

## APLA OGM 2017 Package

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## Draft Minutes, OGM 2016

**Atlantic Provinces Library Association  
77<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Meeting  
Westin Hotel, Halifax NS  
Room - Commonwealth A  
Wednesday, June 1, 2016 – 12:15 p.m.  
DRAFT MINUTES**

- 1. Call to Order**  
Lynn Somers called the meeting to order at 12:18 pm.
- 2. Establish Quorum**  
Quorum established. 60 present or by proxy.
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**  
Tanya Harrison motioned. Kathryn Rose seconded. Agenda approved.
- 4. APLA Meeting Rules**  
Lynn Somers reminded membership of APLA meeting rules and read out rules 1 & 2.
- 5. Minutes of the 76th Ordinary General Meeting, St. John's NFLD June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
Alison Ambi motioned to approve. Bill Slauenwhite seconded.  
No changes. Motion carried.
- 6. Business Arising from the Minutes**  
There was no business arising from the minutes.
- 7. President's Report – Lynn Somers**  
Report as submitted. Lynn thanked the APLA executive for their time and commitment this past year.
- 8. Past President's Report – Crystal Rose**  
Report as submitted.
- 9. Vice-President/President Elect- Suzanne van den Hoogen**  
Report as submitted.
- 10. Vice-Presidents' Reports**
  - 10.1. **New Brunswick** – Mathieu Lanteigne report as submitted.
  - 10.2. **Newfoundland & Labrador** – Becky Smith report as submitted. Becky thanked Jocelyne Thompson and everyone who turned out for the Newfoundland and Labrador Libraries Love-in.
  - 10.3. **Nova Scotia** – Stan Orlov. No report submitted.
  - 10.4. **Prince Edward Island** – Patricia Doucette report as submitted.

10.5. **Membership** – Peggy McEachrean report as submitted.

**11. Financial Examiner**

**11.1. Report 2015/16 –Peter Glenister**

Peter had nothing to add. Sue Cleyle motioned to approve. Louise White seconded. Motioned carried.

**11.2. Appointment of Financial Examiner 2016/17**

Peter Glenister has agreed to be FE. Suzanne van den Hoogen moved to appoint Peter. Leo Cheverie seconded. Motion carried.

**12. Treasurer – Gail Fraser**

**12.1. Report 2015/16**

Gail projected the Treasurer’s report. No questions for Gail. Report as submitted. Karen Darby motioned to accept Treasurer’s report. Becky Smith seconded. Motion carried.

**12.2. Proposed Budget 2016/17 – Suzanne van den Hoogen**

Proposed budget was projected. There are no significant changes.

**Total proposed revues are: \$19,866.55**

No questions about revenues.

**Proposed expenses are: \$19,866.55**

Lou Duggan asked about promotional items and the need for funds for this. Gail noted there is some money in executive projects. Lou noted this is only \$450 that it isn’t enough. Suzanne said the association hoped to use funds from Misc. for executive projects.

Louise White asked about the proposed membership for CFLA. Suzanne noted this is listed in expenses. The fee is \$300.

Rita Campbell motioned to approve the proposed budget. Louise White seconded. Motion approved.

**13. Report of the APLA Bulletin Editors and Bulletin Management Board – Alison Ambi & Patricia Langille Report**

Report as submitted. No questions.

**14. Finance – Lynn Somers**

Report as submitted in the President’s report. No questions for Lynn.

**15. Communications Coordinator- Laurinda Matheson**

Report as submitted.

**16. Webmaster-Melissa Anez**

Report as submitted.

**17. Nominations and Elections - Crystal Rose**

**17.1 New Executive Introductions**

Crystal Introduced new and continuing executive.

**18. Committee on Committees and Interest Groups – Suzanne van den Hoogen**

Report as submitted.

No questions for Suzanne.

**19. Grow a Library – Crystal Rose**

Louise Spiteri suggested APL Executive reach out to Dal SIM and NSCC to help with fund raising for the Burt Award.

**20. Revisions to Standing Orders**

**20.1. Standing Order 2.02 (Membership) – Suzanne van den Hoogen**

Suzanne discussed the existing standing order and explained changes.

**RECOMMENDED ADDITION TO STANDING ORDER 2.02**

2.02 The fees shall be:

- a) Library support staff: \$25.00
- b) Students: Free
- c) Unwaged: \$25.00
- d) Trustees: \$25.00
- e) ~~Other personal Members~~ Professional Librarian: \$55.00
- f) Life Members: \$ 500.00
- g) Institutional members: \$ 125.00
- h) Honorary life members: No Fee
- i) Retired: \$25
- j) Joint APLA/NSLA Professional: \$65
- k) Joint APLA/NSLA Support Staff: \$35
- l) Joint APLA/NLLA Professional: \$65
- m) Joint APLA/NLLA Support Staff: \$30
- n) Joint APLA/NLLA Retired: \$30
- o) Joint APLA/APLNB: \$70
- p) Joint APLA/NSALT: \$35
- q)

**Motion to change “other personal members” to Professional Librarians, to add “Retired” as a category**

**of membership and to include membership fees for our Joint Membership agreements.**

Suzanne motioned to approve the changes. Karen Darby seconded.

Kathryn Rose asked about joint memberships and how that funding sharing will work.

Suzanne said this Standing Order only addresses the particular membership groups.

Motioned carried.

## **21. Report of CLA Copyright representative – Jeannie Bail**

Report as submitted.

## **22. Annual Conferences – Reports**

### **22.1 Halifax, NS – Crystal Rose**

Nothing to report. No questions for Crystal.

### **22.2 Conference code of conduct – Crystal Rose**

Crystal mentioned that we adopted a code of conduct for the conference and there will be a Resolution that addresses this.

Lynn announced that the 2017 Conference will be in PEI. Patricia Doucette will Chair the Conference Planning Committee and invited everyone to the conference. The theme will be Inclusion and Accessibility. Patricia asked if anyone interested in volunteering please contact her. Thank you to Tanya Harrison and Jennifer Richard for agreeing to Co-Chair Programming.

## **23. Awards- Lynn Somers**

**23.1 APLA Merit Award Winner** (announcement only). Lou Duggan was announced as the Merit Award winner.

**23.2 APLA First Timer's Grant Recipient** – Samantha DeLaney was announced as the winner.

**23.3 Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship.** K-Lee Fraser accepted her award.

**23.4 APLA Memorial Award** – Cate Carlyle was announced as winner. She'll be attending the IFLA conference in Columbus Ohio.

**23.5 APLA Advocacy Award** – Memorial University was announced as the winner and Louise McGillis,, Becky Smith, Krista Godfrey accepted the award.

SIM award will be announced on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Meghan Fillmore was announced as the NSCC award winner.

## **24. Resolutions – Suzanne van den Hoogen**

Lynn announced that we have 4 proposed resolutions.

**Resolution #1** - Jocelyne Thompson read the following resolution about continuing advocacy work in support of the Newfoundland and Labrador Libraries Closures:

Be it resolved that APLA strengthen its advocacy efforts to save Newfoundland and Labrador public libraries, in partnership with NLLA and other interested organizations and groups; and

Be it resolved that APLA respond to Minister Dale Kirby's email of May 16, 2016, justifying the closures ; and

Be it further resolved that APLA condemn in writing to the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador and the members of the House of Assembly the new tax on books.

Moved by Jocelyne Thompson. Seconded by Jocelyne LaBelle.

Lynn asked if Jocelyne would like to speak to the motion. Jocelyne spoke about the Newfoundland and Labrador Libraries Love-in and how APLA wants to support them throughout the coming year. The two year window for closures makes us hopeful that we can save some libraries. She also mentioned the work of NNLA under the leadership of Krista Godfrey.

No discussion. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2** - Crystal Rose read the following resolution regarding APLA's membership to CFLA:

Be it resolved that APLA become a member of CFLA; and  
Be it resolved that APLA budget for the annual CFLA membership fee.

Moved by Crystal Rose. Seconded by Karen Darby.

Mathieu Lantieng asked how seats on the board will be allocated. Two seats will not be territorial allocations and people in those seats would have to be a member of an organization.

Sue Cleyle asked about the membership fee. It is \$300/year.

Lou Duggan asked how APLA will choose a representative. Crystal said the rep is not necessarily from APLA, it is an Atlantic Canadian representative and could be from any of the regional associations. There is a working group formed to sort out that selection process.

Motion carried.

**Resolution #3** - Lou Duggan read the following resolution regarding a Code of Conduct for APLA Events:

Be it resolved that the APLA executive will investigate the adoption of a formal Code of Conduct to govern all events and also investigate the feasibility of a Code of Conduct committee to ensure that delegates, exhibitors, and sponsors adhere to The Code.

Moved by Lou Duggan. Seconded by Louise White.

Lou said this was in response to the concern expressed by a delegate at the conference. Crystal Rose quickly adopted the OLA Code of Conduct and APLA did not have time to discuss it.

Motion carried.

**Resolution #4** - Lynn Somers read the following courtesy resolution:

Be it resolved that APLA extends its appreciation to the members of the Halifax Conference Planning Committee, the speakers, the exhibitors, the sponsors and all who have contributed to the success of the 2016 Atlantic Provinces Library Association Conference.

(Applause)

**25. Dalhousie University, School of Information Management Update – Sandra Toze**

Louise Spiteri spoke on behalf of Sandra. Report as submitted.

No questions.

**26. Nova Scotia Community College Library Technician Program Update – Joanne Hodder**

Report as submitted.

**27. Inauguration of Incoming President**

Lynn Somers handed the gavel over to the new president, Suzanne van den Hoogen.

Suzanne spoke about how honoured she is to represent us across the region and she acknowledged the new executive.

**28. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 1:08.**

Respectfully Submitted by Leigh Gagnier.

# APLA Executive Reports

## President

**Suzanne van den Hoogen**

### Thank You

One of the proudest achievements of my professional career will be my time as President of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. I am honoured that I was able to share this experience with an amazing group of friends and colleagues. Thank you to the dedicated members of our APLA Executive who willingly volunteered their time and expertise. Thank you to our APLA Committee Chairs and Conveners for representing our Association, and for championing on behalf of libraries and library staff. And, thank you to all of you for welcoming me as part of this community.

### Accomplishments

This has been a year of many accomplishments for APLA. We lead a successful advocacy campaign in support of our Newfoundland and Labrador colleagues; we became official members of the Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA-FCAB); we drafted an *Event Code of Conduct* for this year's Conference; we launched a new APLA website; we increased our social media presence by promoting APLA through Instagram as well as Twitter and FB, and we secured Directors and Officers Liability Insurance for the Association.

### Advocacy

This has been a very active year for our APLA Advocacy Committee. I am very proud to list the achievements of our APLA Advocacy Committee, under the excellent leadership of Jocelyne Thompson:

Premier Brian Gallant	Sunday Openings
Press Release	APLA Protests NL Government's Cuts to Libraries and Increased Tax on Books
Mayor Dawn Arnold	Open Letter in Response to the Moncton Public Library proposed move.
Honorable Dale Kiby	Open Letter in Response to projected closure of more than half of Newfoundland and Labrador public libraries
The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Canada	Open Letter on the Resignation of Canada's Chief Statistician & the Future of Statistics Canada
Premier Ball	Open Letter Regarding the New 10% Tax on Books



Premier Wall, Members of the Legislative Assembly	Open Letter Regarding the Impending Cuts to Funding for Saskatchewan Public Libraries
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### **APLA 2017 Conference**

Patricia Doucette, Chair of our 2017 Conference Planning Committee, and her team are working diligently to provide us with an engaging and inspirational program. Get ready to be inspired, to network with colleagues; and to learn from one another!

- **Chair:** Patricia Doucette
- **Location:** Charlottetown, PE: May 24-27, 2017
- **Venue:** Rodd Charlottetown
- **Theme:** Include. Imagine. Inspire: Inclure. Imaginer. Inspirer
- **Key Note Speakers:** Sarah Houghton & Eliza Knockwood

### **APLA 2018 Conference: 100 Years!**

Jocelyne Thompson has confirmed that NB will host the 2018 APLA Conference in Fredericton. This will be a significant year for APLA, as it will mark our 100-year anniversary. A suggested time for this conference has been discussed for early June 2018.

### **APLA Bulletin**

Congratulations to Alison Ambi and Marc Harper for successfully transitioning our APLA Bulletin to an OJS Platform. Special thanks are extended to Acadia University for hosting the Bulletin.

### **CFLA-FCAB**

On February 1, 2017, the **first** Annual General Meeting of the CFLA-FCAB was held in Toronto, ON. As a member-association, APLA participated in the meeting and I am very honoured to have been in attendance. Kathryn Rose, APLA VP President-Elect, is our official representative for the CFLA-FCAB Atlantic Working Group, and has been nominated to sit on the Board of CFLA-FCAB. Sincerest thanks are extended to Trecia Schell for serving as our inaugural representative.

At this time, I would also like to acknowledge the following individuals:

**CFLA-FCAB Treaty and Reconciliation Committee**

Maggie Neilson & Suzanne van den Hoogen

**CFLA-FCAB Copyright Committee**

Ann Smith, Janine Bale

For more information on CFLA-FCAB, committees, reports, position papers, etc., please visit their website <http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/home-page/>

### **Dalhousie SIM Association Day: September 15, 2016**

Lynn Somers, our Past President, and I attended the Dalhousie School of Information Management Association Day on Thursday, September 15, 2016. We received 10 new student membership applications which were forwarded to our VP Membership.

### **Dalhousie Information without Borders: February 15, 2017**

We sponsored the Dalhousie SIM with a \$500 contribution for their annual *Information Without Borders* conference. This student-lead conference is an excellent opportunity for APLA to promote our membership, advertise our upcoming conference, and to network with students. Maggie Neilson (Treasurer) and Carolyn DeLorey (VP Membership, VP NS) attended on behalf of APLA.

### **Executive Meetings**

**Membership:** Suzanne van den Hoogen (President), Lynn Somers (Past President), Kathryn Rose (VP, President Elect), Carolyn DeLorey (VP NS, VP Membership), Mathieu Lanteigne (VP NB), Becky Smith (VP NL), Grace Dawson (VP PE), Maggie Nielson (Treasurer), Melissa Anez (Webmaster), Marc Harper (Bulletin Co-Editor), Alison Ambi (Bulletin Co-Editor), Laurinda Matheson (Secretary), Kristel Fleuren-Hunter (Communications Convener).

The Executive met in person on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at the Alderny Gate Public Library in Dartmouth, NS and online, through Google Hangouts, on Friday, February 17, 2017. Our main priorities this year were to ensure that the resolutions set forth at the 2016 OGM were put in motion. I am very pleased to announce that we successfully achieved these goals.

### **Executive Handbooks**

I am thrilled to announce that **all** the Executive Handbooks have been formatted, updated, and placed on a Google Drive for members of the Executive to review. This has been an ongoing project, but one that is tremendously valuable as it provides a detailed list of responsibilities for incoming Executive members.

### **Finance Committee**

**Membership:** Suzanne van den Hoogen (President), Kathryn Rose (VP, President Elect), Maggie Neilson (Treasurer)

The Finance Committee met on January 12, 2017 and again on March 8, 2017. The committee met to review the current budget, and to begin planning for the 2017-18 Budget. Membership fees remain our main revenue stream, and it was agreed to bring forward the possibility of a membership drive with the VP Membership.

The Committee was pleased to learn that the 2016 APLA Conference recognized a financial surplus. As a result, in accordance with Standing Order 3.15, the Finance Committee put forward a motion to the APLA Executive to use 50% of the 2016 APLA Conference Revenue surplus towards maintaining the

health of both the Memorial Award and the First Timers Grant. Fifty percent (50%) of the conference revenue is \$3,765.78, therefore the Finance Committee proposed transferring \$1,882.89 to the principal of the Memorial Award Fund and \$1,882.89 to the principal of the First Timers Grant. Motion approved by the Executive.

The Finance Committee, in accordance with Standing Order 3.09, also put forward a motion to transfer \$1000.00 of an operating budget surplus at the end of the fiscal year (March 31, 2017) to the principal of the APLA Memorial Award Fund. This too was passed by the APLA Executive.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, we wish to extend our sincerest thanks to Peter Glennister for his continued support as our financial examiner. His commitment to APLA is remarkable, and greatly appreciated.

### **Games @ the Library**

The reinstatement of our Games @ the Library campaign was a huge success this year. This is due in great part to this year's convener, Juanita Lewis. Congratulations to Juanita for a successful campaign and for taking the time to translate all the documentation associated with this event – MERCI, Juanita!

### **The Partnership**

Kathryn Rose, our VP, President Elect, and I attended the Partnership Summer Retreat in Toronto from August 16-17, 2016, and the Winter Retreat on January 31, 2017. The Partnership is Canada's national network of provincial and territorial library associations. Representatives meet twice a year to collaboratively develop services and programs for members of their respective associations (i.e., Education Institute, CEC). There is much to be gained from this association, and it is an excellent opportunity to learn from other Canadian library associations.

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**Respectfully submitted by:** Suzanne van den Hoogen, APLA President

**Date:** April 19, 2017

## Past President

### Lynn Somers

1. Vacancies for the APLA Executive have all been filled for 2017/18 executive. As well, the co-editor for the Bulletin was chosen by the Executive. A huge thanks to Becky Smith for handling the vacancy management while I was away during the month of April.

There are two Interest Group positions not filled currently:

Library Staff Technicians Interest Group Convener  
Information Literacy Interest Group Convener

2. Merit Award – Jocelyne Thompson is the successful recipient of the 2017 Merit Award. Jocelyne was notified on May 5 and the announcement went out on May 8 to the APLA listserv, social media channels, and website. Lesley Balcom, one of the nominators, will present the award to Jocelyne at the awards banquet during the conference in Charlottetown.

Submitted by Lynn Somers  
May 8, 2017

## VP, President Elect

### Kathryn Rose

Summer 2016

At the conference in 2016, the incoming President, Suzanne van den Hoogen and I met to discuss where she wanted to take the association, and how I could support her in these roles. This year the Executive spent considerable time and effort updating Association policy and documentation.

Partnership/OLA Super Conference

Two sets of Partnership meetings were held in 2016 and 2017. Both the President and myself attended both sets of meetings in August 2016 and January 2017 in Toronto. Both were very informative, and great opportunities to network with other associations from across the country, as well as other stakeholders in our profession, like the Executive of the CFAB-FCAB, LAC and the archival community.

## Atlantic Working Group

Executive members of NLLA, NSLA and APLA met via teleconference several times during the 2016-2017 year to discuss Atlantic representation on the new CFAB-FCAB Board. We established a mechanism for nominating candidates to sit on the CLFA-FCAB Board, and communications channels between the Board and the Working Group. As the incoming President of APLA, I was nominated, and accepted this position for a term extending from 2017 to 2019. I have been working with the Group to ensure a steady flow of information back to the member associations.

## APLA Executive Committees

- Committee on Aims and Objectives
  - Met on June 7th
  
- Committee on Committees and Interest Groups
  - Met on June 7th
  - Created a handbook for convenors of Interest Groups outlining their roles and responsibilities.
  - Submitted recommendations for terms of reference and membership for discussion at OGM

APLA Committees and Interest Groups (2016-2017)	Chair/Convener
<b>Executive Committees</b>	
APLA Bulletin	Alison Ambi and Marc Harper
Aims & Objectives	Kathryn Rose
Committee on Committees and Interest Groups	Kathryn Rose
Finance	Suzanne van den Hoogen
Nominations and Elections	Lynn Somers
Games @ the Library	Juanita Lewis
Membership	Peggy McEachreon /Carolyn Delorey
<b>Standing Committees</b>	
Advocacy	Jocelyne Thompson
APLA Memorial Award	Heather Sanderson
Communications & Public Relations	Kristel Fleuren-Hunter
Website Moderator	Melissa Anez
Resolutions Committee	Lynn Somers
Grow a Library	Crystal Rose
<b>Interest Groups</b>	
Information Literacy	Amanda Horsman

Library Technicians	Karen Darby
Other	
APLA Archives	Lynn Somers
Annual Conference Committees	
Charlottetown, PE 2017	Patricia Doucette
Fredericton, NB 2018	Ella Nason and Jocelyne Thompson
Nova Scotia, 2019	TBD
Newfoundland, 2020	TBD

- Games at the Library
  - The Games at the Library Committee was chaired by Juanita Lewis, who has done a fabulous job with the programme. The effort undertaken by the Committee during this past year's offering has provided a set of recommendations to help improve the programme going forward. The Committee should be commended for their stellar work this past year.
- Memorial Awards
  - This coming year was convener's Heather Sanderson's last year, after volunteering to an extension for the purposes of continuity. The Association is indebted to her for her service to this Committee. A new convener for the 2017-2018 year has volunteered. The Committee on Committees and Interest Groups (or Aims and Objectives) will need to determine if additional members are required for this committee in the 2017-2018 year.
- Interest Groups
  - Information Literacy
    - Procedures governing interest groups encourages the rotation of convenors every three years. While the Executive and Association remains in debt to the previous convener for their extended efforts on this Interest Group for her service beyond the three-year term, a new convener for this interest group was sought. To date, this has not yet occurred. Efforts will be made at the OGM to locate an interested association member.
  - Library Technicians
    - Procedures governing interest groups encourages the rotation of convenors every three years. While the Executive and Association remains in debt to the previous convener for their extended efforts on this Interest Group for her service beyond the three-year term, a new convener for this interest group was sought. A new convener has been located for the upcoming year.
- Finance Committee
  - The committee met on 1 March 2017 to discuss the draft budget for 2017-2018 which was presented at the Spring Executive meeting
- Membership Committee
  - After several years of noteworthy service to the association, we were saddened to learn that Peggy McEachrean had to step down as Vice-President, Membership in December. Carolyn Delorey, the Vice-President, Nova Scotia, volunteered to assume these responsibilities. Once familiarizing herself with the Membership database and details, several electronic discussions were held regarding renewals dates and membership drives.

- Resolutions Committee
  - The committee sits during the OGM
- Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Fund Committee
  - A notice of this grant was distributed through the APLA list serv in January, followed by reminders in February and a final reminder in March prior to the deadline on March 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - We received two applications for this scholarship, with a third applicant expressing interest, but did not meet the criteria for application.
- First Timer's Conference Grant
  - A notice of this grant was distributed through the APLA list serv in January, followed by reminders in February and a final reminder in March prior to the deadline on March 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - We received three applications for this Grant. Discussions were then referred to the Finance committee, who will administer the grant. Announcement of the winner will come in later April.

## VP Membership

Carolyn DeLorey

### Membership Summary

As of April 15, 2017 our **active membership** totals **297**. This is a decrease of 43 members since the annual membership report of April 2016. We currently have 47 memberships that have expired within the last 3 months. These people will be notified before the end of April to remind them of the upcoming conference in May and to encourage them to take advantage of our current membership drive promotion of a chance to win a one-year free membership. It has been noted in past years that membership requests increase as the conference approaches. This year to date, we have received 64 renewals and 6 new members since March 1 when our membership promotion was announced.

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### Membership Statistics as of April 15, 2017

**Active Membership: 297**

**Active Members by Province:** NS Membership has decreased significantly, by almost 20%. Membership for the other provinces has remained fairly consistent compared to last year's numbers. Our current total membership is the lowest it has been in the past 5 years.

Active Members by Province					
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
NB	65	69	88	96	69
NL	44	42	42	34	26
NS	149	186	186	205	184
PE	19	16	16	19	27
Other	20	26	31	26	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>331</b>

**Active Institutional Members by Province:** Nearly half of our current institutional memberships (15 of 35) are complimentary, thus do not generate any funds. All 8 of the institutional memberships from other provinces fall into this category.

Institutional Members by Province					
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
NB	3	4	6	7	4
NL	3	2	1	0	2
NS	19	19	13	14	19
PE	2	1	2	2	2
Other	8	9	1		

**Active Joint Memberships:** We currently have a few more joint memberships than in the previous four years. Although the Nova Scotia Association of Library Technicians (NSALT) dissolved in September 2016, we still have two APLA members whose joint APLA/NSALT memberships have not expired.

Active Joint Memberships					
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
APLA/APLNB	21	24	18	27	20
APLA/NLLA	30	26	26	23	7
APLA/NSLA	43	41	39	38	24
APLA/NSALT	2	1	3	6	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>61</b>



**New Members by Province:** New members for 2017 are those who joined between May 2016 and April 2017.

New Members by Province					
	2017	2016*	2015	2014	2013
<b>NB</b>	5	5	12	18	19
<b>NL</b>	7	2	11	6	5
<b>NS</b>	31	12	46	64	52
<b>PE</b>	3	3	1	2	6
<b>Other</b>	4	0	11	8	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>86</b>

*\*2016 numbers were calculated based on Joined Date (from 2015-05 to 2016-04) in Membership Database. These numbers were not provided in last year's report.*

## Membership Comparison by Type

Membership by Type						
	April 2017	April 2016	April 2015	April 2014	March 2013	May 2012
<b>Complimentary</b>	15	17	16	16	17	8
<b>Institutional</b>	20	20	23	23	27	30
<b>Joint</b>	96	92	86	94	61	42
<b>Lifetime</b>	42*	40	40	37	34	31
<b>Personal**</b>	93	169	190	207	188	249
<b>Student</b>	32					
<b>Other (Retired, Unwaged, etc.)<sup>†</sup></b>	12	2	8	3	4	

\*Only 4 Lifetime Memberships are paying members; the remaining 38 are honorary.

\*\*In previous years student memberships were included in the count of personal memberships. This year they were separated out to distinguish between paying and non-paying personal memberships.

<sup>†</sup>The categories of retired and unwaged are also included in the counts for joint and personal memberships, since these types of memberships are not mutually exclusive.

## Other Business

### Joint Membership Databases

- I have been working with Dale MacMillan from the Nova Scotia Library Association to compare our respective databases of joint memberships to ensure they are consistent and up-to-date. Once we are satisfied that all discrepancies have been identified and corrected, I will reach out the NB and NL provincial associations to begin those database comparisons.

## Membership Drives

- Suzanne van den Hoogen, President, and Lynn Somers, Past President, attended the Dalhousie School of Information Management Association Day on Thursday, September 15, 2016. They received 10 new student membership applications.
- Maggie Neilson, Treasurer, and I attended the Information Without Borders Conference at Dalhousie on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. We promoted APLA and handed out information. Most new members and renewal requests that we received were from students.
- Two membership drive promotions are currently underway:
  - All **new and renewal** memberships received during March and April 2017 will be entered in a draw to win a free one-year membership. This **FREE** membership will be added onto the winner's existing membership, extending it for an additional 12 months. The draw will take place at the 2017 APLA Conference, May 23-26 in Charlottetown, PE.
  - 20% of all proceeds received through **new** memberships during March and April 2017 will be donated to the "[Grow a Library](#)" fund. This fund currently supports the Burt Award for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Literature.
- A friendly "please come back" email is planned for those members whose memberships have expired within the last 3 months. This will happen prior to the end of April to promote the opportunity to enter our draw.
- Early in May, our longer list of memberships that expired between 2014 and 2016 will be analyzed to determine who should be contacted for a "please come back" email prior to the conference, and whether there are any names that should be removed from the membership database.

## Treasurer

### Maggie Neilson

The Association remains in good financial standing. As of March 1st, 2017, APLA held \$8,511.99 in its chequing account, and \$49,132.19 in its savings account. The APLA Business Visa had a balance of \$0.00.

In June of 2016, an \$8000.00 GIC in the Memorial Fund matured, and we reinvested the \$8000 principal at a 1.35% rate for 14 months. The \$196.00 that was earned from interest remains in the Memorial Fund

bank account. The Somers Fund also reached maturity in June with a value of \$78,052.06. We reinvested \$76,185.51 at 1.35% for 14 months. The \$1866.55 in interest is to be used for the award.

In February of 2017, another \$6000.00 GIC under the Memorial Fund matured, and was reinvested the \$6000.00 at 1.35% for 14 months.

A motion was put forth (in accordance with Standing Order 3.15) to use 50% of the 2016 APLA Conference surplus to maintain the health of both the Memorial Award and the First Timer's Grant. The Executive was unanimously in favour of moving forward with the motion. The overall conference surplus was \$7,531.56. 50% of this amount (\$3765.78) was divided in two; \$1882.89 was transferred to the Memorial Award fund, and a new \$1882.89 GIC was purchased for the First Timer's Grant at 1.20% interest for 14 months.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Maggie Neilson  
 Treasurer, Atlantic Provinces Library Association

Expenses	2016-17 Examined	Year to March 31, 2017
<b>CONFERENCE</b>		
Conference Seed Grant 2014		
Conference Seed Grant 2015		
Conference Seed Grant 2016		
Conference Seed Grant 2017	\$1,500.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>		
Joint memberships remitted - NSLA/NSALT/APLNB/NLLA	\$1,400.00	\$1,460.00
Refunds	\$200.00	\$195.00
CFLA Membership	\$300.00	\$300.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,900.00</b>	<b>\$1,955.00</b>
<b>APLA AWARDS/GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS/PRIZES</b>		
Dal. SIM prize	\$500.00	\$500.00
NSCC prize	\$500.00	\$500.00
Merit Award	\$275.00	\$124.87
Games at the Library	\$230.00	\$210.00
Carin Somers Scholarship	\$1,866.55	\$1,866.55
First Timers Award	\$425.00	\$425.00

GAF Grant	\$1,000.00	\$600.00
IWB Conference	\$500.00	\$500.00
Hackmatack	\$600.00	\$600.00
CODE donation	\$200.00	\$2,272.00
Carin Somers income Tax preparation fee	\$400.00	\$195.48
Advocacy Award	\$500.00	\$500.00
Transfer to Memorial Award	\$0.00	\$1,882.89
Transfer to First Timer's Award	\$0.00	\$1,882.89
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$6,996.55</b>	<b>\$12,059.68</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>		
Executive travel (meetings)	\$6,000.00	\$4,338.08
President's Travel	\$1,200.00	\$1,605.39
Executive Projects	\$200.00	\$0.00
Vice Presidents Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Committees/Interest Groups	\$0.00	\$0.00
Public Relations	\$250.00	\$250.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$7,650.00</b>	<b>\$6,193.47</b>
<b>OTHER</b>		
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
APLA Domain/Web hosting	\$100.00	\$0.00
Registry of Joint Stocks	\$40.00	\$37.40
Postage	\$115.00	\$29.33
Supplies	\$25.00	\$10.30
Bank fees	\$100.00	\$87.50
Paypal fees	\$340.00	\$303.39
Directors & Officers Insurance	\$650.00	\$550.00
Miscellaneous	\$450.00	\$150.30
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,820.00</b>	<b>\$1,168.22</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$19,866.55</b>	<b>\$22,876.37</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$19,866.55</b>	<b>\$28,234.99</b>
<b>REVENUES – EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,358.62</b>

## VP, Nova Scotia

Carolyn DeLorey

### **Membership Renewal**

Renewal reminders were sent to 61 NS members whose memberships were expiring in February, March, and April 2017. The March and April reminders included information on our current membership drive which provides a chance to win a one-year free APLA membership.

### **APLA Bulletin**

I have continued outreach to public libraries to encourage the submission of articles for the APLA Bulletin.

### **Other Business**

I took part in the committee to select the 2017 recipients for APLA's First Timers Conference Grant and the Carin E. Somers Scholarship Award. Recipient names have not yet been announced.

Jocelyne Thompson, Convener of the Advocacy Committee, contacted all provincial VPs to suggest organizing an advocacy session during the 2017 APLA Conference. This session, *Advocacy Meets the Hunger Games: Collective Action for Greater Effectiveness*, will take place on Thursday, May 25, 1:30-2:30pm.

In March, Provincial VPs were asked to compile a list of all the public library systems, including contact information, within their respective provinces. The request came from the Chair of the Canadian Federation of Library Associations, and the list will be used by the Governor General's Office for a book to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. I compiled a list which included the NS Provincial Library and the nine regional libraries in NS.

## VP, New Brunswick

**Mathieu Lanteigne**

### **Membership Renewal**

I have been working diligently to reach out to members whose memberships are due to be renewed as needed throughout the year. I have also made efforts to share information about our membership drive within my network.

### **APLA Bulletin**

I have been encouraging individuals and organizations to share information to be added to the APLA Bulletin, and have worked to provide content for publication in the bulletin.

### **Liaison to APLNB**

As part of my efforts to strengthen the relationship between APLNB and APLA, I have been leading the organization of Brains on Tap!, an APLNB event held in Moncton on April 26<sup>th</sup> as part of the Frye Festival, for the second year in a row.

Respectfully submitted,

Mathieu Lanteigne  
April 2017

## VP, Newfoundland & Labrador

**Becky Smith**

April 13, 2017

After the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Budget came down at the beginning of April, we have learned that the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries have a reprieve at least for the short term. The budget has confirmed that the \$625,000 operating grant for the libraries has been restored for this year. This grant will keep the libraries open until the review of the system is completed by EY (Ernst and Young). No date has yet been given regarding when the report of the review will be given to the government but it is expected that the Education Minister, Dale Kirby, will hold further public consultations before further decisions are made.

## VP, Prince Edward Island

### Grace Dawson

#### Memberships:

- PEI members whose memberships have expired were contacted with a friendly reminder to renew their memberships.

#### APLA Bulletin

- Colleagues from all library fields (i.e. academic, public and special) were contacted regarding submissions for inclusion in the APLA Bulletin.

#### APLA 2017 Conference

- The majority of our focus over the past couple of months has been towards the planning of the upcoming 2017 APLA Conference in Charlottetown, PEI (May 23-26, 2017). The 2017 Conference Committee - which consists of Librarians and Library workers from the Province's public and academic systems - has been working hard to offer a conference that is educational, enjoyable and broad in scope. Many thanks to our Conference coordinator – Patricia Doucette – for coordinating our efforts. The most up-to-date information on the Conference can be found online at [apla2017.wordpress.com](http://apla2017.wordpress.com)

Respectfully submitted by Grace Dawson, April 2017.

## Bulletin Editors

### Alison Ambi and Marc Harper

The bulletin editors thank everyone who submitted news stories this year. It has been wonderful to read about the creative initiatives and exciting activities at libraries in Atlantic Canada.

#### Editors

Patricia Langille stepped down as the content editor after over two years of service, and we welcomed Marc Harper as the new content co-editor in September 2016. Alison Ambi will be stepping down after the Spring 2017 issue and we look forward to welcoming a new layout editor.

#### New Platform

The platform we were using to publish the bulletin was not ideal. It did not adequately facilitate collaborative editing, did not enable authors to submit their articles online, and the final product did not look professional. Alison explored alternatives. Because Acadia University houses the APLA archive, Alison approached Acadia about hosting the bulletin on their OJS. The University Librarian was in favour and the proposal to move to the Acadia OJS was approved at the October executive meeting. Alison

customized the css and uploaded logos to brand the new platform, and it has been used to publish the past three issues.

A few additional tasks related to the platform change will need to be tied up by the future layout editor:

- the bulletin section of the main APLA website still needs to be edited to dovetail with the new platform
- issues published on the old platform will need to be archived appropriately at Acadia before they are removed from the APLA website
- the process for future archiving will need to be ironed out in collaboration with librarians at Acadia
- Instructions for authors, submission guidelines, etc. within the OJS platform need to be fine-tuned to facilitate more wide-spread adoption of the online submission process.

## Communications Coordinator

### **Kristel Fleuren-Hunter**

#### Website

Post items of interest to News & Events and Advocacy blogs

#### Listserv

Moderate APLA listserv

- Post items of interest and approve others' posts
- Add, update or delete members' records:
  - o I went through the database and removed a number of records for individuals with invalid e-mail addresses; most had retired, moved or changed their e-mail addresses and so had duplicate records.

#### Social Media

- Set up in October 2016.
- 50 followers (6 since last report) and 26 following
- Submissions of photos are welcome.

#### Twitter (@APLAcontact)

- Post news items, listserv items, etc.
- Post regularly
- Cleaned up some spam followers
- Activity from April 1, 2016 to present:
  - o 678 followers
  - o New followers: 11
  - o Following: 276

#### Facebook

- Post news items, listserv items, etc.
- Other members post regularly.



- Activity
- o 290 members (5 more since last report)

Submitted by Kristel Fleuren-Hunter  
April 13, 2017

## Webmaster

**Melissa Anez**

### **Website Update**

At the end of March, apla.ca launched a major update to apla.ca, updating the site both cosmetically and adding several new tools.

#### **New look:**

APLA's website runs on Drupal 7, an open-source content management system which allows the easy installation of new 'themes' to changes to look and feel of the website. To both better serve mobile visitors and to ease future maintenance burdens, the APLA executive decided to select a theme that was responsive and required minimal customization, selecting from several options researched and presented by the Webmaster.

New tools:

With the new website come several other Drupal-supported tools:

- A calendar
- An animated slideshow of Member Benefits
- An animated slideshow of Spotlight on Libraries
- A (backend) simplified registration system

# Committee Reports

## Advocacy Committee

**Jocelyne Thompson, Convener**

It has been five years since APLA committed to greater prominence for “advocacy as a priority”, first by launching an interest group and then, two years ago, by replacing the IG with a standing committee. Much has been accomplished over that time. The following is a report of activities since the OGM of 2016.

### **Composition of the Committee:**

In a move that further ensures the ongoing dynamism of APLA’s advocacy efforts, a proposal was supported by the APLA Executive last fall that advocacy be inscribed as one of the ongoing responsibilities of all provincial vice presidents. This restructuring brings dual benefits: it eliminates time-consuming recruitment activities (as the committee automatically renews itself), and it provides an exciting new role for the vice presidents. Under this arrangement, the VP-Provinces become the eyes and ears for emerging library issues within their respective jurisdictions, allowing APLA’s advocacy efforts to take on new momentum as a result. A standing order revision is being brought forward to make this change official.

### **Letters, Letters, More Letters...and a Press Release**

While one may question the ultimate impact and utility of letters in reversing bad decisions or encouraging good ones, letter-writing continues to be APLA’s main advocacy tool, given the regional nature of our association. The following letters (and one press release) were prepared and expedited over the course of this year in response to ongoing and emerging issues:

- June 2016: response (reiterating our opposition) to an email from Hon. Dale Kirby defending the decision of the Government of Newfoundland & Labrador to close 54 public libraries;
- June 2016: press release (APLA Protests NL Government Cuts to Libraries and New Tax on Books) issued following the APLA Conference;
- June 2016: open letter to Premier Ball protesting the newly-introduced 10% tax on books in NL;
- July 2016: open letter protesting the proposal to move the Moncton Public Library to inadequate facilities (written at the request of the Chair of the MPL);
- September 2016: letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau expressing concern over the resignation of Canada’s Chief Statistician and the future of Statistics Canada;
- September 2016: response to a letter (refuting our expressed concerns) signed by Dennis Cochrane (who is spearheading the move of the Moncton Public Library) ;
- January 2017: open letter in support of the NLLA’s press release opposing the 10% tax on books which came into effect in Newfoundland & Labrador on January 1, 2017; and
- March 2017: open letter addressed to Premier Wall of Saskatchewan (and distributed to all MLAs) with respect to government-announced cuts to public library funding. The letter was prepared at the request of the Saskatchewan Library Association to support their advocacy efforts.

### **Ongoing Issues**

APLA played a support role to NLLA in fighting the closure of public libraries in Newfoundland & Labrador. The good news is that no library has yet been shuttered and that budgets have been allocated to keep them open through this next fiscal year. That said, the report of the consultation on public libraries has not been released and the long-term survival of the 54 libraries originally slated for closure is not secured. The situation continues to be monitored.

The Moncton Public Library Board continues to fight the proposed move of the MPL to inadequate facilities at the old Moncton High School. The City responded to the pressures coming from various directions by hiring an independent consultant to review the proposed plan. It is encouraging to note that the consultant's findings aligned with the views of the Board to wit, that the proposed space is problematic in many respects and that the move would mean a downgrading of public library services to the residents of Moncton. At this time, the City's response remains unknown.

### **APLA Conference 2017**

The Advocacy Committee is hosting a session in Charlottetown entitled "Advocacy Meets the Hunger Games : Collective Action for Greater Effectiveness". The session description is as follows:

Collective action is the surest way to achieve positive results, as the Newfoundland & Labrador story amply demonstrates. In these critical times, we all need to pull together! Join us for a lively session that will review the NL public libraries situation since our love-in at APLA 2016, and consider what we can do to support Nova Scotia public libraries in 2017. Attendees will be invited to participate in an open discussion on how APLA can best support local advocacy efforts, and the new Advocacy Committee structure will be introduced.

### **And Finally, Thank You...**

...to the APLA Executive for enthusiastic support of the work of the Advocacy Committee, and especially to Carolyn DeLorey (VP, NS), Mathieu Lanteigne (VP, NB), Becky Smith (VP, NL) and Grace Dawson (VP, PEI) for enthusiastically embracing their new advocacy role this past year.

*Respectfully submitted by Jocelyne Thompson, Convener*

## Conference Committee

Patricia Doucette, Committee Coordinator

### Registration subcommittee (Wendy Collett, UPEI)

- The registration committee is busy completing verification of names of delegates, sessions being attended, organizing the volunteers for the registration desk and 'Store in a box'.
- We have the name badge inserts, wallets, and ribbons.
- This week we will begin printing the names and putting together the wallets.
- We will also be sending out invites for the various volunteer positions.

### Program Committee (Trina O'Brien Leggott)

- There are 32 confirmed sessions in a wide
- The closing Keynote Eliza cancelled
- The new Closing Keynote is Julie Pellissier-Lush.
- Some of the preconferences are not getting good numbers so we opened them up to the PEI community.
- The Library Tour is on the verge of being cancelled due to lack of interest.

### Entertainment Committee (Leslie Holt, Holland College)

#### *President's reception and welcome Tuesday May 23, 2017*

Confirmed

**Theme:** International Tea House/World Flavors

**Location:** PEI Brewing Company 7-10pm

**Entertainment:** 7:15-7:45 Instrumental Musician, Chinese Zither

7:45-8:00 President's Walk

8:00-8:30 Belly dancer

9:00-9:30 Maritime Centre for African Dance

7:15-9:15 three henna tattoos artists available to participants

Food samplers

Estimated cost- \$7000

#### *Banquet/ Merit Awards Wednesday May 24, 2017*

Theme: Kitchen Party Confirmed

Location: The Alley

Cost \$8000 for entire evening (6pm-close) includes security, whole area, bowling, and private room, tv screens, audio visual

This covers bowling amt. of \$1820

Food amt. of \$4180 included with \$6000, this covers the cost of all food selected, 11 different menu selections. All snacks not a sit down meal.

Entertainment: Treble with Girls, Celtic band

Professional Photo booth

Rodd Venue Food selections for lunch, snacks, breakfast not confirmed yet. (will wait to see if any registrations have specific requests or allergies)

**Olde Charlottetown Culinary Walking Tour, Thursday May 25, 2017**

- Confirmed for Thursday night 4:30-6:00pm from Rodd Foyer
- Set number of participants and cost paid by participant.
- Visit 5-8 different Charlottetown restaurants that have historical significance. Sample at each
- Tour provided by Culinary/Business Instructor Errol Affleck

**PR/Promotions Sub-Committee:** (Jennifer Howard, PEIPLS)

- The PR/Promotion Subcommittee for APLA 2017 Annual Conference continues to promote the following: Social Events, Pre-Conference Sessions, Volunteer Opportunities and PEI tourist activities. This will continue up and throughout the conference dates. The promotion is posted on Social Media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter), and any special messages or key information is also forwarded to the APLA listserv, and the list of other provincial and professional library associations.
- Donations for APLA 2017 prizes are ongoing! We've received donations of items for our prize baskets from many local retailers. All donors are being identified on our APLA 2017 website, and links to their websites are provided to ensure delegates recognize the generosity of these companies and individuals!
- We are almost ready to compile the delegate bags. All but two items have been delivered and are being stored at the Confederation Centre Public Library. Delegate bags will be assembled on Saturday, May 13 by the teen volunteer group at the Confederation Centre Public Library. We will have a total of 150 bags for delegates.
- An article has been written and submitted for APLA Spring Bulletin! The article highlights volunteer opportunities and social events, while also reminding readers of the awesome keynote speaker we'll have!

**Exhibits and Sponsors** (Patricia Doucette, Holland College)

- 28 vendors confirmed @ \$600 for total of \$16,900
- 12 Sponsors and raised \$13,650
- Vendor information confirmed
- Sponsor Logos placed on website

**Treasurer** (Grace Dawson, PEIPLS)

- Continue to upload updated information onto the APLA Conference website.
- Continue to process payments for delegates.
- Everything in regards to payments and the website is on track.

**Local Arrangements** (Patricia Doucette, Holland College)

- OLA "Store in a Box" merchandise arrived
- Working on final AV arrangements for venue-more than expected

Everything is on track and ready to go!

## Educational Institution Reports



### **School of Information Management (SIM) Directors Report to APLA**

**Submitted by Sandra Toze, Director, May 2017**

The School of Information Management has had a very successful and busy year. We focussed on the following key priorities: 1) Reviewing and planning for changes to our core programs based on articulation of Information Management; 2) Measuring and increasing our research impact; 3) Strengthening our recruiting and marketing processes; 4) Building and extending our partnerships including broadening the international reach of our programs; 5) Enriching the student experience and 6) Engaging our alumni.

Our MLIS enrolment numbers are up over 55% year to date, and include more international and diverse students. While our MIM numbers are still lower than desired, we have had a significant increase in potential applicants attending our physical and virtual open houses. This should yield more students over the next year. We are working with Computer Science to ensure their Bachelor of Applied Computer Science students can take our electives in their upper years, providing a new channel for students. Enrolment in this new program is up significantly from the former Bachelor of Informatics, suggesting this will be a good potential funnel to our graduate degrees within the next couple of years. We are in the final stages of discussions with NSCC, along with the Rowe School of Business to allow their Business students including the Library and Information Technology (LITS) students to complete a 2 plus 2 into the Bachelor of Management. We are working with the Bachelor of Management team to implement the recommendations of the review, which will include a revised major centred around information and data management.

Our research impact and exposure has been improved through the involvement of Drs. Mike Smit and Bertrum MacDonald in the Ocean Frontier Institute (OFI), and the increase in publications by all faculty, as highlighted on our new research bulletin boards in the SIM hallways. Research by students has also increased, with two current students completing their thesis, both funded by major grants. We hosted a successful Research Day where 11 MLIS and PhD students of SIM presented their work, and the MIM Capstone poster event showcased the work of 13 MIM students. A new initiative, SIM partnered with the Rowe School of Business (RSB) and the Government of Nova Scotia to host our first (annual) Open Data Competition on March 14 and 15. We were very pleased with the turnout and results, and look forward to this becoming an annual event. SIM was also pleased to host Ken Field this past year, as our Researcher in Residence. SIM also increased its reach within our information communities through Dr.

Louise Spiteri who was President of ALISE for 2016, and who continues as Past President, and Dr. Vivian Howard who is currently the President of the Canadian Association of Information Science (CAIS).

During this past year we have been working on an articulation of Information Management that emphasizes the importance of this field in an increasingly digital world. While this is still a work in progress, I can share our progress to date.

**What is Information Management?**

Information management (IM) is a people-centred approach to discovering, organizing, analyzing, representing and accessing data, information and knowledge. Effective IM gets the *right information to the right people at the right time*.

Governments, cultural institutions (libraries, archives, museums), corporations and non-governmental organizations use IM to leverage and protect their information assets and serve their stakeholders. Standards, guidelines, and ethical, social, legal and economic values shape the information lifecycle within each context.

**What do Information Managers do?**

Information managers help extract value from the data, information, and knowledge that is all around us to drive evidence-based decision making, support information seeking in everyday life, and create engaged and informed citizens.

Information managers play a dynamic role, consulting with their communities, developing and curating data, and managing information resources and services.

Using this as the framework for SIM, we are in the process of reviewing and making modifications to all our programs.

Once again, SIM students put together an outstanding program for the 2017 Information Borders Conference. The theme of this year's conference was Digital Governance, which was highlighted through a range of interesting panels, discussions and lectures. As always, attendees and speakers' comments on the professionalism of the event, and the incredible work of the IWB team, led by Nicholas Manuel & Keri McCaffrey. We look forward to next year's edition.

Led by SIM students the 2017 edition of the student led peer reviewed DJIM was launched this spring and is available at <https://ojs.library.dal.ca/djim/index>. This year's edition includes articles from all four schools within the Faculty. Congratulations to all involved.

SIM would like to thank our Alumni for their tremendous support of our school and our programs. SIM alumni sit on our committees, hire our students, speak at our conferences and events, and mentor our students. This past year we were pleased to honour Crystal Rose, who was the 2016 Dal SIM

Outstanding Alumni Award winner at a Welcome Event hosted by SIMAA on September 28<sup>th</sup>. In addition, I wanted to highlight key events that allow us to showcase Alumni, and create opportunities for learning.

SIM was pleased to bring MLIS Alumni Monique Woroniak (Winnipeg Public Library) to Halifax to give the Annual Horrocks Lecture. Monique spoke to a standing room only crowd giving a thought provoking call to action to libraries and librarians to connect in new ways. Monique was SIM's Librarian in residence for a week, meeting with library leaders, staff and the board of the Halifax Public library, as well as students and Faculty.

SIM was pleased to continue with their very successful IM lecture series. We started organizing in the summer to insure we had an interesting and diverse set of lectures that represent the variety of research and roles within our field. We are already planning for next year, and once again welcome your input and advice. Please just email me at [stoze@dal.ca](mailto:stoze@dal.ca).

### Fall 2016

- Complex Innovation & the Patent System (Ryan Whalen)
- Implementing Technology in Archives & Libraries (Evelyn McLellan)
- Understanding the Complexity of Fisheries Information Use at the Science-Policy Interface (Suzette Soomai)
- Evidence and Public Engagement in Conservation Planning: UK and Global Biodiversity Examples (Elizabeth De Santo/Lea Senft)
- Comparing Field Data Collection with Commercial Datasets in Mapping Urban Areas (Mathew Novak)
- In the Readers' Own Words: How User Content in the Catalogue Can Enhance Readers' Advisory Services (Louise Spiteri)

### Winter 2017

- Learning in Digital Information Spaces: What is the Role of User Engagement? (Heather O'Brien)
- Innovative Digital Documentation of Buddhist Monastery Treasures with Smartphones (Ann Shaftel)
- Beyond Colonialism? Libraries for a Canada We Don't Yet Know (Monique Woroniak)
- Setting the Sights on the Cities: Civilian Aerial Surveys in Canada during the Early 1920s (Dirk Werle)
- Citation Analysis as a Tool for Collection Management and Development (Ken Field)

SIM was also happy to announce Professor Jennifer Grek-Martin was a recipient of a Faculty of Management Teaching Excellent award.

The School also wishes to thank both Dr. Lori McCay-Peet, and Dr. Ryan Whalen for their strong contributions to the school during the past year. Dr. McCay-Peet has joined the Government of Nova Scotia as a Senior Information Architect. Dr. Whalen will be moving on to a tenure stream position with the University of Hong Kong as of July 1st. We wish them both the best of luck in their new roles.



SIM has been actively participating in the Strategic Planning at the Faculty level, and is looking forward to working with our fellow schools to accomplish our new strategic priorities. The school is looking forward to celebrating Dalhousie's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2018, and our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2019.

Keep watching SIM channels, so we can keep you up to date with new announcements and plans.

Thanks to all for a successful year.



Sandra Toze, PhD

Director, School of Information Management

## **NSCC Library and Information Technology Program**

Greetings from the Library and Information Technology (LIT) Program at NSCC. The 2016-17 academic is coming to a close and we are pleased to share highlights from the year. This year has brought another group of energetic students to our program who are eager to explore the changing dynamics of the library industry.

### **Faculty Changes**

At the end of the 2015-16 academic term, the program said goodbye to full-time faculty member Joanne Hodder. Her expertise and experience are much missed in the program, but her contributions to the industry continue in her new role as Manager of Provincial Library Services at the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

New to the program in the role of full-time faculty is Kristina Parlee. Kristina has previous experience in public, academic and media libraries, most recently in the role of Collection Development Librarian (Adult) for Halifax Public Libraries.

Joanne Doucet and Harvey Ratchford continue in their roles as full-time faculty, ensuring consistency in the program in a time of change, as do part-time faculty members Brent Robson and Jamie Serran, who returned this year to teach Records Management and Archives respectively. This academic year we have had additional support from talented part-time faculty with ties throughout the library community: Corrine Gilroy (MSVU), Vicky Hirtle (HPL), Adam Keylor (MSVU), Patricia Langille (SMU).

### **Student Association Group**

In the 2015-16 school year, our students began an LIT students' group in response to the closure of the CLA Student Chapter. This year, students in the second year of the program ensured that the group continued. In addition to offering support by meeting regularly for social and professional development activities, the group organized several fundraising activities, raising \$300 for NSCC Christmas Angels to purchase toys for children in need during the holiday season. In recognition of the positive impact the group had on campus, it was nominated for the NSCC Student Association Organization of the Year award.

### **Volunteer experience**

NSCC Library Services has undertaken a yearbook digitization project to preserve the yearbooks of institutions that amalgamated to form the College. Through this project, over 250 yearbooks dating back to the 1950s are being scanned and made available on line. Six second-year LIT students carried out the

bulk of this work over the course of the school year. In addition to scanning yearbooks, students edited the digital content, loaded the documents into a digital repository (Islandora) and added metadata. Collectively, the students provided almost 400 hours of service, and in return, they were guided through all aspects of a full digitization project. To view the work accomplished visit <http://nsc.cairnrepo.org/islandora/collections/yearbooks>

### **Conference Attendance**

Students in both years of the program received NSCC sponsorship to attend the Dalhousie School of Information Management's *Information Without Borders Conference* again this year. The theme of this year's conference was Digital Governance. In all, 50 students and their instructors attended the conference, as they have since the conference began in 2007.

### **Community Support**

The program has always received immense support from the library community and this year has been no exception. Libraries and associations across the region generously provide work experience and volunteer opportunities, funding for annual awards and, in general, create an environment of knowledge sharing that better prepares graduates for the work world. Local librarians and library technicians share their time and expertise by visiting our classrooms, offering first-hand accounts of current initiatives and trends. Here are highlights of two such continuing events that students consistently report as important in their learning experience.

#### *First year students: library tours.*

Each year, first year students in the Introduction to Libraries and Information Retrieval course visit libraries in HRM. In the first semester of the program, these tours provide an excellent opportunity for students to see library workplaces first-hand. This year students visited: Dalhousie's Killam Library, Nova Scotia Health Authority's Halifax Infirmary Site, Halifax Central Library, Oceanview Elementary School Library and the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources Library. Students in the online stream have benefited from the generosity of libraries in their own locales who have provided one-on-one tours.

#### *Second year students: LIT graduate panel*

In this panel discussion, students in the second year Introduction to Management in Libraries class hear from previous graduates of the program about their experiences in the work force. This year we were pleased to have the support of Ian Fraser: Library Technician, Cataloguing & Metadata, NSCC Library Central Services (LIT 2008), Mary Wilton: Library Assistant, Halifax Public Libraries (LIT 2010) and Andrew Wood: Library Services Assistant at Dalhousie Killam (LIT 2015) for this session.

## **2016 Student Award Winners**

### Industry Awards

APLA Award: Meghan Fillmore  
ARMA Award: Alaina McKenzie  
CNSA Award: Alaina McKenzie  
NSLA Award: Amy White

### NSCC Awards

Highest Recognition Award: Roy Keeler  
School of Business 1<sup>st</sup> Year Student Award: Kendra Gauvin  
School of Business 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Student Award: Clare Howard

## Standing Order 5.02

**Existing Standing Order:** Committee on Committees and Interest Groups

5.02 Committee on Committees and Interest Groups

**Membership:** The Vice President/President-Elect shall be the convener.

Terms of reference:

- to recommend as necessary to the Executive and the Association formation of new committees and interest groups
  - to prepare terms of reference for those committees and interest groups if established
  - to appoint conveners to committees and interest groups when necessary and members to serve on those committees
  - to recommend when necessary the dissolution of standing committees and interest groups
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Recommended action to Standing Order 5.02

Remove Standing order 5.02, and allocate duties to the Aims and Objectives Committee in Standing Order 5.03.

**Motion to Remove Standing Order 5.02.**

Respectfully Submitted by Kathryn Rose, VP President-Elect on April 27, 2017.

## Standing Order 5.03

**Existing Standing Order:** Standing Order 5.03 Aims and Objectives

5.03 Committee on Aims and Objectives

Membership: The convener shall be the Vice-President/President-Elect with the vice-presidents as members.

Terms of reference:

- to regularly consider the aims and objectives and the program of the Association with a view to recommending developments or changes in either

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### **Recommended Addition to Standing Order 5.03**

5.03 Committee on Aims and Objectives

Membership: The convener shall be the Vice-President/President-Elect with the vice-presidents as members.

Terms of reference:

- to regularly consider the aims and objectives and the program of the Association with a view to recommending developments or changes in either
- **Recommend new interest groups or committees to help achieve the aims and objectives of the association**
- **The chair of the Committee on Aims and Objectives, or a delegate, regularly liaise with convenors of Interest Groups and Committees**
- **Prepare terms of reference for new interests groups and committees**
- **Appoint convenors when necessary**
- **Recommend dissolution of interest groups and committees necessary.**

**Motion to add to the terms of reference for the Aims and Objective Committee to include:**

- **Recommend new interest groups or committees to help achieve the aims and objectives of the association**
- **The chair of the Committee on Aims and Objectives, or a delegate, regularly liaise with convenors of Interest Groups and Committees**
- **Prepare terms of reference for new interests groups and committees**
- **Appoint convenors when necessary**
- **Recommend dissolution of interest groups and committees necessary.**

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Rose, VP President-Elect: April 27, 2017

## Standing Order 6.06

### EXISTING STANDING ORDER: 6.06 **Advocacy Committee**

**Membership:** The Committee shall include the Chair, as well as four other members from the different library sectors. At least one of these members shall be francophone, to ensure that important issues for francophone libraries are not overlooked. The APLA President and VP/President Elect will be ex officio members. Members may serve up to three years.

**Terms of reference:**

- to monitor developments in libraries and librarianship, both regionally and nationally, and identify key issues
- to research and compile background information on these issues, as needed
- to advise the APLA Executive on possible actions to be taken on emerging issues
- to develop advocacy tools for use by APLA members
- to facilitate training for effective advocacy; and
- to collaborate with other organizations (e.g. CLA, The Partnership, other regional associations) to increase the reach and impact of advocacy efforts.

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### RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO STANDING ORDER 6.06 **Advocacy Committee**

**Membership:** The Committee shall include the ~~Chair, as well as~~ **Convener, the four VP Provinces to ensure representation of all regions, and one additional francophone member** ~~other members from the different library sectors. At least one of these members shall be francophone,~~ to ensure that important issues for francophone libraries are not overlooked. The APLA President and VP/President Elect will be ex officio members. Members may serve up to three years.

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- to facilitate training for effective advocacy; and
- to collaborate with other organizations (e.g. **CFLA-FCAB** ~~CLA~~, The Partnership, other regional associations) to increase the reach and impact of advocacy efforts.

**Motion to change “Chair, as well as four other members from the different library sectors. At least one of these members shall be francophone” to “Convener, the four VP Provinces to ensure representation of all regions, and one additional francophone member.”**

**Motion to strike CLA and replace with CFLA-FCAB.** Respectfully submitted by Laurinda Matheson & Suzanne van den Hoogen, on May 1, 2017.

## Standing Order 9.01

EXISTING STANDING ORDER: 9.01

**9.01** The Atlantic Provinces Library Association shall be an institutional member of the Canadian Library Association and I'ASTED.

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### RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO STANDING ORDER 9.01

**9.01** The Atlantic Provinces Library Association shall be an institutional member of the **Canadian Federation of Library Associations / Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB)** ~~Canadian Library Association~~ and I'ASTED.

**Motion to change “Canadian Library Association” to “Canadian Federation of Library Associations / Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB).”**

Respectfully submitted by Laurinda Matheson & Suzanne van den Hoogen, on April 27, 2017.

## Standing Order 9.02

EXISTING STANDING ORDER: 9.02

**9.02** The Atlantic Provinces Library Association shall adopt the Canadian Library Association's Statement on Intellectual Freedom (ratified at the CLA Annual Conference in June 1974, and amended in June 1983) as its standard in all situations where these freedoms are threatened.

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### RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO STANDING ORDER 9.02

**9.02** The Atlantic Provinces Library Association shall adopt the **Canadian Federation of Library Associations / Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB)** ~~Canadian Library Association's~~ [Statement on Intellectual Freedom](#) (ratified at the CLA Annual Conference in June 1974, and amended **on November 17, 1983, November 18, 1985 and September 27, 2017** ~~in June 1983~~) as its standard in all situations where these freedoms are threatened.

**Motion to change “Canadian Library Association’s” to “Canadian Federation of Library Associations / Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB).”**

**Motion to change “ in June 1983” to “on November 17, 1983, November 18, 1985 and September 27, 2017.”**

Respectfully submitted by Laurinda Matheson & Suzanne van den Hoogen, on April 27, 2017.



## Standing Order 9.08

EXISTING STANDING ORDER: 9.08 **The APLA Merit Award**

**9.08 The APLA Merit Award** shall be awarded in accordance with the following guidelines, as approved at the 1977 Annual General Meeting and amended at the May 27, 1999 Executive meeting and the April 17-18, 2004 Executive meeting.

**Name:** Atlantic Provinces Library Association Merit Award

### **Terms of the Award:**

1. The award honours an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to library services in the Atlantic Provinces.
2. Some of the contributions that might be considered in selecting a person for this award are: a) leadership in library associations at the local, regional and provincial levels; b) contributions to the development, application and utilization of library services and library systems; c) significant contribution to library literature.
3. Normally only one award shall be given in each year.

### **Form of the Award:**

1. At the annual conference, the award winner will be presented with:
  - a. An Atlantic pewter goblet handmade by a pewter smith, decorated with the Arms of the Province in which the presentation takes place and inscribed on one side with the name of the winner, the award, and the date. The goblets (7 oz., shiny finish) are purchased from Aitken Pewter, Fredericton, NB and are patterned on a design originally produced by Dr. Ian Crowell, Canada's first pewterer.
  - b. A certificate (blank certificates are held by the past-president)
  - c. Life membership in the Atlantic Provinces Library Association
2. A typescript of the presenter's remarks shall be given to the recipient.

### **Procedures:**

1. The Past-President shall be responsible for organizing the procedure for selecting an award winner and for presenting the award.
2. Nominations for the award shall be solicited through an advertisement in the September/October issue of the APLA Bulletin.
3. Names of persons previously nominated but not chosen may be resubmitted.
4. The deadline for nominations shall be March 31.
5. Each recommendation for an award must be accompanied by documentation of the nominee's achievements.
6. The executive shall act as a jury to select an award winner from among those nominated by members of the Association. 11 Atlantic Provinces Library Association.
7. An award need not be made if, in the opinion of the executive, no sufficiently outstanding nominee has been recommended.
8. The award shall be presented at the Association's annual conference.

9. The transcript of the presentation remarks shall be published in the APLA Bulletin.
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#### RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO STANDING ORDER 9.08 **The APLA Merit Award**

##### **Form of the Award:**

1. At the annual conference, the award winner will be presented with:
  - a. An Atlantic pewter goblet handmade by a pewter smith, **indicating the Province** ~~decorated with the Arms of the Province~~ in which the presentation takes place and inscribed on one side with the name of the winner, the award, and the date. The goblets (7 oz., shiny finish) are purchased from Aitken Pewter, Fredericton, NB and are patterned on a design originally produced by Dr. Ian Crowell, Canada's first pewterer.

##### **Motion to change "decorated with the Arms of the Province" to "indicating the Province."**

Respectfully submitted by Laurinda Matheson & Suzanne van den Hoogen, on April 27, 2017.

