Fund and the First Timers Conference Grants remain in the APLA General Fund, where they were automatically deposited when their GICs matured. The APLA Memorial Award Trust Fund also remains in good standing in a separate savings account, and I hope to assist the incoming Treasurer as much as I am able with the physical and digital handoff. I am grateful for the opportunity to be Treasurer and for the support that I received from fellow Executive members, and my hope is that this report will inspire the incoming Executive to consider how to support our volunteers in the role as Treasurer and Financial Examiner to be more successful in this role than I have been.

Respectfully submitted,

Colin MacKay  
Treasurer, APLA

## **Appendix B:**

### **Proposed Budget 2025-2026, as presented at meeting:**

This document can be found at these links:

Google Docs format:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kiKuAILXo5Y8zozHKDwP\\_GNQEfPidELhLw78hJE-m4/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kiKuAILXo5Y8zozHKDwP_GNQEfPidELhLw78hJE-m4/edit?usp=drive_link)

Microsoft Excel format:

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