

# Down on the Labrador:

## Distance Librarianship in Labrador and Northern Newfoundland

### PART 2

by John White

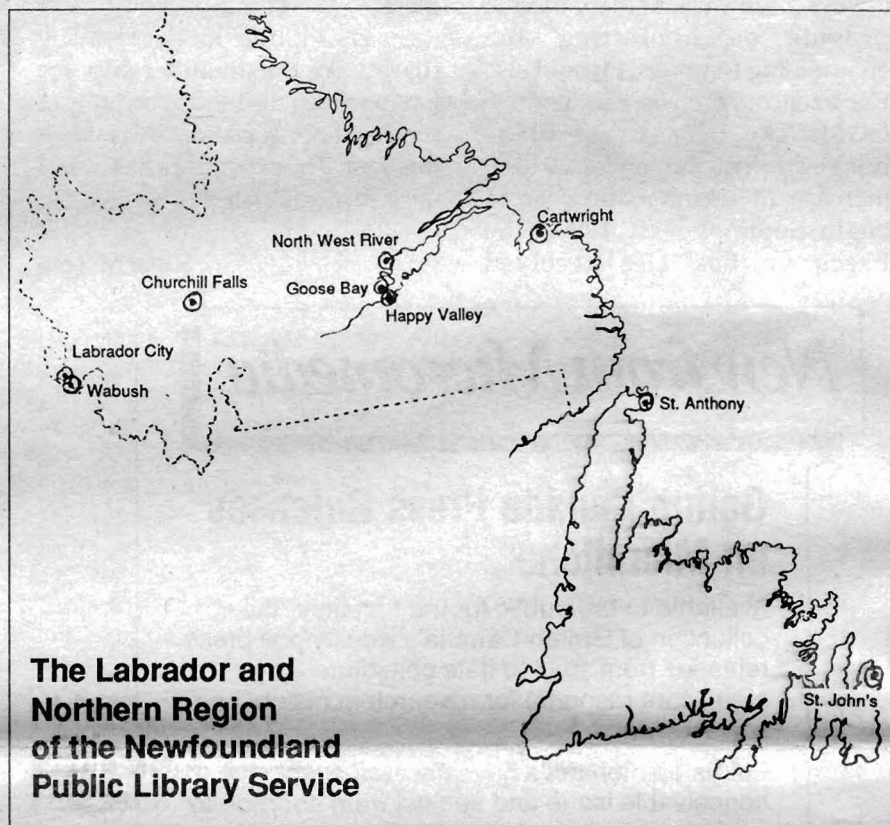
**B**efore the Labrador and Newfoundland region was formed in 1985 the librarian at the CFS Goose Bay library had written to St. John's offering to open her library to the general public in return for access to the ILL system and the rotating stock collection. I met with her in October 1985 and again in February 1986 when we drafted an "Agreement of co-operation" along the lines she had suggested. This agreement gave Happy Valley-Goose Bay two libraries and seven-days-a-week library service. The base library is eight miles from the public library and well complements the latter's work. The original agreement was for three years and this was renewed for an additional three years in 1989.

The region has a second affiliated library in North West River, approximately 50 kilometers from Goose Bay. In 1984 a local group set up a volunteer library and then wrote to St. John's asking that it be

added to the public library system. The Provincial Public Libraries Board approved their request "subject to funding". In early 1986 this library, too, began to receive rotating stock from the region and access to the ILL system.

Both the Goose Bay base library and the North West River library submit monthly statistical reports and annual reports to the regional office. They also participate in the In-Library Use Surveys which all public libraries complete semi-annually. Although not formally part of the Newfoundland Public Library Services both function as public libraries and provide a valued service.

Thus since 1986 the regional office has ministered to the needs of 11 local libraries. However, there are many small communities on the Labrador coast and the Northern Peninsula without direct library service. These are looked after chiefly by Books-by-Mail, located in Grand Falls, which produces an attractive annual catalogue. These are distributed by Canada Post as "Householders". Patrons need only to complete the tear-off forms and



The Labrador and Northern Region of the Newfoundland Public Library Service

mail them to BBM. Books-by-Mail, is generally limited to popular fiction.

Anyone seeking a book not in the BBM catalogue needs only to write

directly to the regional office. And they do write! Watercolour techniques for Norman Bay, a six-volume theology for Roddickton or anything by V.C. Andrews for Port Hope-Simpson. In 1988-89 the regional office received 467 such requests. Most of these requests were filled by the Labrador City library which is also the regional resource library.

There are 65 schools within the Labrador and Northern Region. Some are all-grade (K-12) and many are small. School libraries are, in keeping, either small or non-existent. The obvious exceptions to this statement are the five larger towns. In our first year the regional office received about a dozen requests from students with school assignments. Recognizing the need for an outreach service I wrote to every school in September 1986 encouraging teachers to use the public libraries. Those without a nearby library (the majority) were asked to write directly to the regional office. This letter was accompanied by a set of 7 guidelines to follow for school requests. That first year we received 77 requests.

Since 1986 a similar letter has been mailed each September to the schools and school boards. Some respond enthusiastically; from others we hear nothing. The initiative must come from the classroom teacher although we help it along. If a request was unclear for

## Atlantic Library Community Mourns Loss of Carin Somers

by Aileen Lewis

**F**riends of Carin Somers, former Nova Scotia Provincial Librarian, were shocked and saddened to learn of her sudden death on March 9, 1990.

Carin was in the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax, awaiting an air ambulance flight for surgery at London, Ontario's University Hospital, when she died of a ruptured aneurysm.

She began her working career as Registrar at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, a position she combined with teaching French. With irreverent glee, Carin could recall in later years the many successful present-day achievers whom she had once witnessed floundering in the mysteries of French grammar.

Following her marriage in 1958, Carin switched to the library field, working at the (then) Halifax Memorial Library. From there she went to library school at the University of Toronto and returned to the Memorial Library. She became Chief Librarian of the Halifax County Regional Library in 1967 and was instrumental in the rapid growth of that region in the late 1960's and early 1970's. This included taking on the operation of an entirely new regional library system (South Shore Regional Library), by contract service.

In 1973, Carin was appointed Supervisor of Public Libraries with the Nova Scotia Provincial Library and in 1974, Provincial Librarian. During her tenure, 100% of the population of the province became served by public libraries. Carin was very pleased about that—she carried a deep feeling about public service, throughout her life.

Very active on committees and associations, she was a past-president of APLA and a past-second vice president of the Canadian Library Association. She was a guest lecturer at the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Services, and often asked to speak at public library trustee conferences.

In 1988 the Atlantic Provinces Library Association honored Carin Somers with its Merit Award. Carin accepted that award with a beaming smile and the greatest of pleasure. It meant a great deal to her.

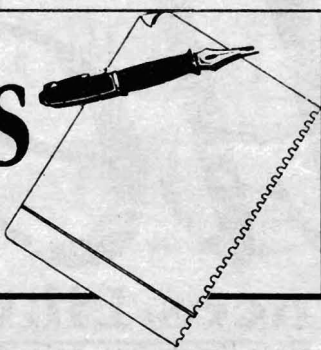
We could not know that her retirement would be only three years. We will miss Carin's good cheer and her interest in everyone around her. Despite almost constant pain since a 1973 car accident, and even when her job was at its most pressured, Carin Somers always had time for people.

To her husband Frank, her mother, and her friends, we extend deepest sympathy.

*Aileen Lewis is Director of the Dartmouth Regional Library and a longtime friend of Carin Somers.*

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



**A**s all of my activities are fully reported in the annual reports of the President and the Finance Committee, I would like to use this last column to encourage you to attend the Annual Conference in Moncton. The Conference Committee has, as always, been working very hard to provide an interesting and entertaining few days. I would also like to encourage you to attend the OGM. The Executive will be bringing forth a motion for a \$10.00 increase of membership fees to begin September 1, 1990. The Executive has also received

numerous requests for access to the Association mailing list. A motion will also be proposed in this regard. The OGM is your opportunity to take part in running the Association and an opportunity to suggest directions for the Association in the upcoming year. We hope to see you there.

I would like to express my thanks to the membership for having given me the opportunity of serving the Association as President this year. The experience has been a most rewarding one.

Susan McLean

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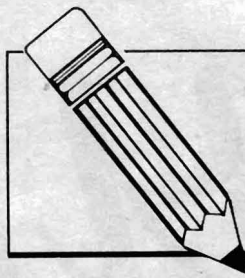
some reason we would routinely telephone the teacher to sort out the problem. Our aim was (and is) to build up confidence in the public library service and long distance charges were the ordinary cost of doing business. In 1988-89 the regional office responded to 166 school ILL requests and that figure will be easily surpassed this year.

Finally, Children's Book Festival has become a major event for the region's libraries. Marianne Brandis, O. R. Melling, Camilla Gryski and Robert Munsch have all toured in Labrador and the Northern Peninsula in past years. The key ingredient to these tours' success was co-operation between the school boards and the public libraries. Last year Labrador was made a separate tour for Children's Book Festival for the first time. Celia Lottridge (The Name of the Tree)

was the touring author and she visited five communities in six busy days.

Much of a regional librarian's job in Labrador is quite like that in, say, New Brunswick or Nova Scotia. Administration is administration, book selection is book selection. The differences lie in the vast area and, conversely, the small population served. Much can be (and is) done on the basis of personal contact—or a telephone call.

If the service has been a success (and I believe it has) it is because it has tried to serve all who live in Labrador and the Northern Peninsula. The nine public libraries are only one agent of this service. There are also the two affiliated libraries, Books-by-Mail and the schools within the region who daily make their contribution. When



## From the EDITOR'S DESK

**J**ust when you thought a not-too-awful U.S. dollar and a merely high inflation rate were going to allow your periodicals list to scrape through the budget year relatively unscathed, something new happens.

The federal Department of Communications has just slashed its postal subsidy to Canadian periodical and book publishers. Effective March 1, 1990, 45 million dollars was cut from the 220 million dollar program. And the bad news doesn't stop there. By April 1, 1991 over 45% of the subsidy will be cut. By April 1, 1992 all subsidies under this program will have ended, to be replaced by a program of direct subsidies to a much reduced number of publishers. The new program, yet to be unveiled, is projected to cost \$110 million dollars or less than half (in real dollars) of what was formerly in place.

The cuts have already had an effect. The most drastic subsidy reduction was to controlled circulation daily newspapers with less than 5% mail subscriptions. According to Susan Katz, the Acting Director of the Department of Communications' publishing policies and programs division in Ottawa, all subsidies have been cut to this category of publication.

The effects have been profound and immediate, at least for this class of publication. Many newspapers, which traditionally wait until the end of the year to pass along increases, have boosted prices immediately. According to a Manitoba Library Association newsletter, the *Regina Leader Post* has just increased its mail subscription from \$150 to \$350 per year. My own library just received a notice that the yearly rate for the

*Ottawa Citizen* has gone from \$200 to \$400, after an increase of 230% in postal rates. According to Anne Miller of the Atlantic Region headquarters for Canada Post in Halifax, the cost to mail out an issue of the *Halifax Chronicle Herald* just went from 12 cents to 48.2 cents per issue.

How widespread is the reduction? According to the DOC's Katz, the next hardest hit are publishers and booksellers who receive a bookrate for book shipments. Those in this category will have a 15% to 90% increase in the cost of mailing, with the largest publishers (those who send over 250,000 shipments per year) bearing the greatest burden. Other newspapers, including community weeklies, and periodicals will be hit with postal increases of 10-25% in most cases. It is difficult to estimate precisely what the dollar cost will be in individual cases and how this will be passed on to subscribers. The percentage of the subscription rate which is related to postal charges varies a great deal depending on weight, frequency and production costs of the publication.

The APLA Bulletin will not be affected. As recently as this year we applied (again) to be granted the subsidized rate, but were informed by our local postmaster that "they" were getting stricter in granting this status. Stricter indeed.

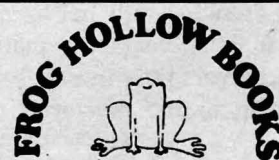
The bottom line is that by 1992, 110 million dollars which used to help the Canadian publishing industry distribute their wares in this big, sparsely populated country will no longer be there. One of two things will happen. Publishers will fold. Or readers—especially libraries—will pick up the tab. So what's new?

On a brighter note, APLA90 is just around the corner (or here already if you are reading this issue at the conference). Although I don't like to admit it too loudly, I have enjoyed doing the *Bulletin* this past year and I look forward to any feedback or ideas that you care to pass along. So, see you there (or here).

Bradd Burningham

resources are so scarce (or distant) resource sharing is the only way.

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# Sun, Surf and BI

by Cynthia Tanner

**S**un, beach and heat; why can't all conference organizers be so thoughtful?

For two days in February, while the Atlantic region experienced a bitter cold spell, librarians Cindy Tanner (Patrick Power Library, Saint Mary's University), Jane Archibald (Killam Library, Dalhousie University), and Elizabeth Frick (School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University) attended the fourth Earlham-Eckerd College Bibliographic Instruction Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida. Could any arrangement be more ideal than a picture-perfect location and a chance to listen to librarians talk about a library that has become legendary in the world of bibliographic instruction?

Drs. Larry Hardesty (Head Librarian, Eckerd College) and Evan Farber (Head Librarian, Earlham College) came up with this winning idea for a conference several years ago: Eckerd College would provide the facilities in scenic and temperate St. Petersburg, and Evan Farber and several librarians and faculty from Earlham College would leave the snow covered regions of Indiana to bring the gospel of bibliographic instruction to enthusiastic librarians.

Those who heard and saw the Earlham methodology explained during those two days could not



Jane Archibald sweating out a BI conference in St. Pete's, Florida.

help but feel a sense of professional envy. Earlham College, with an enrollment of approximately one thousand students, has achieved renown throughout the United States and Canada for its successful BI program. A significant reason for this achievement must rest with Dr. Evan Farber, the present director of the library, who for the past seventeen years has spent untold hours in the classroom practising and perfecting the art of bibliographic instruction. The dynamic Dr. Farber has won the respect of his faculty and as a result all first year students receive a significant library introduction in

their Humanities I course. Once they reach their final year, Earlham students have confidence in their library skills and are able to accomplish independent research with minimal assistance from reference staff. As Dr. Farber pointed out, not only do the students benefit from the Earlham BI program, but as an administrator he is better able to justify building a strong library collection, while the librarians at Earlham experience a closer relationship with faculty and increase their knowledge of the curriculum.

Evan Farber recognizes that it is not possible to "export" the Earlham program to all libraries, but he assured his listeners that certain concepts could be

effectively transferred to any library, irrespective of its size. As well, Dr. Farber admitted that his BI program is not able to reach every faculty member and students often have to listen to similar library sessions on numerous occasions throughout their stay at Earlham.

While basking in the mid-eighties temperatures that reigned throughout the conference, one participant was heard to exclaim that the combination of an excellent conference program and the sights of the St. Petersburg area made for a memorable experience—and who am I to disagree!

*Cynthia Tanner is Collections Development/Bibliographic Instruction Librarian at Saint Mary's University Library*



## Procedure for Resolutions

Resolutions concerning the policies and practices of the Association will be formally considered at the Ordinary General Meeting to be held on Sunday, May 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hotel Beauséjour, Moncton.

The pre-resolutions session will be held on Saturday, May 12, at 4:30 p.m., also at the Hotel Beauséjour.

Before the conference, resolu-

tions may be submitted to Charlotte Dionne, Resolutions Committee Convenor, Bibliothèque Champlain, Université de Moncton, Moncton, N.-B., E1A 3E9 (506) 858-4012. At the conference, resolutions may be submitted to the Resolutions Committee, c/o Conference Registration Desk, Hotel Beauséjour, before 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 27, 1990.

# University Libraries—A Resource for the Community

## Nova Scotia Universities Outside the Halifax Area

by Judy Reade

*This is the second in a series surveying the services of university libraries in the Atlantic Provinces which are available to non-university users.*

**A**CADIA UNIVERSITY  
A community user's card is available for \$20.00 to off-campus borrowers at Acadia University. A family may purchase this card for \$30.00, and corporations pay \$100.00, which entitles 10 employees to use the library. These cards must be renewed annually.

High school students may use the library, and may purchase an individual community user's card or use the family card. The library has found that local high school students make regular use of the collections, as school library resources in the area are not sufficient to satisfy all demands.

A general guide to the library is available, and also a guide to the library's computerized catalogue. Tours of the library for high school students are arranged on request

from class teachers or principals. The library has also put together tours for international students and those attending conventions at the university during the summer months.

### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY

The general public have access to the library collection, the periodical reading room and reference services, and may apply for an off-campus borrower's card. Computer searches, inter-library loan and facsimile services are available to off-campus patrons, though charges for these services are passed on to the requestor. Persons attending short courses, e.g., Elderhostel, have access to the library collections and are given a temporary borrower's card.

High school students are welcome to use the library for reference and research purposes but generally are not accorded borrowing privileges. Because of seating space high school students are not permitted to study in the library.

### UNIVERSITE SAINTE-ANNE

At the Université Ste.-Anne an off-campus borrower's card is available free of charge. This card must be renewed every three years. The full resources of the library are available for loan, except for material placed on reserve for courses, reference books, and some valuable items from the library's collection of Acadiana. Inter-library loans are available at a cost of \$1.50 per transaction.

Local students from both elementary and secondary schools use the library. (Parents of students under the age of 11 are asked to sign the borrower's card on behalf of their child). Orientation sessions and tours of the facility are available on request.

### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF CAPE BRETON

University College encourages use of the facilities and services by the community. A library card is available to off-campus borrowers for a single fee of \$10.00 and additional services such as database

searches are available on a cost-recovery basis.

A service included in the borrower's card is use of the Teachers' Resource Centre, an integral part of the library, which is of particular interest to educational professionals in the area. The Resource Centre houses a large multi-media collection, as well as conventional print materials.

High school students are welcome to use the library and may purchase the off-campus borrowing card.

The library can accommodate requests for tours of the facility and orientation sessions on the use of the collections. A regular event is the tour organized for high school students about to graduate and move on to university. Other tours can be arranged for particular groups taking short-term or occasional courses of study.

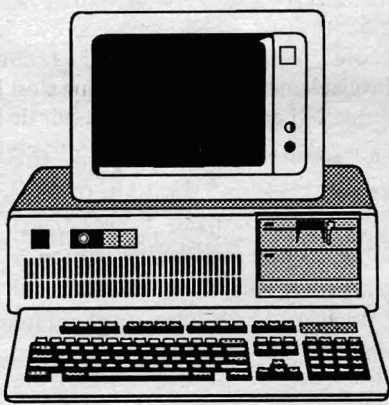
*Judy Reade is a librarian at the School for Resource and Environmental Studies, Dalhousie University. In the third part of this series, community access to university libraries in the rest of the Atlantic Provinces will be examined.*

# Automation of Periodical Subscriptions Control at Halifax City Regional Library

by Laura Jantek and  
Michael Colborne

In January 1989, the periodicals unit of the Halifax City Regional Library phased out use of its manual Kardex. Approximately 2,700 subscriptions, about 1,850 titles, are now totally controlled by an off-the-shelf software package run on an IBM PC. The move from the manual to the automated environment has meant cleaner, more up-to-date and thus more cost-effective control of our magazine subscriptions.

The control of periodical subscriptions historically has been in the Reference Department. Magazines and newspapers are in great demand within our system, and, especially in Reference, the timely receipt of a business journal or a newspaper is of great importance. In addition, public desk staff require clear, quick status information in order to tell patrons if a certain issue requested is late, claimed, missing, etc. Any system which controlled our subscriptions would also have to provide all the little details which a Kardex does. Over time, the number of periodicals received in the library has increased and the job of check-in, once done in conjunction with public service duties, now is done by a unit of two part-time Library Clerks and a Library Assistant. The unit is supervised by a Senior Librarian.



During 1986/87, a survey was made of libraries similar to ours to determine who was doing what with magazine subscriptions (I am not using the word serials since standing orders and annuals are controlled through our Technical Services Department). The general response was disappointing—few libraries had tackled the problem. A canvas of the literature was also done to determine what might be happening in the United States or in special libraries. During 1987 software was costed and libraries using particular packages were interviewed by telephone to assess the quality of the packages. After this phone survey and a review of the literature, it became clear that few packages were going to be useful in the public library

environment where many duplicate titles need to be tracked to different locations and debited from a variety of accounts. Since the library was on Utlas, it was very attractive to consider obtaining a software package that supported the full MARC record so that files

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could be merged for our microfiche catalogue, or future OPAC. This idea proved to be too expensive and the philosophical decision to abandon the MARC record for these files was made.

From the start, the goals for automating magazine subscriptions were simple, unambitious, and practical. The emphasis was on eliminating many manual files, improving timeliness of claiming, and having a tighter control on what magazines were charged to what fund, department, etc. Since check-in itself is very labour intensive and the mail still needs to be opened, pages gone through to find volume number, etc., we assumed no great saving in check-in time. We had hoped for a system that would provide us with a clear, easy-to-use periodicals list. Although the system we chose will produce a list, we decided, for a variety of reasons, to continue producing our own list on WordPerfect. The system would have to be simple to use and user friendly since all public desk staff would have to be able to access the files quickly to answer user requests and would not necessarily be able to remember complex protocols. The software Serials Control System was chosen and our disc arrived in the summer of 1987.

The first, most difficult step in any automation project is converting manual records to machine records. We made arrangements with the vendor to preload several hundred titles. The rest were loaded during the fall of 1988, working directly from the Kardex and inputting into SCS (Serials Control System). Prior to this we transferred miscellaneous information to the Kardex from other files to make it a central information point. So, for instance, bindery decisions previously kept in a separate file were added to the Kardex. Staff were then able to transcribe the records into the database more efficiently. Staff used for this project were a Library Assistant II and a Clerk II.

Building the database took approximately four months. After the initial data load, claim dates had to be entered. This has been an ongoing process as we monitor what length of time could be tolerated as lag time for the receipt of each magazine. For some

magazines, delivered directly from a news agent, it was a simple matter; for irregularly or infrequently produced newsletters and journals, it has been a more difficult process.

During the entire database input, we continued to use the Kardex and a discussion arose concerning when it would be safe to close the manual file. For a period of a year, we continued to check-in on both manual and automated systems. Although the Coordinator of the department thought we should take a chance and discontinue the manual system as soon as all titles were on the automated system, staff (both periodicals and public desk) were uncomfortable with that. It was useful to go through the entire cycle of periodical routines—renewals, periodicals list, invoice rationalization, budgets, etc. knowing that the manual data existed if, suddenly, we realised a routine could not be done or if a bug invaded the system. All went smoothly, however, including a software upgrade, and in January 1989, the Kardex was gone.

Reaction to the automated system and spillover from the project has been very interesting and useful on many levels:

- periodicals staff see their jobs as better since the tedium of manual files has been eliminated;

- tighter subscription control has been maintained which makes everyone in the system happy;
- public desk staff, shy about needing to consult a terminal for data, found no problem at all and now want other files computerized;
- the screen display is clear and easy to read and staff, even from other departments, do not hesitate to check subscriptions on the terminal;
- our department has been seen as putting up an automated system successfully, which is good groundwork for our future plans of moving to an automated circulation system;
- management on all levels are now more aware of the kinds of time and staff needed in an automation start-up project;
- check-in time has, in fact, decreased;
- the periodical unit is now able to issue success reports on various titles, which helps the lending departments figure out if a title is worth continuing;
- department budget figures are easy to calculate, and the periodical unit can be more responsive to specific data requests from different departments; and
- automatically generated claims have resulted in more staff time required to process them—previously these late items may have gone unnoticed.

Overall, the automation of our periodicals unit has been an exciting and challenging time—we are now embarked on the building of other automated files to make behind-the-scenes work easier and improve our service to the public.

Laura Jantek, Coordinator of Reference Service, and Michael Colborne, Librarian, Reference Service, both work at Halifax City Regional Library.

Plan to Attend  
The APLA Conference's Opening Session  
"Barriers on the Road to Knowledge"

by Alan Borovoy

Friday, May 11, 1990  
1:30-3:00 p.m. in  
the Paramount Room of  
the Hotel Beauséjour

# 1990 APLA ANNUAL REPORTS

## PRESIDENT

Lobbying remained a major activity of the President this year. Letters were written to all Atlantic M.P.'s expressing APLA concerns with Phase II of the Copyright Legislation. In addition, CLA Fact Sheets on the issue were distributed with the Bulletin to assist individual members in writing to M.P.'s. Provincial Vice Presidents were urged to encourage letters from libraries and other associations. The GST was also a focus of attention. The Association made a donation in support of CLA's role with the Don't Tax Reading Coalition and cards were distributed with two issues of the Bulletin. Record numbers of cards have been received by Government; however, very little movement on the Government position is evident so far.

Intellectual Freedom was, as always, on the agenda for letter writing. A letter of protest was written to Dr. Phil Warren, Minister, Department of Education, Newfoundland, regarding the deletion and alteration of stories in a new grade 12 anthology, *Themes for All Times*. The Intellectual Freedom Committee also requested that the Executive write to Atlantic bookstores encouraging their participation in Freedom to Read Week. With the cooperation of the Atlantic Booksellers Association and the Book and Periodical Development Council, over one hundred letters were written.

I attended the Canadian Library Association Conference in Edmonton and the last CLA Council meeting at which APLA had an official seat. A new Provincial and Territorial Library Associations Council has been formed to provide a forum for provincial associations. Andrea John attended the first meeting in Saskatoon in February. The meetings will coincide with CLA midwinters and the annual CLA conference to allow dialogue and updating on national issues.

The executive also looked at long term plans for APLA and discussed the Association's visibility and general accessibility to the membership and the community at large. The executive has voted to focus on enhancing professional development activities in 1990-91. Additional funds have been allocated to the General Activities Fund for this purpose.

In closing, I would like to encourage everyone to participate in the upcoming conference in Moncton. The conference organizers have worked hard to plan a

varied and busy program. I would also like to thank the Executive, Committee, and Interest Group members for their support throughout the year. The success of the organization depends very much on the work of all concerned.

I would also like to express my best wishes to Andrea John for a most productive year in 1990-91.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan McLean  
President

## PAST-PRESIDENT

The main duties of the Past-President include revisions to the Procedures Manual to keep it up to date, seeking nominations for the vacant Executive positions and seeking nominations for the APLA Merit Award. During my term in this position, I have completed the revision of the Association's Procedures Manual to reflect APLA's changing role within CLA (we are no longer a member of CLA Council) as well as the final updates resulting from constitutional changes made at APLA's last OGM.

Nominations were solicited for the following APLA executive positions: Vice President/President Elect; Vice-President Membership; Vice-President (Nova Scotia); and Vice-President (Newfoundland). Results of the election for each position will be announced at the OGM in Moncton.

A very deserving nomination was received for the 1990 APLA Merit Award. We will be conferring the award on Douglas Lochhead at the Saturday Evening Banquet, May 12, 1990, during the annual conference proceedings in Moncton.

It has been a great pleasure to serve APLA over the past three years as its President-Elect, President, and now finally as Past-President. I believe our Association is an active and thriving one, thanks to a concerned and participating membership. Thank you all for the support given to me over the past three years.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gwendolyn Creelman  
Past-President

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Since the last Ordinary General Meeting, I have prepared agenda, distributed information and recorded minutes at five meetings. On June 14, 1989, a Special General Meeting was held to confirm three Special Resolutions that were passed at the Ordinary General Meeting on May 28, 1989. Fall executive meetings were held on the weekend of September 23 and 24, 1989 and winter meetings were held on February 24 and 25, 1990. I shall also be attending and recording minutes of the Executive Meetings and the Ordinary General Meeting which will take place during the APLA Conference in Moncton.

At the Special General Meeting in June, the passage of Special Resolution

#1 enabled the second paragraph of the Memorandum of Association (APLA's Constitution) to be deleted and replaced with the updated Objects of Association. Then, some time was spent with APLA's lawyer Roy Redgrave of McInnes, Cooper and Robertson in order to prepare documents for the formalization of the Memorandum of Association by the Nova Scotia Supreme Court. Our altered Memorandum of Association became official on 14 December 1989. Our lawyer was also consulted about appropriate filings of the Association that are required to be made under the Companies Act.

The fall and winter executive meetings were held at the Haliburton House Inn in Halifax. At the September and February meetings, committee sessions were followed by a working dinner on the respective Saturdays. The day long Sunday meetings were devoted to the business and affairs of the Association. In September, the dinner meeting topic was Association Finances. In February, the dinner meeting topic was Membership Fees and APLA's visibility.

Minutes of the meetings were prepared and distributed to Executive Members and Interest Group Convenors received the Sunday Business Minutes.

The Secretary consulted regularly with the President on procedural matters.

It has been my pleasure to serve the APLA membership as Secretary to the Executive.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gwen Whitford  
APLA Secretary

## VICE-PRESIDENT, NEW BRUNSWICK

As we enter the decade of the 90s, let us look at some of the major accomplishments of the 80s and the challenges that lie ahead for the library community of New Brunswick.

**TECHNOLOGY:** The use of new technology continues to grow. In 1989, the New Brunswick Library Service chose INLEX/3000 for the automation of public libraries while the Université de Moncton's GEAC catalogue became operational. After extensive research, community college librarians are planning to establish an on-line network with a central catalogue of their holdings. Meanwhile, the Legislative Library has also undertaken a study of its automation needs. Everywhere, the use of CD-ROM products is increasing, and "networking" appears to be the main area of challenge for the next decade.

**STANDARDS:** Standards will continue to be a major issue for public and college libraries. At NBL, research was undertaken to formulate standards for the public library system and the final report will be completed in 1990. And now that the majority of colleges have a library managed by a

professional librarian, the challenge is to bring all of these libraries up to common acceptable standards as proposed in a recent standards report.

**LEGISLATION:** The process for a major revision of the *Libraries Act* is now under way and expected for 1991.

**NEW LIBRARIES:** The public library system especially has grown significantly in the last decade. Amongst the highlights of this development is the relocation and/or major expansion of 3 regional headquarters and their main libraries—Saint John (1983), AWK—Moncton (1988), York—Fredericton (1989). Four new libraries were opened in 1989/90: Chatham, Lamèque, Bas-Caraquet and Petit-Rocher.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Three important directories were published in 1989/90: *Directory of Special libraries in Fredericton*, *New Brunswick newspaper directory*, and *Directory of New Brunswick researchers in science and technology*.

**VOLUNTEERS:** High honours were given to our public library trustees during the 80s. The late Dr. Norman Skinner received the APLA Merit Award while Frances Corbett received the Canadian Library Trustees Award.

**LIBRARY INSTRUCTION/CONTINUING EDUCATION:** There have been increased opportunities for library related training for both anglophones and francophones, with library assistant courses offered in most areas of the province by UNB and the Université de Moncton. A lot however remains to be done in the area of continuing education.

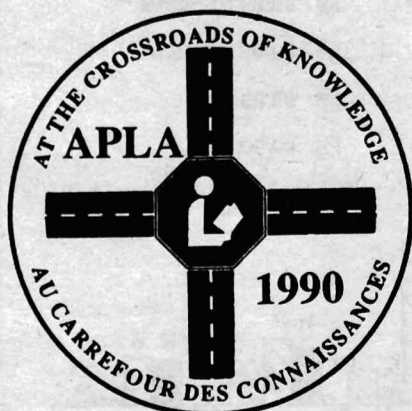
**CHALLENGES—DÉFIS**  
"(...) En cette année internationale de l'alphabétisation, nous constatons qu'au Nouveau-Brunswick 25% de la population est pratiquement incapable de lire. Qu'est-ce à dire? Les bibliothèques publiques ainsi que les écoles ont failli à leur tâche? Probablement. (...) Je pense que c'est là notre défi des années 90: se servir de la technologie moderne pour poursuivre un but qui en somme n'a pas tellement changé depuis longtemps: (...) donner le goût de la lecture à la population et lui fournir le matériel nécessaire pour l'alimenter, les livres."

(Jean-Claude Arcand  
bibliothécaire  
Bibliothèque publique  
d'Edmundston)

"The decade of the 90s will bring greater challenges to Board and staff as we continue our commitment to preservation and conservation, face increasing costs with declining budgets, strive for an integrated automation system for our libraries and attempt to respond to our borrowers' needs for diversified services in a rapidly expanding Information Literacy Age."

(Eileen Travis  
Saint John  
Regional Librarian)

Respectfully submitted,  
Claire Dionne  
VP-New Brunswick



### VICE PRESIDENT, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**C**ertainly the most important news on the Island library scene in the past year was made by the Minister of Education, Paul Connolly, a month ago in the Speech from the Throne, when he announced that the Provincial Library would be moved by 1993 from its present location in a Charlottetown suburb to the village of Morell, 30 miles east of the Capital. The rationale for this decision has yet to be revealed but the aroma of political payoff hangs heavily in the air. Staff dissatisfaction with the decision has been made obvious; the minister was invited by them to discuss the matter but declined. It appears that most present employees will not make the move when it occurs in three years.

The most promising news in the past year appears to have been in the school library field. A special grant of \$100,000 to purchase additional materials was announced. Efforts were made to introduce library automation into Island schools with the announcement by the Minister that the Dept. of Education would fund the purchase of computers and library automation programs for new and renovated schools. The Provincial Librarian was commissioned to recommend the best program available for school use. The Dept. of Education hosted a workshop on library automation given by Jane Beaumont, a noted authority on the subject.

The first examples of new CD-ROM technology appeared in P.E.I. when the Provincial Library acquired Books in Print, while the Agriculture Canada research station library acquired a machine to run such databases as Agricola. U.P.E.I. continued its search for an online catalogue program suitable to its needs. The Provincial Library continued with its plan to produce a catalogue on microfiche for its various branches. Two school libraries, one elementary and one 1-12 converted to on-line public access catalogues, using MacLibrary and Mandarin respectively.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Don Carter  
V.P.- P.E.I.*

### VICE PRESIDENT, NOVA SCOTIA

**1**989-90 may be considered the "year of the new library" in Nova Scotia. The Dartmouth Regional Library, Mount St. Vincent University Library and Weldon Law Library, Dalhousie University all moved into new buildings during the year. New branch libraries were opened by the Halifax City Regional Library and the Halifax County Regional Library. The MacDonald Science Library at Dalhousie University also moved. Science Services is now located on the second floor of Dalhousie's Killam library. The new University of King's College Library is now under construction.

Automation continues throughout the region, with libraries purchasing integrated systems, new CD-ROM products and subscribing to E-mail. The College of Cape Breton became the sixth member of the Novanet system as of April first.

The position of Nova Scotia Provincial Librarian has yet to be filled. However, interviews were held in February and it is hoped that the

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successful candidate will be in the position by the summer.

During 1989-90 the Nova Scotia Library community suffered the loss of three outstanding librarians. Clem Harrison's, Carin Somers' and Doreen Fraser's considerable achievements and leadership contributed greatly to the growth of library services throughout the region. They will be missed.

As this is my last term in office I want to particularly thank all of you who provided information for the *Bulletin* "News" or supported issues of concern to APLA.

*Respectfully submitted  
Gwyn Pace*

### VICE PRESIDENT, NEWFOUNDLAND

**P**UBLIC LIBRARIES  
Last fall Jane Beaumont's report on the automation needs of the Nfld. Public Libraries Board recommended the purchase of an integrated system, which, unfortunately, did not receive funding from the provincial government. The Board did, however, receive a \$100,000 capital grant for books for the general collection. As well, it received \$11,200 for a literacy project which would evaluate the existing collection and both develop a policy and a bibliography of core materials. Three appointments were made during the year: Charles Cameron to Head, Prov. Reference and Resource Library; Brian Nimeroski to St. John's City Librarian; and John White to Avalon Regional Librarian. Approximately \$200,000 has been raised locally for the new Stephenville Public Library. The ground-breaking should take place sometime this spring.

**MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND**  
MUN's new CD-ROM catalogue (named ELIOT the MUNcat) was made available to the public last summer. In addition, MUN's library holdings can be searched, through the campus computer network, by faculty in their offices and students in the residences. In August MUN began its recon of 400,000 records to MARC format. Although 700 journals were targeted for cancellation by periodical use studies to date, only 50% were cancelled—a savings of \$110,000. The next study is now in process. Collections received \$50,000 from SSHRC for materials in folklore and maritime history. In MUN personnel, Sue Sexty moved to Bibliographic Instruction Coordinator; Linda Barnett became the Head of Public Services in the Health Science Library; Wallace McKenzie joined Collections as replacement Science Librarian; and Catherine Quinlan (Health Sciences Librarian) was appointed Director of Libraries at the University of Western Ontario.

**SCHOOL LIBRARIES**  
The School Library Policy Committee completed the document Learning to Learn regarding resource-based learning and its implementation. The draft policy was circulated to schools for reactions and a final document should be released next fall. In January, the School Library Symposium II was held for district library coordinators and school principals. The symposium was led by Ken Haycock of Vancouver.

### COMMUNITY COLLEGES

The Cabot Institute is continuing to recon to MARC records. Beverley Neable was appointed to the Institute in August. The Burin campus began offering first year university courses in September and appointed Margaret Ann Fowler as Librarian. The Labrador College began its first year courses in January and appointed Andre Vietinghoff as Librarian.

*Respectfully submitted  
Allison Mews  
VP NFLD & Lab.*

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**P**lease refer to the accompanying figure for a detailed breakdown of membership statistics by province and by category of membership.

The Membership Committee welcomed the use of the personalized renewal forms issued this year, in addition to the various other enhancements to the membership procedure provided by APLA and our Treasurer. The Committee is working with the Publications Committee on the preparation of a new version of the APLA reminder notice for the use of the Provincial Vice-Presidents in their task of following up on late-renewing members.

As this is my final report to the membership, I would like to thank the provincial Vice-Presidents and the

Treasurer for their work and co-operation throughout the year, with particular thanks to the out-going Vice-Presidents from Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Belier  
VP-Membership*

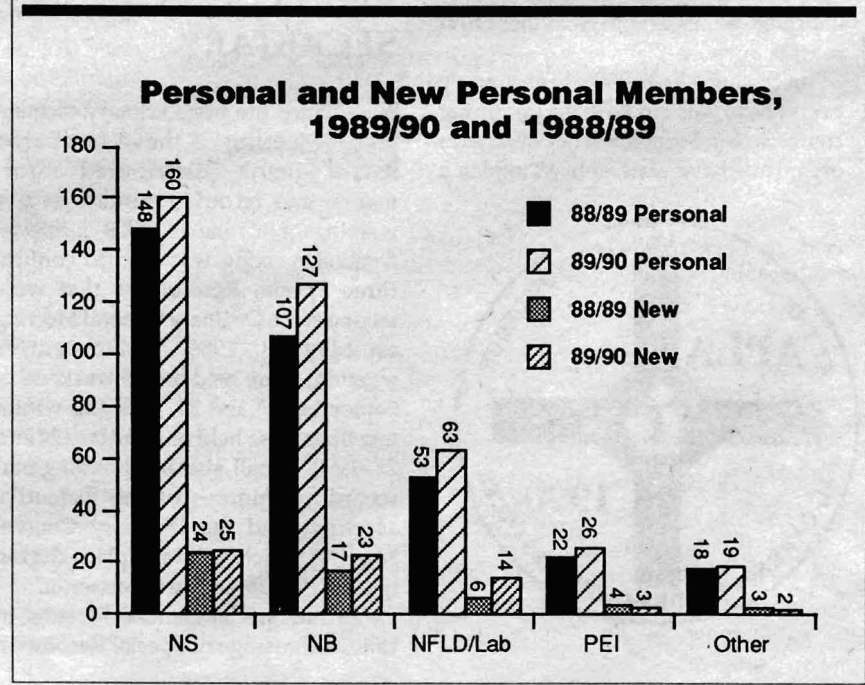
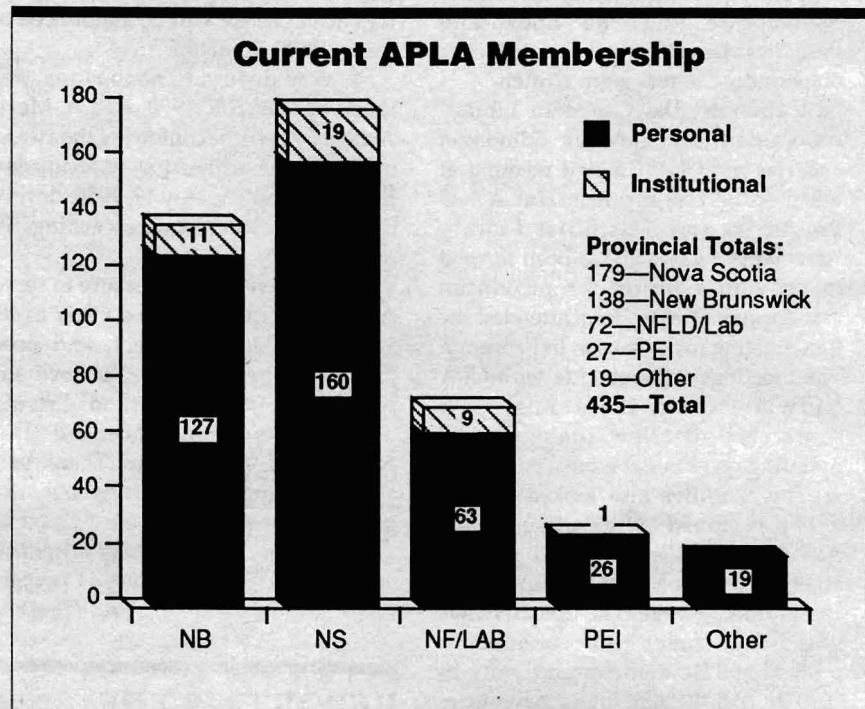
### APLA BULLETIN

**T**he *Bulletin* has had a good year and seems to have settled easily into its new home. Highlights included: a series on user education; feature stories on new libraries in Dartmouth and Moncton; stories on the GST, Phase II of the copyright legislation, and Children's Round Tables; a two part article on distance librarianship in Newfoundland and Labrador; and a three part survey of community access to Atlantic academic libraries. We even persuaded Umberto Eco to contribute his views on libraries.

Advertising revenue was \$3521.00, up significantly this year. Partly this is due to a slight increase in advertising rates designed to offset an increase in publishing costs. The rest is due to the efforts of Advertising Editor, Gwen Creelman, who has taken great pains to solicit new advertising and collect outstanding debts.

Every issue of the *Bulletin* was out on time this year. This could not have been done without the assistance of Moira Davidson, Managing Editor, Nancy Cohen, News Editor, and several of the staff at Mt. A. (Filis Fahey and Donna Gogan, in particular)—all of whom can be counted on to pull together when the going gets tough and the deadline ticks nearer.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Bradd Burningham  
Editor, APLA Bulletin*



## FINANCE COMMITTEE

A major concern of the Finance Committee was the deficit predicted for 1991-92. At present, the Association is balancing its budget on windfalls, largely from the annual conferences. The Committee and the Executive felt that these windfalls should be used to support workshops, special projects and/or to meet unforeseen expenses. After reviewing various alternatives for generating additional revenue, the Executive passed a motion at its February meeting to present a membership fee increase of \$10.00 to the O.G.M. in Moncton. The fee increase is proposed to take effect September 1, 1990.

Financial guidelines for workshops and annual conferences were also reviewed. It was felt that the Executive should provide improved budgeting guidelines for these events. Revised budget reporting forms were prepared by the Treasurer and accepted by the Executive.

Three workshops were funded from the General Activities Fund over the year. Two CD ROM teleconferences received support, one at the University of New Brunswick and a second at Mount Saint Vincent University. A workshop on AACRII and the role of the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing, planned for April in Fredericton, also received a seed grant. In addition, a donation was made to the Canadian Library Association to support its work with the Don't Tax Reading Coalition.

Guidelines for granting funds from the General Activities Fund were also revised to ensure that proposals include publicity plans which ensure: adequate notice is given to APLA members who may wish to attend; that APLA is clearly identified as a sponsor; and that other media coverage will be sought when possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan McLean  
Convenor

## APLA MEMORIAL AWARDS COMMITTEE

**1.** Reports from Award winners: During 1989-90, reports were received from:

Marguerite Jones, who received an award of \$500 in 1987 in support of her sabbatical project to compile a bibliography of Spanish Basques in the North Atlantic.

Jeanne Ward, who received an award of \$950 in 1989 to attend a one-week course at Columbia University Rare Book School on Problems in Preservation.

Marilynn Rudi, who received an award of \$475 in 1989 to complete research for a guide to sources of information in English on Atlantic Canada literature.

### 2. Award Winners since 1976:

A list of award winners to date was sent to R. Boychuk, Convenor of the Publications Committee. The list was published in the *Membership Directory and Handbook 1989-1990*, page 33.

### 3. 1990 Awards:

Approximately \$1200 is available for awarding in 1990. Because the deadline for applications is April 6, 1990, later than the date by which this annual report must be submitted, it is hoped that a decision on award winner(s) will be made in time to announce at the

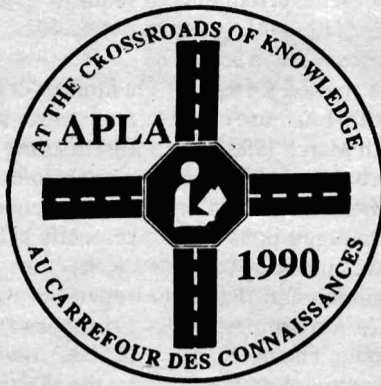
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Annual Conference in May. Please note that the deadline for applications was incorrectly printed as April 30 in the *Directory*.

### 4. Members of the Committee:

Thanks to Marguerite Jones, Charmaine Romkey and Cindy Tanner for agreeing to serve.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Archibald  
Convenor



## APLA REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES BOOK REVIEW

Another good year is behind us as far as the *Atlantic Provinces Book Review* goes. The Canada Council grant for operating expenses has been renewed (\$52,000.00), and the *Review* continues to be included in the *APLA Bulletin*, the (Halifax) *Daily News*, the *Miramichi Leader*, and the newsletter of the Writers' Federation of New Brunswick.

Terry Whalen of Saint Mary's University, the stalwart editor of the *Review* for the past ten years, will be taking a sabbatical as of June 1st, and will be replaced by Elizabeth Eve, the *Review's* new advertising and circulation manager, and Dr. David Pigot, of the University's English Department.

Ending on another positive note—the APBR was recently awarded \$10,000.00, under the Cultural Initiatives Program of the Department of Communications, to begin purchasing computer equipment to initiate desktop publishing. And where did this rep. first see the details of this particular funding program? Yes—right here in the *Bulletin*!

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Reade

## COMMITTEE ON AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

This has been a busy year for the Committee. There was discussion of Claire Dionne's ideas on raising APLA's visibility in the library community, media and government. It was decided that the focus for next year's Executive will be professional development. A Resolution will be brought to the OGM, stating this intent. Cooperation will be sought with the School of Library and Information Studies, other library training programmes, and other associations. It is hoped that workshops, seminars and speakers will be offered in regions where there have been relatively few possibilities for professional development.

The Committee considered if and how APLA can raise revenues. Raising the membership/conference fees was discussed at length. It was agreed that raising the membership fee to \$35 is necessary if APLA is to continue current activities and services to members. This proposal will be brought to the OGM.

The Committee also considered whether or not the conference should aim to be a profit-making venture. It was felt that conference profits were an unreliable source for funding APLA's operating budget at present.

Last year, the Committee aimed at improving services to francophone library workers, and increasing their participation in APLA. As a result, APLA's 1990 conference will offer several programs and meetings in French, and the Francophone Interest Group will meet for the first time as an official Interest Group. Thank you to the members of this Group who assisted in realizing APLA's commitment to providing services to francophone members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea John  
Convenor

## LIBRARY TECHNICIANS INTEREST GROUP

At last year's conference in P.E.I., we had a relaxed informal discussion group and I think most participants simply enjoyed meeting the people who do the same types of work in other provinces. Library technicians work in all areas of the library, so knowing what would have a broad appeal to such a diverse group poses a problem. Our annual meeting will be from 9-10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 11 in the "Miramachi" room and will have a similar format to last year's—a friendly group discussion.

Thirty-nine library technicians listed in the APLA directory have been contacted and survey results are still being returned.

It is important that all technicians know that the larger our group, the more effective we become and that as an "interest" group we are interested in feedback from people working in the same field. So please talk to the technicians in your department, in other departments, or even in other institutions, that you deal with. Bring along any and all ideas about what is important to today's library worker. Remember not everyone can afford to attend the conference so you can represent others.

I would appreciate hearing from you if you have any ideas to improve on our meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing the friends I made in P.E.I. and making new ones. See you in Moncton.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Malone, Convenor  
Library Technicians Interest Group

## LIBRARY INSTRUCTION INTEREST GROUP

In 1989/90 the Library Instruction Interest Group convened in St. John's, Newfoundland. The local group met 6 times. Its main efforts were given to keeping the membership informed, arranging for articles for the *APLA Bulletin* and planning for a workshop to be held at the annual conference in Moncton.

In September a letter was sent to all past and present members asking if they were interested in remaining in the group and soliciting ideas for articles and workshops. The response to this mailing was excellent, with many good suggestions coming forth. The group has maintained a membership of 44 persons, who received minutes and other mailings.

There have been 4 bibliographic instruction articles in the *APLA Bulletin* and 2 user education mailbox columns. While some of these were arranged by the *Bulletin* editor or by the former convenor, they have all appeared within this year.

The group has arranged for Dr. Sheila Intner to conduct a workshop at the Moncton conference. The Simmons College professor will be showing us how to produce and evaluate printed instructional materials.

A special thanks to those in St. John's who have offered their support and to the rest of the membership for their suggestions and for writing articles.

Submitted by,  
Suzanne Sexty,  
Convenor

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

The membership of the Committee increased last year to twenty-five. Their names appear in the *APLA Directory 1989-90* on page 16. Lloyd Melanson's name was inadvertently omitted.

There were three major activities this year: the continued promotion of "Freedom to Read Week", organizing protest against the censorship of a controversial textbook from Newfoundland, and arranging for a theme speaker for APLA90.

In early July the convenor was asked by the APLA executive to prepare a written proposal of how to put Resolution #1—Support of Intellectual Freedom, passed at the AGM89—into effect.

The convenor responded by outlining several actions. The most important was promotion in the region of the Book and Periodical Development Council kit for "Freedom to Read Week". Through the cooperation of the *APLA Bulletin* editor and the BPDC, the December issue of the *Bulletin* contained flyers announcing the kit. Usually this promotional material arrives too late to be effective.

Another area was to have the APLA executive bring "Freedom to Read Week" to the attention of authors, publishers, and booksellers in the region. Sue McLean wrote to booksellers encouraging them to promote and to participate in "Freedom to Read Week".

A third area suggested was to have APLA mount a major workshop at APLA90 on intellectual freedom issues.

Hope Bridgewater, past convenor of the Committee, had urged the new convenor to have Mr. A. Alan Borovoy as speaker at such a workshop. Instead of the workshop Mr. Borovoy's name was forwarded to the APLA90 planning committee as theme speaker. After negotiations with Mr. Borovoy's agent, Air Canada and the planning committee of APLA90, it became possible to have Mr. Borovoy attend APLA90 as themespeaker. Mr. Borovoy is General Counsel to the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and author of the book *When Freedoms Collide*.

All Committee members received a mailing in November concerning "Freedom to Read Week". A flyer from ALA on their "Banned Book Week" was also enclosed. A second mail-out was done in April.

The convenor received three letters of concern from the Committee. The first of these concerned the textbook *Themes for All Times*. The convenor forwarded this matter to the APLA executive. The executive, supported by the Committee members from Newfoundland, protested in person and by mail. In the end the battle was lost but not the war as authors, editors and librarians joined forces to fight censorship. Two other Committee members forwarded information concerning changes in the Criminal Code of Canada and the Customs Regulations regarding printed material. All APLA members are encouraged to forward similar concerns to the convenor.

Two short reports were published in the *Bulletin* by the convenor.

Plans for next year should include further promotion of "Freedom to Read Week" and a workshop at APLA91.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Brian McNally  
Convenor

## APLA ESTABLISHED WRITERS

There were two meetings this year, one in the spring and one after Christmas. The Department of Tourism and Culture has set aside \$10,000 for awards to established writers, and this amount was given out in total during our meetings.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Anna Fiander  
APLA Representative

## APLA PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Publications Committee worked on two major tasks in the 1989/90 year. One was to publish the Membership Directory and Handbook; the other was to recommend a new format for the APLA Membership brochure.

New material in the 89-90 handbook section included: the Canadiana record; lists of convenors and members of interest groups and committees; names of award recipients; name of the local arrangements committee convenor for conferences; the history of the Association; names of former APLA presidents; the ISSN on the cover; objectives of the Association; and the legend at the start of the directory. The committee prepared a camera-ready copy of the material for the printers. Dalhousie Printing Services printed the directories in time for mailing with the January-February issue of the *APLA*

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*Bulletin*. The convenor sent the required deposit copies to the National Library and the Public Archives of Nova Scotia.

The request for a revised format of the APLA Membership brochure came from the executive in March 1990. The brochure was to contain a tear-off membership registration form. The committee met, made suggestions for a new design and made a mock-up of the new brochure. At submission time of this report, estimates for printing the brochure were to come. The executive will receive the estimates on costs and the design suggestions before the conference executive meeting. Printing of the new brochure will be in the new fiscal year if approved by the executive.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Robert Boychuk  
Convenor

## COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

Two new Interest Groups were formed this past year. Terms of Reference were passed at the February Executive meeting for the Microcomputer Interest Group, and the Francophone Interest Group.

The Groups are convened by Mark Leggott and Gerard Lavoie, respectively.

All Interest Groups and Committees continued to be active this year. The participation of convenors and members continues to make a major contribution to APLA's activities and success.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Andrea John  
Convenor

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COPYRIGHT

Brian Roberts, who had previously agreed to give a workshop at this year's APLA Convention, has cancelled his engagement. To date, no one has been found to replace him; but it is expected that someone will be found to give this workshop.

In the Fall of 1989, the APLA executive and this Committee engaged in a campaign to have all APLA members and Library Boards write their local Members of Parliament urging them to pressure the Government to introduce Phase II of the Copyright legislation. Although this committee received a number of copies of such letters sent to local MP's, it is not known how many letters were sent and what the effect of this campaign has been.

Since then a number of developments have taken place. Senator Lorna Marsden has introduced a private member's bill in the Senate to act as interim legislation addressing the concerns of copyright users until Phase II has been passed. It is not expected that this Bill will be passed by Parliament.

It appears that the Government may not introduce Phase II legislation until January of 1991 because the legislation to incorporate all the exemptions for library users is very complex and

requires a fair amount of legalese to define them.

However, Cancopy has approached a number of Departments of Education and post-secondary educational institutions inviting them to start negotiations. An agreement with the Department of Education in Ontario is presently in the draft stage.

At a recent meeting of representatives of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), the suggestion was made that in the Atlantic Provinces the major copyright users plan a joint approach to deal with Cancopy. This would mean that such users of copyright materials as Departments of Education, university libraries, and major public and other libraries hold an informal information session with representatives of Cancopy to determine what might be involved in formal negotiations.

Finally, since it appears that the lack of Phase II legislation is seriously affecting not only the copyright users but also Cancopy in the license negotiation procedures, it is suggested that copyright users (libraries, Departments of Education, etc.) and Cancopy jointly pressure the Federal Government to speed up the introduction of Phase II legislation.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Bill Masselink  
Convenor

## FRANCOPHONE INTEREST GROUP

The Francophone Interest Group was officially formed at the APLA executive meeting in February 1990. Our first regular annual meeting will be held at the Conference in Moncton.

Les informations concernant les démarches entreprises auprès des autres associations francophones vous seront transmises lors de cette réunion à Moncton.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Gérard Lavoie, Convenor  
APLA Francophone Interest Group

## COLLECTIONS DEVELOPMENT INTEREST GROUP

The Collections Development Interest Group is now in its fourth year of existence. During this four year period, activities have expanded to include annual meetings in conjunction with the APLA conference, a quarterly newsletter entitled *CollNet*, and special seminars relating to the difficulties of collections librarians working in a world of high prices and tight budgets. This year, forty-four librarians requested membership in the group.

The *CollNet* newsletter remains the basic method of communication among our members. Through this service, collections librarians trade information gathered from conferences, daily activities, special projects, etc. In addition, *CollNet* functions as an annual directory, listing names and addresses, with various numbers for telephone, telex, or FAX contact. News items announce grants received, books

available for exchange or sale, recent hirings, and so on.

At the annual APLA conference in May of 1989, the CDIG sponsored two seminars. The first featured Alan MacDonald (University of Calgary) and Tom Eadie (Mount Allison University) on resource sharing; the second featured Lorraine McQueen (National Library of Canada) on planning for partnerships. The 1990 APLA conference will feature Holly Melanson (Dalhousie University), Sheila Laidlaw (U.N.B.), and Laura Scott (Memorial University) on the difficulties of maintaining subject credibility amidst conflicting demands for our time. The group is also helping to publicize a session by Ronnie Le Blanc describing the Acadian collection at the Université de Moncton.

A major focus for the coming year is on increasing active participation from our members, particularly those from public libraries. This will in turn strengthen the newsletter and the conference sessions.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Laura Scott, Coordinator,  
CDIG

## CONSERVATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

The principal activity of the Conservation of Library Materials Interest Group in the past year was last year's annual meeting at which time Holly Melanson chaired the session entitled "Today's Conservation Options". The presentations were followed by reports from each of the Atlantic provinces.

*Submitted by,*  
Eric Swanick  
Convenor

## THE MICROCOMPUTER INTEREST GROUP

The Microcomputer Interest Group officially came into being at the February 1990 Executive meeting in Halifax. The first official meeting will be at the May conference in Moncton. Diane Buhay has agreed to Chair that meeting in the absence of the convenor.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Mark Leggott,  
Convenor

## CCTLIG

CCTLIG was relatively inactive in its third year. One newsletter was produced instead of the usual three.

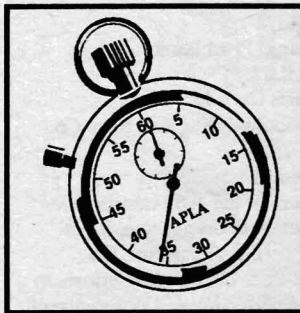
The outgoing convenor is Bill Hegan, New Brunswick Community College-Moncton, and the incoming convenor is Jim Carter, Western Community College-Stephenville.

The 4th annual meeting of CCTLIG will be on Friday morning, May 11th at the APLA Conference.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Bill Hegan  
Convenor







# MINUTES

## APLA 50TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

### • FIRST SESSION •

Friday, May 26, 1989

Island Room, Prince Edward Hotel  
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

#### 1. Call to order.

The President called the meeting to order at 1915h.

#### 2. Establish quorum.

A quorum was present.

#### 3. Welcome.

The President welcomed everyone to the first session of the fiftieth Ordinary General Meeting. The Parliamentarian, Richard Ellis, was introduced.

#### 4. Agenda.

##### 4.1 Additions and changes.

There was one change to the agenda. Item 15.1 was moved to follow item 17 and would be dealt with in the second session of the OGM.

**MOTION:** It was moved that the agenda be adopted as amended. (S. McLean, J. Tillotson) CARRIED

##### 5. Minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting and the Special Meeting of July 6, 1988

###### 5.1 Corrections

There were two corrections to the minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting. On page 3, item 11.1, line 5, the word "CARRIED" should be deleted. On page 5, item 19, the phrase "including the appointed Secretary, Moira Davidson" should be added after "incoming executive".

There was one correction to the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 6, 1988. On page 2, item 11, line 6, "section 8.2" should read "section 8.12".

###### 5.2 Adoption

**MOTION:** It was moved that the minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting be adopted as corrected. (P. Glenister, E. Toms) CARRIED

**MOTION:** It was moved that the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 6, 1988 be adopted as corrected. (L. Melanson, P. Glenister) CARRIED

###### 6. Business arising from the minutes.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

###### 7. President's report

The President's report has been published in the APLA Bulletin, v. 52 (6), May-June 1989. G. Creelman added that the Executive has dissolved the Special Committee to Respond to CLAPCO at the end of the 2nd year of a 3 year term since the need for it no longer exists. She announced that Wallaceburg Bookbinding & Mfg. Co. Ltd. had donated a piece of parchment so that the scroll listing APLA Presidents could be continued. She also reported that the APLA Executive would present a response to the plan for a National Summit on Information Services for Canadians, Partners in Information, at the June CLA Council meeting.

Jane Cooney, Executive Director of CLA, gave some background on the concept of such a summit and said that the developers are looking for support from the library community. She expected that such a summit will raise the profile of libraries and result in increased funding.

G. Creelman expressed her thanks to members of the Executive, Committees and Interest Groups.

###### 8. Vice-Presidents' reports

###### 8.1 New Brunswick

**MOTION:** It was moved that the report from the Vice-President New Brunswick be received as published in the APLA Bulletin, v. 52 (6) May-June 1989. (G. Lavoie, I. Wilson) CARRIED

###### 8.2 Newfoundland

**MOTION:** It was moved that the report from the Vice-President Newfoundland be received as published in the APLA Bulletin, v. 52 (6) May-June 1989. (A. Mews, J. Tillotson) CARRIED

###### 8.3 Nova Scotia

**MOTION:** It was moved that the report from the Vice-President Nova Scotia be received as published in the APLA Bulletin, v. 52 (6) May-June 1989. (G. Pace, A. John) CARRIED

###### 8.4 Prince Edward Island

**MOTION:** It was moved that the report from the Vice-President Prince Edward Island be received as published in the APLA Bulletin, v. 52 (6) May-June 1989. (B. Masselink, A. Mews) CARRIED

###### 8.5 Membership.

P. Belier added that she was very pleased with the rate of renewals.

**MOTION:** It was moved that the report from the Vice-President Membership be received as published in the APLA Bulletin, v. 52 (6) May-June 1989. (P. Belier, B. Burningham) CARRIED

###### 9. Secretary's report

M. Davidson reported no additions or changes to the report as published in the APLA Bulletin, v. 52 (6) May-June 1989. The President declared the report received.

###### 10. Financial report

###### 10.1 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report was distributed at the meeting. It consisted of two parts: the Statement of Revenue and Expenditure; and, the Budget. E. Toms went through the documents, saying that APLA is ending the year with a deficit due mainly to legal expenses stemming from the Constitution and due to the previous year's Conference in Halifax with CLA. She explained that the Association has cashed in some GICs to deal with the need for cash; this revenue from investments accounts for the apparent surplus. E. Toms warned that APLA may have to raise its membership fees again.

**MOTION:** It was moved that the Statement of Revenue and Expenditure be accepted. (E. Toms, B. Masselink) CARRIED

E. Toms then went over the Budget for 1989/1990. R. Boychuk asked about the publication of the Constitution. E. Toms replied that the Executive had decided to make the Constitution available to members upon written request to the Secretary. I. Wilson asked for some clarification on the reasons for cashing in the GICs. E. Toms explained that there were three main areas of expenses for APLA: the cost of Executive meetings, the costs of the APLA Bulletin and the costs of publishing the Handbook and Directory. She did not anticipate that any of these would decrease.

**MOTION:** It was moved that the Budget for 1989/1990 be accepted. (E. Toms, J. Tillotson) CARRIED

###### 10.2 Financial Examiner's report

The Financial Examiner's report was distributed at the meeting.

**MOTION:** It was moved that the Financial Examiner's report be accepted. (E. Toms, B. Burningham) CARRIED

###### 11. Reports of Executive Committees

###### 11.1 Aims and Objectives

**MOTION:** It was moved that the report of the Committee of Aims and Objectives be received as published in the APLA Bulletin, v. 52 (6) May-June 1989. (S. McLean, A. John) CARRIED

###### 11.2 Committee on Committees

**MOTION:** It was moved that the report of the Committee on Committees be received as published in the APLA Bulletin, v. 52 (6) May-June 1989. (S. McLean, E. Toms) CARRIED

###### 11.3 Finance Committee

**MOTION:** It was moved that the report of the Finance Committee be received as published in the APLA Bulletin, v. 52 (6) May-June 1989. (J. Tillotson, E. Toms) CARRIED

**MOTION:** It was moved that Pauline Hildesheim be accepted as the Financial Examiner for 1989/1990. (J. Tillotson, I. Wilson) CARRIED

###### 11.4 APLA Memorial Awards

A report was received and read by the Secretary.

**MOTION:** It was moved that the report from the APLA Memorial Awards Committee be received as read. (M. Davidson, B. Masselink) CARRIED

###### 11.5 Publications

**MOTION:** It was moved that the report of the Publications Committee be received as published in the APLA Bulletin, v. 52 (6) May-June 1989. (R. Boychuk, E. Toms) CARRIED

###### 11.6 Intellectual Freedom

H. Bridgewater presented an oral report. A written report will be published in the APLA Bulletin.

**MOTION:** It was moved that the report of the Intellectual Freedom Committee be received. (H. Bridgewater, I. Wilson) CARRIED

###### 11.7 Bulletin Management Board

**MOTION:** It was moved that the report of the Bulletin Management Board be received as published in the APLA Bulletin, v. 52 (6) May-June 1989. (A. John, B. Burningham) CARRIED

###### 11.8 Elections Committee

J. Tillotson presented an oral report. She thanked all those who ran in the election; the other members of the Committee, G. Lavoie and B. Masselink; and E. Toms and J. Dunn for helping with the ballots. The results are: Vice-President/President Elect:

###### A. John

Vice-President New Brunswick:

###### C. Dionne

Vice-President P.E.I.:

###### D. Carter

Treasurer:

###### P. Glenister

**MOTION:** It was moved that the ballots from the election be destroyed. (J. Tillotson, B. Masselink) CARRIED

###### 12. Reports of Interest Groups

###### 12.1 Collections Development

**MOTION:** It was moved that the report of the Collections Development Interest Group be received as published in the APLA Bulletin, v. 52 (6) May-June 1989. (M. Lonardo, P. Higham) CARRIED

###### 12.2 Community College and Technical

###### Libraries

B. Hegan presented an oral report which will be published in the APLA Bulletin. He announced that Jim Carter will be the Convener as of June, 1990. A written report will be published in the APLA Bulletin.

**MOTION:** It was moved that the report of the Interest Group on Community College and Technical Libraries be received as read. (B. Hegan, J. Carter) CARRIED

###### 12.3 Conservation of Library Materials

H. Melanson announced that a report would be available after the group's business meeting on Saturday.

###### 12.4 Library Instruction

**MOTION:** It was moved that the report of the Interest Group on Library Instruction be received as published in the APLA Bulletin, v. 52 (6) May-June 1989. (P. Johnston, B.

McNally) CARRIED

###### 12.5 Library Technicians

J. Thompson presented an oral report. She emphasized the difficulties this Interest Group has had in attracting members and holding meetings. She thanked the Membership Committee for directing some members to the group. She announced that the new Convener would be Gail Malone from Newfoundland.

**MOTION:** It was moved that the report of the Interest Group for Library Technicians be received as presented. (J. Thompson, J. Tillotson) CARRIED

###### 12.6 Trustees

There was no report.

###### 13. Special Committee to Respond to CLAPCO

**MOTION:** It was moved that the report from the Special Committee to Respond to CLAPCO be received as published in the APLA Bulletin, v. 52 (6) May-June 1989. (J. Tillotson, B. Masselink) CARRIED

###### 14. Annual Conference 1989.

J. Gaudet, Convener of Local Arrangements, and P. Ykelenstam, Program Committee Convener, thanked all those involved in planning and arranging the APLA 1989 Conference. It was reported that there were 160 registrations, 31 one-day registrations and 50 exhibit spaces were booked.

###### 15. New business

###### 15.1 Changes to the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association

This item was deferred to the 2nd Session.

###### 16. 1989 Resolutions Committee Announcement

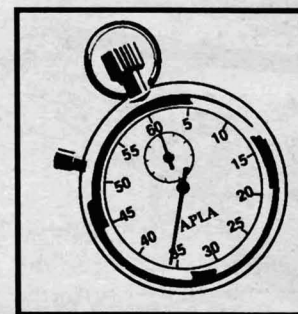
The President declared that the Committee would be convened by P. Glenister, with C. Dionne and J. Neilson as the other members. Delegates were asked to present their resolutions in writing to members of the committee before 1230h on Saturday, May 27, 1989 at the Registration Desk. The Pre-Resolutions session will be held at 1630h on Saturday in the Stanley Room. Movers or seconders are required to attend.

###### 17. Report from the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies

M. Dykstra presented an oral report. She noted that Lindy Siegert has resigned effective the end of June and the School is now seeking a replacement. The School is now at the end of the 2nd year of a 3 year Development Grant and has acquired new equipment. She announced that 1989 marked the 20th anniversary of the School and several special events have been planned. She listed the professional and publishing activities of the faculty and reported that enrollment at the School is now steady, following a slight dip last year.

This concluded the 1st session of the Ordinary General Meeting.

**MOTION:** It was moved that the OGM be adjourned until 0930h on Sunday, May 28, 1989. (A. MacDonald, J. Tillotson) CARRIED



# MINUTES

## APLA 50TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

### • SECOND SESSION •

Sunday, May 28, 1989

Elfin Room, Prince Edward Hotel  
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

#### 1. Call to order.

A quorum having been established, the second session of the OGM was called to order at 0940h, Sunday, May 28, 1989.

#### 2. Unfinished business.

15.1 Changes to the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association  
J. Tillotson presented the proposed changes to the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association.

#### #1

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Association currently registered with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies does not reflect changes agreed to by the Association,  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Memorandum of Association be altered by deleting Paragraph 2 in its entirety and replacing it with the following: "The objects for which the Company is established are:

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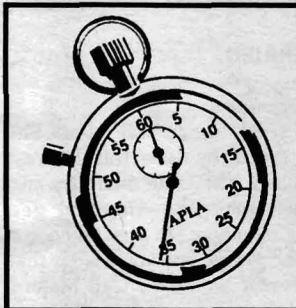
A. to promote library and information service throughout the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland;

B. to serve the interests of all who work in the region's libraries and to serve as a focal point for all those who are interested in library and information services in the Atlantic Provinces; and

C. to cooperate with library associations and other organizations on matters of mutual concern"

**AND RESOLVED** that the Secretary be authorized and directed to file with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies of Nova Scotia a printed copy of this Special Resolution duly certified by the Secretary

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# MINUTES

## APLA 50TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

### • SECOND SESSION, cont. •

under the seal of the Company together with a copy of the court order confirming the alteration of the Memorandum.

**MOVED BY:** J. Tillotson  
**SECONDED BY:** B. Conran

It was pointed out by the Chair that the adoption of these changes would cause the name of the association to change.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### #II

**WHEREAS**, the Companies Act requires that an audited financial statement be distributed at least seven days before the Ordinary General Meeting, and **WHEREAS**, the most convenient way to do this is to include the statement with the pre-conference issue of the *APLA Bulletin*, and

**WHEREAS**, the current fiscal year end of April 30 is too late to allow the preparation of a statement to be included with the *APLA Bulletin*,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the first sentence of Article 110 of the Articles of Association be deleted and be replaced by:

"The fiscal year of the Association shall be April 1 to March 31."

**MOVED BY:** J. Tillotson  
**SECONDED BY:** B. Conran  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### #III

**WHEREAS**, the second sentence of Article 27 of the Articles of Association requires the circulation of the agenda of an Ordinary General Meeting one month in advance of the meeting, and

**WHEREAS**, this has not been the practice in recent years,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the second sentence of Article 27 be deleted.

**MOVED BY:** J. Tillotson  
**SECONDED BY:** B. Conran  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

As the Companies Act (N.S.) requires that constitutional amendments must be voted upon a second time not less than fourteen (14) days or more than one (1) month after the first vote, a meeting will be held on

June 14, 1989 at 1900h in the Program Room of Halifax City Regional Library.

#### 3. Resolutions

The Convener, P. Glenister, presented a written report with one correction: Resolution 4 should have inserted:

"i) the speakers, panelists, presenters, moderators and facilitators of all workshops, seminars and theme sessions of the 1989 APLA Conference", and sections i) and ii) should be renumbered to ii) and iii).

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that APLA continue to support on an annual basis the "Freedom to Read Week" in Atlantic Canada; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that APLA encourage authors, publishers, booksellers and libraries to promote "Freedom to Read Week". (B. McNally, L. Melanson)

E. Toms asked if financial support is meant by continued support. B. McNally spoke to the motion and replied that the Committee is looking for support of the principle of intellectual freedom. **CARRIED**

2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that in order to encourage the active and future participation of those who are interested in library work, APLA initiate a new membership fee of \$5.00 available to library students, library technician students and students in archival and other related fields. (G. Malone, M. Murphy)

S. Laidlaw suggested that the By-laws be considered with a view to creating a new membership category for students. E. Toms spoke against the motion, saying that it cost APLA an average of about \$40. per member and the difference between the cost and the membership fees was made up by institutional members and investments. P. Belier, Vice-President Membership, reported that at present the Association had only one student member.

**MOTION:** It was moved that the resolution be amended to change "APLA initiate a new membership fee" to "APLA Executive examine initiating a new membership fee". (G. Malone, M. Murphy)

#### CARRIED

The vote on the resolution as amended was called. **CARRIED**

3. **WHEREAS**, an exemption clause for the non-profit reproduction of materials (i.e. braille and talking books) for use by disabled persons appears to be in danger of being excluded by the coming Phase II copyright legislation, and

**WHEREAS**, the removal of this exemption would decrease the availability of special materials to the blind and physically disabled,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that APLA write to Marcel Masse, Minister of Communications, urging the retention of the exemption clause for the reproduction of braille and talking books in the Phase II Copyright Act legislation. (N. Fullerton, S. McLean)

B. McNally suggested that Marcel Masse's name be deleted and L. Melanson suggested that the letter be sent to all Atlantic area Members of the House.

**MOTION:** It was moved that the resolution be amended by replacing "Marcel Masse, Minister of Communications" with "the Federal Minister of Communications". (N. Fullerton, S. McLean) **CARRIED**

The vote on the resolution, as amended, was called. **CARRIED**

4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the appreciation of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association be extended to:

i) the speakers, panelists, presenters, moderators and facilitators of all workshops, seminars and theme sessions of the 1989 APLA Conference.

ii) the sponsors who have contributed in many ways to the success of the 1989 Conference:

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iii) members of the 1989 Conference

Local Arrangements Committee, Joyce

Gaudet and Priscilla Yklenstam, Co-

conveners, for their outstanding efforts in

organizing the 50th Annual Conference of

the Atlantic Provinces Library Association.

(P. Glenister, C. Dionne)

**CARRIED**

#### 4. Inauguration of the New President

The outgoing President thanked all the delegates for attending the Charlottetown Conference and invited all to the Hotel Beausejour in Moncton for APLA's 51st Conference in 1990. She thanked the Executive for their support during the year, especially the outgoing members: G. Lavoie, B. Masselink, E. Toms and M. Davidson. She introduced Susan McLean as the new Association President and presented her with the gavel. S. McLean thanked G. Creelman and introduced the in-coming members of the Executive who were present. She also announced that the in-coming Secretary would be Gwen Whitford.

#### 5. Adjournment

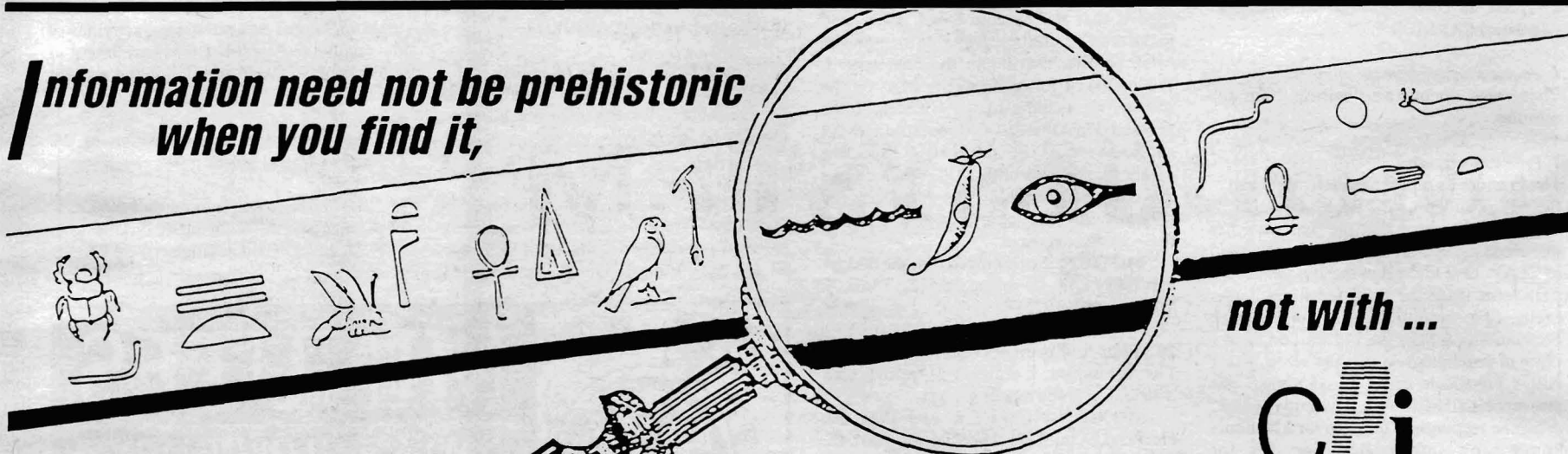
**MOTION:** It was moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1000h. (P. Glenister, B. Masselink) **CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,  
Maira Davidson  
APLA Secretary

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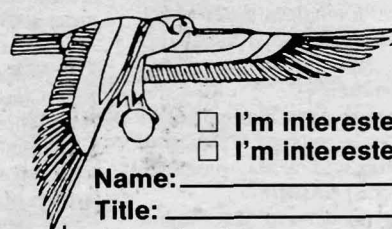
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**MINUTES**  
APLA SPECIAL  
GENERAL MEETING

June 14, 1989  
1900h  
Program Room  
Halifax City Regional Library  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

1. *Call to order*  
Susan McLean, the President, called the meeting to order at 1900h

2. *Establish quorum*  
A quorum was present (There were 8 members in attendance and 49 votes by proxy).

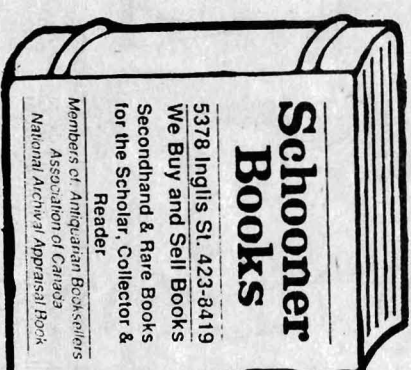
3. *Special Resolution #1*  
**MOTION:** It was moved that Special Resolution #1, as passed by the Association on May 28, 1989, at its Ordinary General Meeting, be Confirmed (L. Melanson, R. Cook) **CARRIED**

4. *Special Resolution #2*  
**MOTION:** It was moved that Special Resolution #2, as passed by the Association on May 28, 1989, at its Ordinary General Meeting be confirmed. (P. Glenister, R. Boychuk) **CARRIED**

5. *Special Resolution #3*  
**MOTION:** It was moved that Special Resolution #3, as passed by the Association on May 28, 1989, at its Ordinary General Meeting, be confirmed. (E. Boychuk, L. Cook) **CARRIED**

6. *Adjournment*  
There being no further special business, President Susan McLean declared the meeting adjourned at 1910h.

Respectfully submitted  
Gwen Whitford  
APLA Secretary



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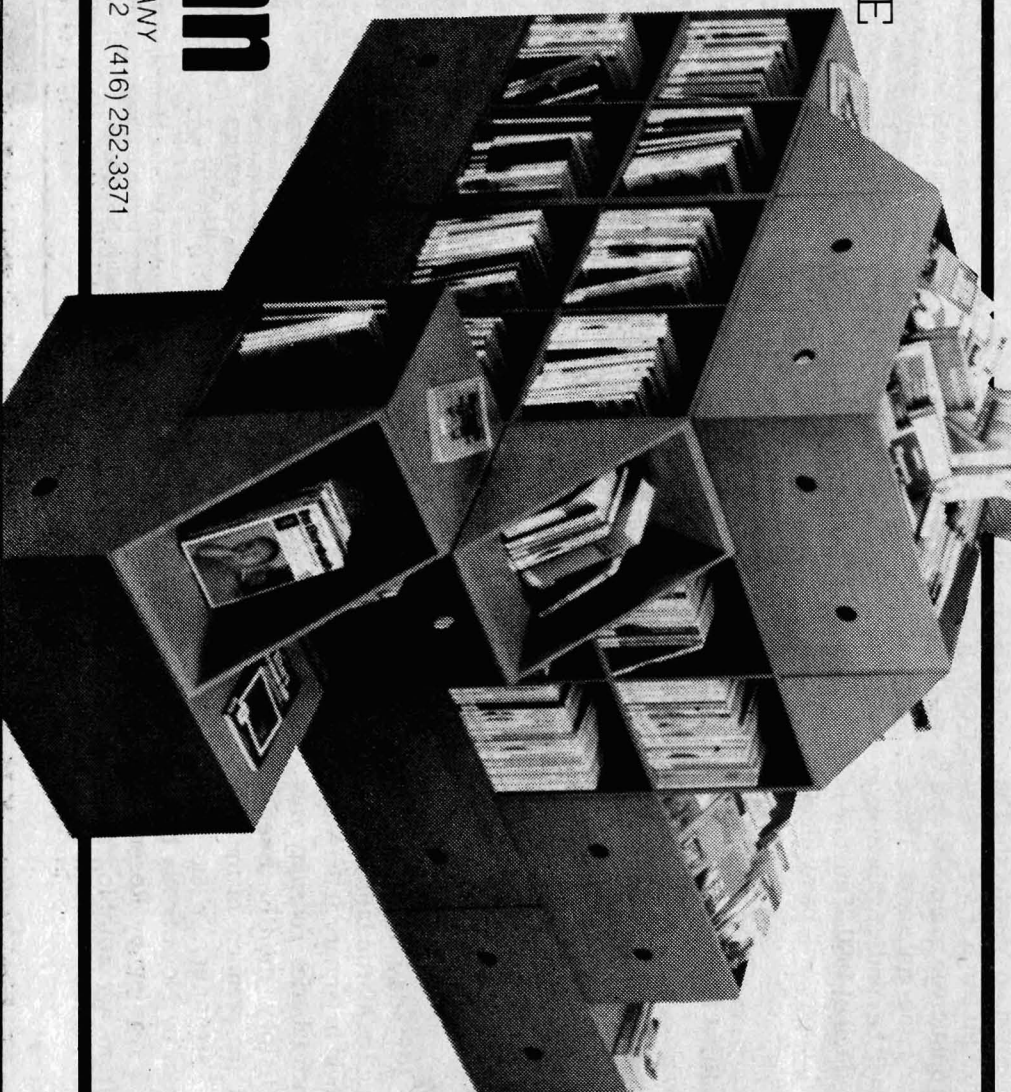
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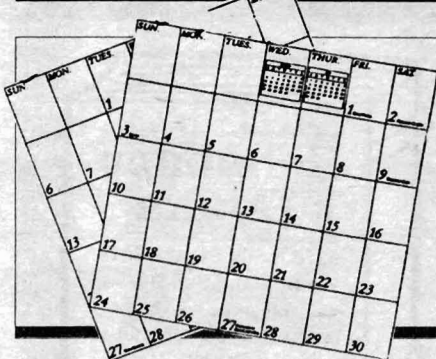
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(editor, *Broken Words*, the Southam report on adult illiteracy); Mike Fox (Director, PLAN, Washington, D.C.); Frank Ogden (Futurist); and Gordon Selman (Adult Educator, UBC).

Registration information may be obtained from Patrick Fahy, Steering Committee Chair, Alberta Vocational Centre 10215-108 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1L6. Telephone: (403) 422-0663; FAX: (403) 427-5465.

## NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA

### Patrick Power Library, St. Mary's University

The Library has begun publishing a quarterly newsletter focusing on events and issues of interest to faculty, students and staff. Topics covered to date include copyright, fiscal restraint and CD-ROM technology. Rashid Tayyeb, Head of Technical Services, presented a workshop on Lotus 1-2-3 entitled "Spreadsheet applications for librarians" sponsored by the Halifax Library Association. The library was given a facsimile edition of the *Book of Kells* by the Charitable Irish Society.

### Nova Scotia College of Art and Design Library

The College is seeking a new director for the library to succeed John Murchie who is moving to Sackville, N.B.

### Technical University of Nova Scotia

Janet Servant commenced work as junior librarian on March 5th. The library has prepared 3 surveys to measure opinion on awareness and to evaluate the collection. These surveys will be conducted between spring and fall of 1990. If anyone is interested, copies will be available from Janet.

### Nova Scotia Legislative Library

Sandy Scott began work on March 5th as reference librarian at the Legislative Library. The Legislative Library now has Envoy.

### Halifax City Regional Library

Annual birthday celebrations honouring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were held in January at the Main and Branch Libraries. February was Black History month. Events included: the premiere of the film "Older, stronger, wiser"; a symposium by Nova Scotia black writers; a reading by Rosemary Brown from her autobiography

"Being brown"; puppet shows; and debates. In March the Library sponsored a community forum entitled "Confronting racism: understanding the issues". At its annual meeting on March 5th the library board elected J. Philip Vaughan as chairperson and Doris Steeves as vice-chairperson. Mark Ludman and Robert Vaison were appointed to the board by the City Council.

### Halifax Library Association

The association's last two meetings will be held respectively at the new Dalhousie Law Library and new Dartmouth Regional Library. Incoming President for 1990-91 is Penny Logan from the Halifax County Regional Library.

### Dartmouth Regional Library

The Dartmouth Regional Library has now moved to the Alderney Gate Complex on the Dartmouth waterfront. Thousands of people attended the library's open house on February 11th. The new integrated automated system, Dynix, is very popular with library patrons. The library will be officially opened in June.

### Atlantic School of Theology

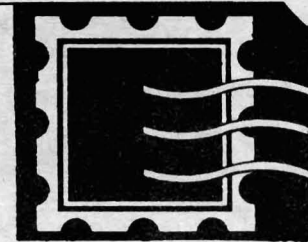
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Gwyn Pace  
V-P Nova Scotia

**PLEASE NOTE:** News from the other provinces is included in the *Annual reports from the Regional Vice-Presidents, elsewhere in this issue.*

## User Education MAILBOX

Compiled by the APLA Special Interest Group on Library Instruction



Doug Vaisey, Saint Mary's University, has submitted the following question:

**Has any library done an evaluation of the effectiveness of the bibliographic instruction which they are offering for their CD-ROM products? If so, what were their findings?**

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## 1990

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