

What's Past Is Prologue¹

*Time present and time past
Are both perhaps present in time future,
And time future contained in time past.²*

When Shakespeare and T.S. Eliot wrote these words, they probably did not have librarians in mind. However, librarians have long been interested in contemplating what the future will be. As with many other professions, predicting the future is one of our favourite pastimes. Not only do our conferences frequently have future sounding themes, but library literature is rife with futuristic predictions. As we "sail into the future" let us look to the courses predicted by some past sailors - or were they navigators.

Who would challenge the fact that we all want to know if we even have a future. Will there be libraries? Although there have been predictions that there will not be libraries in the future, let's put those aside for now. How, if at all, will our future libraries be staffed?

If you think that this is a modern concern think again. The 17th century Protestant minister, and librarian, John Dury³ saw a future where the position of librerie-keeper (librarian) would no longer be seen as a position of "profit and gain, and so accordingly sought after and valued in that regard," but rather librarians would "becom Agents for the advancement of universal Learning; and to this effect...their places might not bee made, as everiewhere they are, Mercenarie, but rather Honorarie; and that with the competent allowance of two hundred pounds a year; som employments should bee put upon them further then a bare keeping of the Books." The spelling may be 17th century, but many in the pro-

fession would say that we have admirably met his challenge

The name of R.R. Bowker is well known to most librarians, but as a publisher rather than as a librarian. Bowker⁴ spoke as a librarian in 1883 when he explained how all the formalization of indexing and cataloguing done by 19th century librarians would bring about such economies and reduction of waste, that the 20th century librarian would have "those two great needs, more money for books and more adequate pay for the librarian." Money again. Richard Dougherty⁵ is a librarian closer to my generation. He took the safe route when, in 1977, he waffled his way through a prediction of how new technologies would change librarianship in the rest of the twentieth century. He first admitted that the exact nature of the changes was not clear, but it would be far-reaching. He then went on to boldly state that "some technologies will lead to a reduction in the work force of particular units" while "at the same time new and exciting opportunities are possible" which "could very well lead to net increases in the total library work force."

So what would these libraries look like where that future librarian who "as a knowledgeable sluicemaker, a most sensitive filter, a wise *cicerone* who knows where what knowledge is available, how

to get its essential parts, someone who does not block access but also someone who does not drown us in an unsorted morass of information"⁶ would work and patrons would patronize. According to Mrs. E. Leising⁷ the old fashioned library building, with its dark, crowded, and inconvenient interior, and its too forbidding aspect would be a thing of the past, replaced by a "revitalized" public library with hobby rooms, escalators, auditoriums, maybe even a special smokers' reading room. Lighting and ventilation were important to many of the futurists from the past. Sun coming through glass bricks, Venetian blinds made of see-through Kodopak, and jade coloured windows would "brighten the gloomiest corners" of John Lowe's⁸ library. Of course in Lowe's library there would also be perfect humidity and temperatures that would keep staff alert, the users comfortable and the books well preserved.

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From The Editor's Desk

This last issue of the year contains the annual reports of the executive and the conveners of the committees and interest groups. THANKS to all the executive, conveners, and representatives who managed to get their annual reports to the editors in time for publication. The response was so overwhelming that, as we are writing this, we are wondering how big the issue will be - hopefully, we won't need an ISBN. While every effort was made to retain the richness of the reports, some editing had to be exercised. We apologize if we edited out something dear to you. If you think that we were too harsh with your report, please contact us and we will try to include the information in the next issue. Remember, you can make additions to your report at the OGM.

We are pleased to be able to include a report from the School of Library and Information Studies. While SLIS is not a part of APLA, we do have a strong relationship to them and have looked forward to their report at the OGM. We hope that they will continue to publish this report in the *Bulletin* so that even those who cannot attend the conferences, will keep in touch with "our" library school.

Because this is the issue that you bring to the annual conference, we have also included a membership form. You will be able to renew your membership at the conference. We have also included a very brief guide to eats and treats in Halifax. Thanks to everyone who responded to our call for recommendations - we hope that you enjoy them.

We have introduced a new column in this issue. Andre Gionet has agreed to keep us informed about interesting sites on the Internet. The first offering not only for us, but also for CFA's who might want to know more about the Atlantic provinces. □



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From The President's Desk

This is my last president's column. Every time I think of APLA, my conscience nags me again about all that I should have done and haven't - but for all that it has been a busy year.

At its meeting in February, the executive approved a policy developed by the Committee on Aims and Objectives on the disposition of any surplus that may be realized from one of APLA's annual conferences. Such a policy was needed since in recent years, several APLA conferences have realized surpluses, some of them very large. Among these was the Charlottetown conference of 1995; the final report of the conference showed a surplus of over \$10,000! Our heartiest congratulations to the members of the organizing committee - their hard work has really paid off, in every sense of the word.

The executive wishes to reassure those working on conference organizing committees that, in setting out a policy on conference surpluses, there is no expectation that future conferences will necessarily realize a surplus. That sort of pressure is very unfair, particularly now that we are living in times of cutbacks and fiscal restraint, when it may be next to impossible for most of us to obtain travel funding to attend ANY conference - even one as good as the APLA conferences always are. However, should a surplus be generated by future conferences, the sur-

plus is to be divided evenly between general revenues, and the Memorial Awards and First Timer's Conference Grant funds. The executive will decide what proportion of the 50% share will go to which fund. This allows some flexibility to make up for demands which may have been made on one fund or the other.

I look forward to meeting many of you in Halifax during the conference - I hope that as many of you as possible will attend the joint APLA/CLA conference. It's not often that we have such a large gathering of our colleagues within our own region, at a fairly convenient travelling distance from our own libraries. It's an opportunity too good to pass up.

While we are all looking forward to meeting in Halifax June 5-9, please don't forget that planning is already underway for the next APLA conference, to be held in St. John's, Newfoundland, June 4-7, 1997, as part of the celebration of the five hundredth anniversary of John Cabot's discovery of Newfoundland. The annual conference is an opportunity for the various committees and interest groups to plan and sponsor workshops or conference sessions - and it's never too soon to start on those plans. The last St. John's conference was a very successful event - let's work together to make the next one even better. □

— Susan Libby

APLA Website

An APLA home page is now available on the World Wide Web. It provides a wide range of information about the organization. On the Web, you can:

- easily access everything from the history of APLA to the APLA procedure manual;
- become a member, or renew your membership, quick and easy, and online;
- find out who to talk to and how to get involved;
- find world wide library catalogues and other library resources;
- check out what Atlantic Canadian libraries are up to on the Internet.

Take a look and let us know what you think. Check at: <http://www.stmarys.ca/administration/library/apla/apla1.html>

With an initial push from Mark Leggott, at St. Francis Xavier, the page was put together by Kelly Campbell, at the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Culture, and Peter Webster at Saint Mary's University.

We will continue to develop the pages with a little volunteer help from around the Atlantic provinces. We hope you like APLA's Website and we hope to hear from you. You can send comments and suggestions to: pwebster@shark.stmarys.ca □

— Peter Webster

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Let me end this with both the most dire prediction I encountered and also one of the most inspirational. What must rank as the most depressing of all predictions is one by William Webb⁹

Though I am fairly certain that libraries will last at least until the year 2000, I am not quite so sure that the same can be said about the people who use those libraries. The total insanity of our headlong plunge into the cauldron of nuclear holocaust is matched only by the wantonness with which our mental and physical resources are squandered upon the global arms race. So the best hope we may have for libraries is reduced to the incredibly hopeless premise that our warped priorities probably will produce an effective neutron bomb, one that will destroy all the people but leave their artifacts standing, unbent and unbroken, waiting until the metal rusts and concrete crumbles and weeds take over the

world - until some future visitor lands on this spaceship earth and discovers the progeny of Gutenberg in the libraries.

Fortunately, not all predictions are as dire as this one. When the University of New Mexico celebrated its one millionth acquisition, they asked Rudolfo A. Anaya¹⁰, author, lover of books, and university professor, to prepare a commemorative essay. His words are not so much a prophesy as they are a prayer: "A library should be the heart of a city. With its storehouse of knowledge, it liberates, informs, teaches, and enthralls. A library indeed should be the cultural center of any city."

This discourse has barely touched the tip of the mountain of futuristic library literature. If you are interested in pursuing the subject further, you should look at Klaus Musmann's¹¹ *Technological Innovations in Libraries, 1860-1960* and Walter Crawford and Michael Gorman's¹² *Future Libraries: Dreams, Madness &*

Reality. Here's to the future, may we have the sense to enjoy it in the present.

— *Suzanne Sexty, Editor*

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PUBLIC

From now on the New Brunswick public library union catalogue will be known as **VISION**, or **VISION.DISC** and **VISION.ONLINE** to distinguish between the two versions of the catalogue. A system-wide contest was held to find a name for the catalogue, and extension librarian **Mahfoud Akkouche** of the Haut-Saint-Jean Regional Library submitted the winning entry. **VISION** is now available on the World Wide Web. This was made possible through the co-operative efforts of three New Brunswick organizations: New Brunswick Library Service (NBLS); Harriet Irving Library of the University of New Brunswick and NetLearn/Réseau du savoir. The NetLearn site can be reached at <http://www.unb.ca/web/netlearn/> on the Internet.

VISION now contains over one million item records, and recon proceeds apace. To advance the recon project, ten student positions have been allocated to the New Brunswick Library Service through the Department of Advanced Education and Labour's Priority Employment Program. Five of these positions will work at NBLS, and five will be allocated to the regions. A similar project was very successful last summer. Over a ten-week period, 35,000 bibliographic records and over 100,000 item records were added to the database.

While library users find the new CD-ROM catalogue up-to-date, user-friendly, and packed with items they want to read that are in other regions, York Regional Library staff in charge of interlibrary loans are doing a double-take. ILL requests are up 30 per cent over

pre-CD-ROM numbers and rising.

NBLS has also been successful in securing 30 student positions for the **Literacy Program for Kids** (up from 24 in 1995). For the third consecutive year, third and fourth-year Education students will be hired to develop and deliver literacy programs for elementary and junior high school students with reading difficulties. The program will be offered in 25 public libraries around the province. Another 26 students will work in public libraries under the provincial Youth Exchange Program.

A 1995 graduate of Dalhousie University's School of Library and Information Studies, librarian **Doreen Landry** has recently been appointed to the NBLS staff for a two-year term. Amongst other things, she is responsible for interlibrary loans and for the NBLS library.

When a Fredericton video business closed down, the York Regional Library made a significant **purchase of 160 videos** from its foreign language and literature-based sections. With the purchase, York Regional Library was able to add to the collection important works by such great directors as Ingmar Bergman, Pedro Almodóvar, Federico Fellini, Akira Kurosawa and Michelangelo Antonioni.

The Fredericton Public Library was the recipient recently of a **gift of over 100 CD's** from a library friend. The CD's are mostly classical standards of works that are always in demand. The gift is the direct result of the downtown Fredericton library's aggressive campaign to ensure public knowledge of, and support for, its strong and ever-growing music collection.

In February, a new partnership in learning was launched between York Regional Library and Region 3 Hospital Corporation with the introduction of a region-wide Hospital Preadmission and Familiarization program designed to take the mystery out of a child's visit to the hospital. Funded with an I.W.K. Children's Hospital Foundation External Grant for \$10,000, the program will see the hospital preadmission kits in circula-

tion from ten York Regional Library branches. The **sick-kids kits** are complete with just about everything a child could experience during a hospital visit from tongue depressors and johnny shirts to bed pans and blood pressure cuffs. Helpful books, videos and activity sheets are also included. The L.P. Fisher Public Library in Woodstock was the first branch to receive the kit. The program was officially launched from there February 16.

Marie Laberge, well known author and playwright, gave a talk at the Dr. Marguerite Michaud Library in Fredericton April 3.

The official launch of the 1996 Summer Reading Club will take place May 22 at the Fredericton Public Library. The theme this year is the sea and our maritime heritage; the club is called **Sea Read/La mer à lire**. Posters, log books, bookmarks and pogs have been received at York and will be distributed across the province in April.

Trustees from throughout the province met with MLAs at the **Annual Trustees and MLAs reception** held in the Legislature Lounge April 3. The Honourable Ann Breault met with the executive of the New Brunswick Library Trustees before the reception. This annual event gives the members of the Legislature the opportunity to discuss library service in their respective constituencies and the province as a whole.

Congratulations to past chairperson of the Saint John Regional Library Trustees, **Judy Heron**, for her extensive input toward the newly published *Handbook for the Canadian Library Trustee*.

The **Saint John Free-Net** is now incorporated and targeting a May launch date, with a public access PC residing in the Saint John Free Public Library. The library along with many other agencies has been an active sponsor from day one with representation initially on the executive and currently on the board. The library will also provide a home for the Free-Net's server as well as office space, and will continue to provide support by making meeting rooms available. Devel-

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opment progress to date includes the acquisition of a server, hiring of an executive administrator and assistant through grant funding. A significant amount of local information has already been converted to HTML and participation at local trade shows has raised the profile of the group. Menu structures have been developed, and several committees ranging in responsibility from technical to ways and means are actively working toward a successful launch.

The Children's Department of the Saint John Free Public Library presented a puppet show for the parents and children (over 6000) attending the Regional Hospital's Annual Teddy Bear Fair on March 23.

The Saint John Super Store featured a Casual Dress for Charity initiative in support of the library's **Talking Book Service**. East Branch and Central Library staff manned the library display table during the afternoon and evening hours of March 1. The shoppers greatly appreciated the opportunity to discover and/or discuss the talking book service available from the East Branch Library.

St. Croix Public Library held its seventh **storyfest evening**. An appreciative audience listened to young storytellers, from the local schools, and adults. The theme "The way we were...a look at our past" was in recognition of the 125th anniversary of the town of St. Stephen.

The Saint John Regional Library's very popular **BITES (Breakfast of Information for Trustees and Employees)** featured City Librarian Ian Wilson in March discussing changes at the Central Library and Board Chairperson Nick Barfoot in April discussing leave without pay and the duties of public library board and regional library board trustees.

A media conference was held March 25 to announce the **Spring Soirée Printanière**. For the third consecutive year this admirable example of co-operation between The Lorenzo Society of UNBSJ, the New Brunswick Museum, the Centre scolaire-communautaire Samuel-de-Champlain, the Saint John Regional Library and the Aitken Bicentennial Ex-

hibition Centre will host a progressive dinner party featuring specially prepared courses along with original entertainment.

The Saint John Free Public Library has published a **bibliography on black studies**.

ACADEMIC

M. **Hugues Bélanger** a été nommé chef du Service de la référence à la Bibliothèque Champlain, Université de Moncton pour terminer un mandat qui vient à échéance le 30 juin 1997. Monsieur Bélanger est à l'emploi de l'Université depuis 1990. Après avoir travaillé à la Bibliothèque Champlain au Projet de diffusion de l'information technologique, industrielle et commerciale, il a servi tour à tour au Service du catalogue et à l'instauration du réseau Internet.

Ses nouvelles fonctions comme directeur du Service de la référence et du prêt entre bibliothèques consistent à diriger le service ainsi qu'à coordonner et développer les services à offrir à la clientèle universitaire, aux étudiantes et étudiants à distance et aux personnes inscrites à l'Éducation permanente. M. Bélanger est détenteur d'un baccalauréat en histoire (UQUAM) et d'une maîtrise en bibliothéconomie de l'Université de Montréal.

Mme. **Lucienne Lanteigne** a été nommée chef du Service des Acquisitions et du développement des collections pour terminer un mandat qui vient à échéance en juin 1977. Elle quitte donc le poste de chef du Service de la référence pour se consacrer à cette importante fonction dans les Services techniques où elle a déjà travaillé d'ailleurs comme catalogueur. Madame Lanteigne est à l'emploi de l'Université de Moncton depuis 1975 et elle a toujours oeuvré à la Bibliothèque Champlain.

Bethany Bible College in Sussex has announced the appointment, effective July 1, of a new Director of Library Services, in the person of Ms. **Myrna Griffith**. Ms. Griffith comes to the Rogers Memorial Library from ten and one-half years of service as Head Librarian at Vennard

College, University Park, Iowa.

The retiring Director, **Howard L. Cogswell**, leaves the Library to assume a teaching position at United Christian College, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Mr. Cogswell also served the Saint John Regional Library as Branch Supervisor from 1974 to 1987.

The Irving Family has given \$1.5 million to the University of New Brunswick's Venture Campaign. Part of the contribution - \$500,000 - will go to the Harriet Irving Library in Fredericton. Library Director, John Teskey, says that the gift could not have come at a better time. The Irving gift will be used to build the collections necessary to support new and interdisciplinary courses.

University of New Brunswick officials are trying to determine who is responsible for unprecedented acts of **theft and vandalism** to books at the Harriet Irving Library. Overall damage is estimated at \$1200. Most of the 25 books stolen or vandalized deal with the subject of loneliness and anxiety and the Psychology Department has been contacted to see if there is a link between the books and course lists.

Also at UNB as of September 1995, **Doris Rauch** was appointed to a five year term as Head of the Engineering Library, **Patricia Johnston** was appointed to a five year term as Head of the Education Resource Centre, and **John Neilson** was appointed to a one year term as Coordinator of Research and Information Services.

OTHER

The Provincial Archives of New Brunswick is continuously acquiring new government and private records. New acquisitions include the familiar - correspondence, reports and financial records - as well as new media such as film, video, sound recordings and broadcast materials. In recent years, paper records generated in the administration of social programs have begun to become available and have been found to be particularly valuable for demographic

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studies. The use of computers has facilitated the production of detailed finding aids, particularly large indices, to case files from many offices. The archives has been microfilming many of these sources for consultation beyond the walls of the campus building.

In an effort to bring these materials to the attention of the academic community, and by extension, their students, the Provincial Archives organized and hosted a **meeting of archivists and academics with a research interest in New Brunswick documentary sources**. In addition to archive staff, fifteen academics attended the session at the Provincial Archives on Saturday, March 30. Presentations by archivists with responsibilities in different areas and a tour of the facilities was followed by a panel discussion. The archivists found it particularly useful to be brought up to date on current research trends and to hear of current projects. Since the academics suggested that this be repeated, it appears they also found it useful to have a look at recent acquisitions. □

— *Marilynn Rudi*
Vice President (New Brunswick)



in to talk about ways to encourage children to read. They also talked about their favourite childrens' books. The callers were positive about reading and the importance of libraries to them.

Public libraries in a number of communities were closed over the Easter period to allow the staff to receive training in computerized services. The training was funded in part by the Alliance of Libraries, Archives and Records Management (A.L.A.R.M.).

On February 28, the Mount Pearl Public Library officially opened the **Mount Pearl Community Information Resource Centre (CIRC)**. The new CIRC upgrades the public services of the library. In addition to the print collection, there are now CD-ROM resources and access to the Internet.

A **Canada Council Public Reading** grant is funding a visit by illustrator **Janet Wilson** to St. John's during Newfoundland Library Week. Ms. Wilson is the illustrator of the recently published *In Flanders Field*, *Selina and the Bear Paw Quilt* and Jean Little's *Revenge of the Small Small*. Ms. Wilson will read at the A.C. Hunter Children's Library, the Mt. Pearl Public Library and in a number of schools. She will read to a variety of age groups.

A tender has been let for a new building to house the **Bay Roberts Public Library**. The building should be completed before the end of the summer. The library will be 5,000 square feet.

ACADEMIC

Louise McGillis has been appointed as a Public Services Librarian in the Ferriss Hodgett Library, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College. Prior to this appointment, Louise had worked on contract at the Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Joy Tillotson, Acting Head, Information Services Division, Queen Elizabeth II Library, has been promoted to a Librarian IV. **Charley Pennell**, Head, Cataloguing Division, Queen Elizabeth II Library, has been promoted to a Librarian IV.

Angela Lonardo, Information Services Division, Queen Elizabeth II Library, has been elected as a member-at-large of the Memorial University of Newfoundland Faculty Association (MUNFA).

Irish Prime Minister John Bruton visited the Centre for Newfoundland Studies, Queen Elizabeth II Library, on March 16. Prime Minister Bruton was visiting Newfoundland for the St. Patrick's Day holiday. In the Centre, he viewed a display of Irish materials held by the Library. Mr. Bruton presented a gift of Irish books to the Library.

Suzanne Sexty, Information Services Division, Queen Elizabeth II Library and Dr. Irene Zadnik, Department of History, were awarded an **Instructional Development Grant** to study the effectiveness of bibliographic instruction in improving undergraduate research papers. The results will be reported in May.

Memorial University of Newfoundland will be a beta test site for version 8 of Sirsi's Unicorn software. The Cataloguing Division will test SmartPort, Z39.50 software that will let them pull a record from OCLC or ISM into their ongoing Unicorn work session.

SPECIAL

Mary Varghese, whose position was made redundant when the Energy Resources Library of the Newfoundland Department of Mines and Energy closed, bumped into a position in the Occupational Health & Safety Branch library.

Although the government decided to shut down the Economic Recovery Commission its library, the **Enterprise Newfoundland and Labrador Library**, will not be closed. The library will now be under the jurisdiction of the new Department of Development and Rural Renewal.

ASSOCIATIONS

The **Newfoundland Library Association** is sponsoring Newfoundland Library Week, April 27 - May 4. The theme is "**Libraries: the Adventure Awaits You**". This year, the first baby

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NEWS FROM THE PROVINCES

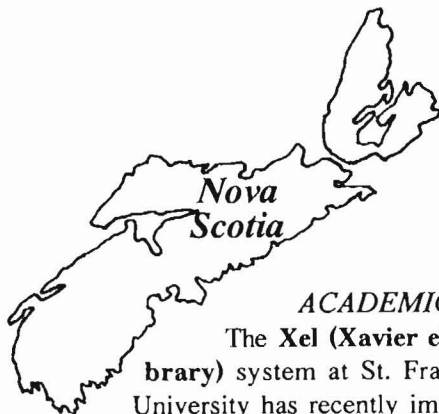
born in each provincial hospital during the week will be presented with an ALA Born to Read bib, a Born to Read certificate and a book. Saturday, April 27 will be library day at the Village Mall in St. John's. Library personnel will staff booths and a reading tent in the main concourse of the mall. The Library Week Committee is **Colleen Field, Stephen Field, Sandra Halliday, Heather Cooke and Gary Noel.**

The Annual General Meeting of the **Newfoundland Library Association** will be at the Woodstock Colonial Inn on May 14. Performers for Literacy will do a performance and talk about their work.

OTHER

After the recent provincial election, **Roger Grimes** was appointed the **Minister of Education**, responsible for school and public libraries in the province. □

— *Karen Lippold*
Vice President (Newfoundland)



ACADEMIC

The **Xel (Xavier electronic library)** system at St. Francis Xavier University has recently implemented a special World Wide Web conferencing system called Webboard. The Library hopes to use this system to provide a virtual discussion forum for a variety of academic and community issues, and also to enhance some of the virtual library services, such as Xel NetWatch.

If you are interested in testing the system, the URL is: [http://xel.stfx.ca/webboard/\\$webb.exe](http://xel.stfx.ca/webboard/$webb.exe) When you access the site, you will be prompted for a username and password. Once you have established an account, you can use the same username/password to access the system in the future. If you have any comments, suggestions, discussion on how this system could be used to enhance library services, please join the Virtual Libraries Conference List and post your views!

PUBLIC

The **Cape Breton Regional Library** will soon have six **public access terminals** available for use. The library has plans to adopt the Acceptable Use

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Policy discussed in *The Disseminator* (v.2, n.11/12). Cumberland Regional Library's Four Fathers Memorial Branch in Amherst introduced public access terminals on March 26.

The **South Shore Regional Library**, which is also preparing terminals for public access, has decided not to implement an acceptable use policy as they feel it would deter people from making use of the terminals. They have notified parents, through the school board and through the library brochure, that children may find things on the Web that they, as parents, do not want them to have access to, and that it is their parental responsibility to guide their children in their use of the Web. Each of the town branches of the South Shore Regional Library will be equipped with a computer terminal with vision enhancement software for viewing NcompasS. The software (V-View Optical Character Recognition software), large print keypad label sets and a video magnifier, are provided by a matching grant from the National Library's Adaptive Technology for Libraries Program.

Carol-Ann Belisle recently accepted the position of School Libraries Coordinator with the Provincial Library System. Carol-Ann has worked in both public and school libraries over the past twenty-five years. Presently Carol-Ann is the past-president of the Nova Scotia School Libraries Association, and was the Canadian School Library Association's 1995 choice for their award Teacher-Librarian of the Year.

SCHOOLS

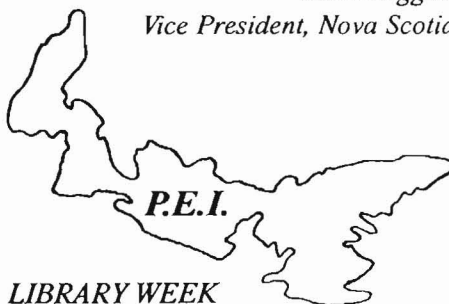
The **Halifax Campus, Library Technician Program** is planning several distance education courses for the 1996-97 college year. This will include Reference - Information Services; Acquisitions; Descriptive Cataloguing; Records Management. Please forward any comments about the suggested courses, or suggestions for courses, to Carole Compton-Smith, e-mail LT00@halifax.nsc.ca; phone (902) 424-8287; fax (902) 424-0553.

OTHER

The daily **Hansard of the House of Assembly** for the Spring Session available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/legi/hansard/>

An **Interlibrary Loans Focus Group** session was held at the Provincial Library on March 7, 1996, the theme being "Improving Services to the Library Patron". The session, led by Jane Beaumont who is conducting a study of the Nova Scotia Union Catalogue, was held in order to discuss the ILL component of this study. □

— *Mark Leggott*
Vice President, Nova Scotia



LIBRARY WEEK

Library Week was celebrated on Prince Edward Island March 24-30 with local papers featuring daily articles on the province wide activities. All branches of the public library system scheduled events ranging from readings to special activities for children to a large open house at the Confederation Centre Library in Charlottetown. The names of all library week borrowers across the Island were entered into draws for book bags bearing the Provincial Library logo.

On March 27, a videoconference en-

titled **Exploring Internet 5: Health and Medical Resources** was held at Holland College. This videoconference was provided free of charge and was sponsored by Holland College, the University of Prince Edward Island, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital MacDonald Library, and the Prince Edward Island Professional Librarians' Association (PEIPLA). PEIPLA also hosted an "Internet Cafe" at the Confederation Centre Library during Library Week. There were two evening sessions for adult and general sites with a special session for children and their parents on the Saturday.

Library Week also saw the official opening of the **Teachers' Resource Centre** in the Eastern School District. The ribbon was cut by Board Chair, Brian MacKay and Director, Ken McAleer. Approximately 50 principals, teachers, and special guests attended the ribbon cutting and open house.

ACADEMIC

Two librarians from the Robertson Library at the University of Prince Edward Island have announced their intention to retire on June 30 of this year. Between them, **Mariedith Crockett**, Acquisitions Librarian, and **Susanne Manovil**, Circulation Librarian, have served the university for over 50 years. Their expertise and constant enthusiasm are going to be missed by both staff and faculty. □

— *Norine Hanus*
Vice President, Prince Edward Island



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Atlantic Profiles: Gwyn Pace

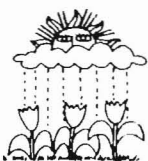
What do British Columbia, the beaches of Brazil and basketball have in common (besides the letter b)? They have all influenced the life of Gwyn Pace, the head of document delivery at Killam Library, Dalhousie University. Gwyn is a native of Vancouver and did her undergraduate degree at the University of British Columbia. She went with her husband Dan to Brazil, where he was working at a marine laboratory but she wasn't able to get a work permit. She spent her time on the beach and "murdering the Portuguese language." She says the samba and the carnival were experiences not to be missed but one of the things she learned about herself is that she'd rather be working.

She certainly has had that wish fulfilled. After five years as a library assistant at the Patrick Power Library at St. Mary's University, she got her MLIS at Dalhousie. She said she was inspired to go to library school by the very practical desire to go further in the profession as well as by the influence of Jane Archibald and Margot Schenk, both of whom were librarians at St. Mary's at the time. She worked as a reference librarian at the Killam Library from 1983 to 1985 and then became the head of their Social Sciences and Humanities Interlibrary Loans unit. In 1995, the interlibrary loans units in the Killam Library were amalgamated and Gwyn became the head of the newly formed Document Delivery Department. Since April 1995, she has been busy supervising renovations for a new work space and the introduction of Ariel and AVISO as well as new fee structures, loan policies and request forms. Not much time for lying on the beaches this year!

Time has always been a scarce commodity in document delivery departments with ever increasing demands on the service and rare (or no) increases in staff. Gwyn says that the recent developments in electronic delivery methods and a hard working and dedicated staff are enabling Killam to keep up with the information needs of library users. These needs involve "everything from finding a 15th century book available on microfiche to

retrieving an article published in a 1996 scientific journal." The Novanet Document Delivery Pilot Project that Gwyn is helping to plan is a local example of electronic delivery methods. It will enable Novanet library users to request material held in Novanet libraries via the World Wide Web. For a fee, the libraries will send the material directly to the requester's library or fax machine via courier, fax or Ariel.

Time is a scarce commodity for mothers of small boys too and Gwyn has two, Simon, eight and Trevor, six. She has been involved with their day care centre and school fair. But whatever else she is doing, Gwyn has found time every year for the past 16 years to play basketball with the Doormats of the Metro Ladies Basketball Association. She's been playing since junior high school and "just loves the game." She was recruited from a pickup game and has been playing with the Doormats ever since - fast approaching her goal of being "the oldest playing member in the league." □



— Nancy Minard
Killam Memorial Library
and Joy Tillotson, Editor

Better Than A Coffee Shop

An elderly, and slightly shabby, gentleman frequently visits one of the service points of the South Shore Regional Library (NS). He likes to read the latest newspapers and to browse the reference collection - he is a living example of 'life-long self-directed learning'. He sometimes buttonholes other library users so that he can deliver a rant about some current issue, and staff occasionally have to say, "Please leave these people alone now, ———, they're trying to read." Several coffee shops in town have asked him not to return. For the most part he visits, reads for an hour or more, chats with staff and leaves. Last winter, a few weeks went by with no visit from him, and staff wondered what had happened. He reappeared one day, saying he had been sick, and gave the library assistant a cheque for \$500 because library staff are nice to him. "Cash it before my relatives find out," he said. Extending respect to all our users is an important part of our service. In this case that attitude resulted in a material benefit, but we all know that that isn't why we do it. □

— From the staff of the South Shore Regional Library via Mark Leggott, Vice President, Nova Scotia

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President

From my point of view, it has been a year of reorganizing and consolidating. Some changes have been made to the financial organization of APLA which I hope will make the treasurer's job easier and less intimidating. These have involved changing the term used to calculate the amount of the First Timer's Conference Grant, and also separating the principal of the First Timer's Conference Grant fund from APLA's other investments so that APLA members can be assured that the fund can be clearly distinguished within the association's assets. As part of this process, the principal of the First Timer's Conference Grant Fund is being moved into a different type of investment vehicle which will better protect its value.

The executive has been making efforts to clarify the legal status of the Association, since we are not sure that all our obligations to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies have been fulfilled.

In the fall, APLA was asked to join with CLA and other library associations in protesting a proposal to privatize the Canada Communications Group - Publishing. A letter was sent pointing out the implications of privatizing an agency whose function is so essential in the provision of government information to all citizens. It seems that the protests from the library community and other groups have been successful, since I understand that the proposal is now under review and no further moves toward privatization have taken place.

After consultation with the rest of the executive, a letter was sent to CLA about the report on CLA's membership survey. The letter has been published in a recent *Bulletin* issue, so I will not review its contents here.

Again this year, APLA has been fortunate in having its conference produce a surplus. The final report of the conference held in Charlottetown in June of 1995 included a cheque for over \$10,000. The thanks and congratulations of all APLA members go to the hard-working conference organizers.

As President, I have participated in the planning committee for the joint confer-

ence of APLA and CLA, being held in Halifax in June. Most of the work of organizing APLA's part in this conference has been done by Jackie MacDonald, of the Yarmouth Regional Hospital and Pandion Information Services. I would like to express my appreciation and that of other APLA members to Jackie for all the work she has done during the year.

This year the executive has returned to its practice of meeting twice during the year. Financial constraints forced a cutback to one meeting in 1994/95, but it was felt that in order to deal effectively with the association's business, two meetings a year were really required. The meetings were held in Moncton in order to reduce executive travel costs by taking advantage of the fact that several executive members are closer to Moncton than to Halifax, the traditional site of executive meetings. I believe this has achieved its aim of keeping executive travel costs within budget.

The executive meetings were held at the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library headquarters, and I would like to thank Claude Potvin and his staff for their help and hospitality. The executive dinner meetings featured interesting discussions on changes to the availability of federal government information, and the ethics of providing public access to the Internet.

It has not been an easy year. Working

in a small special library, with little on-site support, has meant that I could not give APLA affairs the attention they deserve, and which I would have liked to give them. What has been accomplished could not have been done without the help and support I have received from the other members of the executive, and I thank them for their assistance. I am particularly grateful to Ruth Mitchell, who agreed to act as secretary, and has done a superb job of organizing meetings while struggling to keep me on track. I am also most grateful to Sara Lochhead for her help and support during the year. I hope she will be as fortunate in her Vice-President as I have been in mine.

There will be a number of changes to the APLA Executive in the near future. Charles Cameron, as well as Kelly Campbell, Mark Leggott, Karen Lippold, and Caren Mofford, will be leaving the executive as their terms of office expire at this annual meeting. On behalf of all APLA members, I thank them for their efforts on behalf of the association; they have done a super job, and APLA will benefit from their hard work in the years to come.

I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve an association which has been a source of help and support for me for so many years. □

— *Respectfully submitted, Susan Libby*

Past President

The Past President serves as convener of the Nominations and Elections Committee, which consisted of Karen Lippold, Vice President (Newfoundland) and Mark Leggott, Vice President (Nova Scotia). Nominations were sought for five positions: Vice President/President Elect; Vice President (Newfoundland); Vice President (Nova Scotia); Vice President (Membership) and Treasurer. I would like to thank the other committee members for their efforts in finding candidates and, on behalf of APLA members, I would like to thank all those who agreed to have their names placed on the ballot. The results of the election will be announced at the OGM in Halifax.

Another duty of the Past President is to solicit nominations for the APLA Merit Award. This year's award winner will be announced at the OGM.

As my three year term comes to an end, I would like to thank the membership for the opportunity to serve the association. I enjoyed working with all of those who served on the executive, and as conveners of committees and interest groups. I would like to say a special thank you to Elizabeth Browne, secretary during my year as president, and to Sharon Clark, Nichola Cleaveland and Norine Hanus for an exceptionally well-run and enjoyable conference in Charlottetown. □

— *Respectfully submitted, Charles Cameron*

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Vice President — New Brunswick

The past year has seen some exciting developments in New Brunswick libraries. After 18 months without a current catalogue, the public libraries were happy to receive the new CD-ROM version of their union catalogue (see News from New Brunswick).

Access to the Internet in provincial libraries is slowly being achieved. A free-net will soon be operational out of the Saint John Free Public Library. The Sackville library is getting connected through a grant from the Community Access Program. In Moncton, Internet access has been provided through a partnership with NBTel.

The Provincial Library Forum approved studies of two issues of concern: library staff training and public-school libraries. Two subcommittees were set up to study the issues. The committee on staff training conducted an extensive survey of training of professional and para-professional staff in all kinds of libraries in the province and will present its recommendations in May. The subcommittee on public-school libraries is looking at guide-

lines for operating public-school libraries. It will make recommendations sometime in the fall about conditions under which such a library should be established.

The University of New Brunswick's Library Assistant Program celebrates its 10th anniversary this year and is holding a special one day workshop for all graduates and interested persons.

UNB hosted an international conference on "World Wide Web Gateways and Publishing" in October, giving the N.B. library community a glimpse of what is on the cutting edge of the new technology.

Major changes have occurred in the province's school system. The elected school boards have been abolished and are being replaced with Parent Committees in each school and Parent Advisory Councils at the district level. The Library Council of the New Brunswick Teachers Association is anticipating changes in the Subject Council structure as well. President Cheryl Feindel believes that in the future the Library Council will play an entirely different role.

On a less happy note, there were several acts of vandalism against libraries in the year. Both Mount Allison and the Albert-Westmorland-Kent subheadquarters in Richibouctou, were broken into and in both cases shelves of books were pushed over. Staff were involved in large reshelving projects to clear up the mess (over 10,000 books at AWK and 50,000 at Mount Allison). At UNB's Harriet Irving Library, someone stole or removed chapters from 25 books in a specific subject area.

As APLA Vice President, I was appointed to the Provincial Library Forum's Subcommittee on Library Staff training. I attended the annual meeting of the Council of Head Librarians of New Brunswick and the Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick. I attended the World Wide Web conference hosted by UNB. Many thanks to everyone in the province who contributed news and information over the past year for the "News from N.B." column in the *APLA Bulletin*.
— Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Rudi

Vice President — Newfoundland

In Newfoundland, the past year has been one of holding our breath waiting for another shoe to drop. It is still uncertain what our declining population base, the cut backs in federal transfer payments, the pending reorganization of the school system and the possible reorganization of the community college system mean for education and libraries in Newfoundland and Labrador. Even with all this uncertainty, the library world did not stand still during the past year.

The biggest library news this year in the province was the increase in computerization in the public library system. With the secondment of Bill Jamieson as Systems Manager, the regional and urban libraries moved forward with computerization. More and more have home pages on the Web, computerized reference sources in-house, and access to the Internet for their patrons. The public library union catalogue will soon be available remotely.

For smaller libraries, not within local calling charges of an Internet node, a CD-ROM catalogue will replace the old microfiche catalogues. The support and financial resources have been there for the staff to receive training to work with these new sources.

In the Memorial University of Newfoundland library system, the Sirsi integrated catalogue system Unicorn was implemented in January. More features and modules are being introduced and all records from the variety of previously used computerized cataloguing, circulation and kardex systems are migrating to Unicorn.

Other good news was the two strikes that did not happen. Both the library assistants and the librarians at Memorial were negotiating contracts. It was down to the wire, but both CUPE, representing the library assistants, and MUNFA, the faculty association, representing the librarians and faculty, reached contract

agreements with the university administration.

The lack of definitive information on the financial situation of the university has left the university library system uncertain about the coming year. The take-up on the early retirement package offered to faculty and librarians, 55 years and older, was only 30% and not the 60% hoped for by the University Administration.

For special libraries in the province there were no dramatic changes this past year, just the continuing tension of shrinking budgets. The Energy Resources Library of the Newfoundland Department of Mines closed, while the Forestry Canada Library was slated for closure, but appears to have been saved by the transfer of the unit to Corner Brook. Most special libraries in the province are government, provincial and federal, or hospital. The cut-backs in government spending have affected them and will continue to affect them.

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The Newfoundland and Labrador Health Libraries Association hosted the 1995 CHLA/ABSC (Canadian Health Libraries Association) Conference from June 4-7. The small local chapter worked hard and pulled off an excellent national conference. Following their lead and building on what they did, Newfoundland will welcome you to the 1997 APLA Conference in St. John's. It is the 500th anniversary of John Cabot discovering Newfoundland so we hope you will come and discover it for yourself. □

— *Respectfully submitted,*
Karen Lippold

Vice President — Nova Scotia

Well, here it is, my last report as VP Nova Scotia. It has been a very busy and interesting two years for me.

I attended the October executive meeting in Moncton, which was a very productive and enjoyable set of meetings. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the February meetings due to teaching conflicts. I also continued to write my regular News from Nova Scotia and Cyberspace columns (with 1 or 2 slips with the latter). I found writing the columns particularly enjoyable, and hope to continue to contribute to the *Bulletin*. In fact I would encourage all APLA members to get involved with the *Bulletin*, one of our most important and useful contributions to the profession.

I was very grateful this year when Peter Webster and Kelly Campbell volunteered to pick up the maintenance of the APLA Web site, which was started early in 1995. While I found it difficult to keep the site up, I am convinced that the

site will increase in importance for the library community. I am also pleased to say that the new Website maintainers have done a first-rate job (see related article on p.3). I would also encourage individuals who are interested in providing some assistance with the site to contact the Website maintainers. This is an excellent way to hone your HTML skills and contribute to the organization at the same time.

I found my time as VP to be a very enjoyable one. The people who are involved with APLA (members and executive) are a unique group, and make the organization a very special one. I found the opportunity to meet and work with a number of new people was a big bonus, and it is well worth getting involved with APLA for this alone. I hope to see many of you APLA/CLA '96 and at many conferences to come, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve in this capacity over the last two years. □

— *Respectfully submitted,* Mark Leggott

Vice President — Prince Edward Island

The vice-president for Prince Edward Island worked to expand and renew memberships in APLA. She spoke directly with members of the Prince Edward Island Professional Librarians' Association and the Prince Edward Island Teacher-Librarians' Association as well as writing, in the *School Library Advocate* about the advantages and importance of becoming an APLA member. She also promoted the APLA/CLA conference in Halifax.

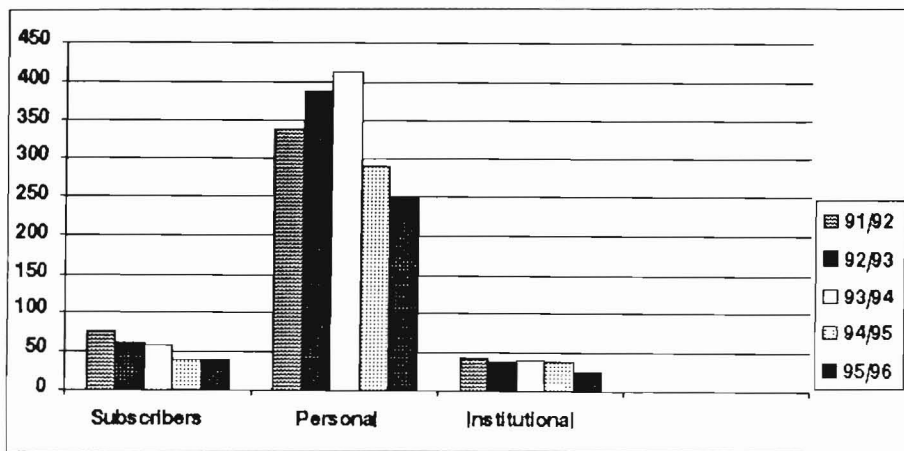
The vice-president attended executive meetings in Moncton in October and February where she reported on library activities in Prince Edward Island. She kept provincial library associations and the Provincial Library Council up to date on APLA activities throughout the year. Regular columns were written for the *APLA Bulletin* covering library activities on Prince Edward Island. □

— *Respectfully submitted,* Norine Hanus

Vice President — Membership

Membership is down again this year, though not as sharply as in 1994/95, as the effect of the price increase levelled out. Memberships and subscriptions were: Personal - 248 (down from 290); Institutional - 26 (down from 37); Subscribers - 41 (no change from 41); Total - 315 (down from 368). There were 31 new members in 1995/96. The chart shows how membership and subscription numbers have changed since 1991.

APLA Membership & Bulletin Subscriptions 1991/92 - 1995/96



The confusion over the "membership year" seems to be coming to a close. The Membership/Subscription year is firmly based in the fiscal year (April 1 - March 31). Memberships are renewable on April 1. Personal and institutional members are entitled to attend, at a preferential rate, the conference which immediately follows

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the end of the membership year (e.g., 1995/96 members are preferred at CLA/APLA June 1996; 1996/97 members will be preferred for APLA '97).

In this past year it came to the attention of the executive that there is more than one APLA, and that the mailing address for at least two of them is the Killam Library at Dalhousie University! Unbeknownst to us, a number of cheques which were intended for memberships went astray at the point of delivery. To help avoid this situation in the future, I would ask that members sending cheques to APLA (via Dalhousie SLIS) write out the address (Treasurer, Atlantic Provinces Library Association, Dalhousie School of Library & Information Studies, Killam Library) in full.

The next Vice President Membership will inherit a functional (and reliable) computer/database system. The new membership database will be fully operational for the APLA/CLA Conference, and we hope to have the computer system on site to offer the opportunity for renewals, and to recruit new members. A new printer and an internal modem have recently been added to the system.

With the system upgrade, data is quick and easy to derive, and files/data may be attached to e-mail messages for executive members, conveners, and other requesters of information. As a result, direct communication between membership and myself has been greatly enhanced of late. Once the new membership database is complete and tested, it will be even easier to derive data for a wider range of purposes (e.g., committee & interest group membership interest, breakdowns by library type, etc.). Functionality! It's a wonderful thing.

I have recently, with Peter Webster (Saint Mary's University), helped to complete a new APLA Website. The site was designed with the lowest common denominator (text only Internet access) in mind, and is heavy in content (ranging from the history of the association, interactive e-mail to executive and conveners, the procedure manual, and an interactive on-line membership form). I believe that this site will help to increase the profile of APLA, and I hope that the ease of access to membership information will help to boost memberships and subscriptions.

I would like to thank my colleagues in MIS for helping me to transfer the data from the old 286 to the new computer (a favour from which we are all greatly benefitting), and I would like to extend my thanks to the members of the executive, with a special thanks to Caren Mofford, for their support over this past 2 years. □

— Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Campbell

Secretary

Two executive meetings were held this year, both at the Albert-Westmoreland-Kent Regional Library. As well as dealing with APLA business, the executive held a dinner discussion in conjunction with each meeting. In October the topic was "Access and information: the changing availability of federal government information," while in January a wide-ranging discussion took place on "Ethics of accessing the Internet in the public library."

Having the meetings at the secretary's home base certainly made organization very easy - no files to pack and carry, easy access to a photocopier, coffee maker, etc. As in past years, the secretary was responsible for creating and mailing agendas and recording and mailing minutes for the executive meetings. In addition, the secretary normally handles the president's correspondence. The correspondence load was very light this year, largely I suspect, because Susan Libby dealt with many items through e-mail. Susan also took care of making arrangements for accommodations and meals for the executive meetings.

My thanks to Elizabeth Browne for turning over to me a well-organized portfolio and to Susan Libby for her unfailing good humour. I appreciate the opportunity this year has given me for learning more about APLA. □

— Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Mitchell

APLA Bulletin & Bulletin Management Board

The editorship of the *APLA Bulletin* moved to St. John's with v. 59. At the 1995 OGM, the membership agreed to a change in format from tabloid to newsletter. With v. 59, no. 1, the *Bulletin* changed to this format and also began to be printed on permanent paper. During the year, the editors introduced new columns: Atlantic Profiles, From St. Jerome's Den, and Internet Resources. Atlantic Profiles is an interview style column which focuses on introducing individuals and their library related work. From St. Jerome's Den is a column of library and book miscellanea compiled by the patron saint of librarians. Internet Resources was first introduced in v. 59, no. 5 and lists a selection of sites of interest. Starting with v. 59, no. 6, this column will be provided by Andre Gionet.

The financial information which is shown in the Treasurer's report represents expenditures for 7 issues (2 from v. 58 and 5 from v. 59) and revenues for the same 7 issues. The *Bulletin* expenditures were below budget. The only expenditures which were covered by Memorial University of Newfoundland were those covering facsimile transmissions, the number of which the editors were able to keep to a minimum. The main reason that we were under budget was because we budgeted to print and

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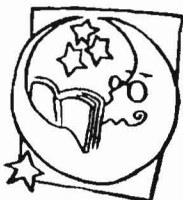
mail more copies than were required. It should also be noted that we received a discount from the printer for v. 59, no. 3. We felt that the printing of that issue was below standard, and the printer agreed by giving us a 25% discount.

Revenues were on budget. We lost two advertisers - Schooner Books and Applebys. Both were long time advertisers and we would like to thank them for the support which they have given APLA over the years. While their loss is unfortunate, it is not unexpected in these times of financial restraint. These losses were offset by orders from new advertisers.

Immediately following the mailing of each issue, information about the contents of that issue has been posted to the APLA listserv. These postings have been in the way of "teasers" with the hopes that non-members reading the listserv will be enticed into joining the Association. In addition, complimentary copies are sent to contributors who are not members. When these contributors are seen as potential members, a membership form is included with the copy. Copies of the Vice Presidents' (Provincial) reports are sent to *Feliciter* as reports of the Atlantic provinces.

The editors would like to acknowledge, and thank, all who have so generously responded to our requests for articles, those who have submitted articles without being asked, and those who have advertised with us, especially institutions who have placed job advertisements. We would like to thank everyone for bearing with us while we figure out what we are doing. We especially thank those who have sent encouraging messages and those who have read the finished copy closely enough to identify our errors - typos and otherwise. □

— Respectfully submitted,
APLA Bulletin editors
Suzanne Sexty
Joy Tillotson
Bernadine Conran



ANNUAL REPORTS — Executive/Standing Committees

Committee on Aims & Objectives

The committee discussed and brought forward suggestions for utilizing surplus funds generated by the association's annual conference. The APLA executive approved the following at its October, 1995 meeting as Standing Order 8.37:

The annual conference is neither required nor expected to make a profit. However, should a surplus be realized, it shall be distributed as follows:

- 1) 50% will be divided between the APLA Memorial Awards fund and the First Timers Conference Grant fund, with the amount of the division to be decided by the executive.
- 2) 50% will go to general revenue.

The executive shall report to the membership on the distribution of any surplus realized by the annual conference.

Another issue discussed by the Committee on Aims and Objectives was the decline in APLA memberships and the need for the organization to acknowledge members continuing education needs during tough financial times through support of the Continuing Education Interest Group. The following was approved at the February executive meeting with the understanding that it be discussed with the convener of the Continuing Education Interest Group:

That APLA organize provincial workshops, coordinated through the provincial vice-presidents and the Continuing Education Interest Group convener, funded by APLA, using local resource people to promote professional development and continuing education in the Atlantic Provinces. Workshops would be discounted to APLA members and available at a higher rate to non-members.

This proposal will be discussed at the spring meeting of the Continuing Education Interest Group. □

— Respectfully submitted,
Sara Lochhead, Convener

Committee on Committees & Interest Groups

There are a number of convener vacancies this year which we were unable to fill. There has also been very low to no activity in most of the interest groups. This is due in large part to the strains of the current fiscal climate that library staff in the Atlantic region are coping with. It is recommended that this committee take a serious look at the structure and purpose of the committees and interest groups and make some recommendations to the membership regarding a more practical approach to the areas represented by the interest groups and committees so that the APLA members can be better served by them. □

— Respectfully submitted,
Sara Lochhead, Convener

Finance Committee

During 1995/96 the Finance Committee gave its attention to simplifying the association's bookkeeping. The amount of the First Timer's Conference Grant will henceforth be calculated on an April/March basis, synchronizing it with APLA's fiscal year. Also, to end confusion and controversy over the value of the First Timer's Conference Grant principal, it was agreed that the funds would be moved into a separate money market investment at a time which the treasurer felt would be to APLA's best advantage, but before the end of the fiscal year on March 31.

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Halifax



for fun...

“The Economy Shoe Shop Bar on Argyle St. - only 3 mins away. Super atmosphere - very nice, but awfully smoky. Artsy decor - unique. Food is fine, drinks are expensive.”

— Elizabeth Johnson

One thing I like to do in a new city is to visit the second-hand bookstores. My three favourite second-hand bookstores in Halifax are: Schooner Books (5378 Inglis St.) a large, well-stocked store that has a great sub-shop next door; J.W. Doull (1652 Granville St.) large store, narrow aisles, old-fashioned atmosphere; The Trident (1570 Argyle St.) combination 2nd-hand bookstore and coffee shop (magnificent coffee). There are also lots of other new & used bookstores and magazine shops for people to scout out & enjoy.”

— Gail Fraser
Dalhousie University



“Granite Brewery on Barrington and South St, for beer and food (need I say more?). 10 min walk from conference centre. The Cellar on Clyde Street and South Park for the best Caesar and garlicky pizza in town (I like the pesto & chicken pizza). \$45 for dinner for 2, including taxes and a generous tip for the excellent service. 15 min walk from conference centre (or go upstairs and knock your taste buds off with the Vindaloo dishes at Curry Village - \$40 for 2).”

— Andrea John
Nova Scotia Provincial Library

“A restaurant I really like is La Perla/San Remo in Dartmouth. It's within walking distance from the ferry & has a terrific lunch menu, elegant decor & service, & good view of hfx. Lunch @ \$10- 15 & dinner more expensive. Allow about 2 hours to give yourself time for the ferry which takes about 10-15 minutes but is a great treat in itself.”

— Jane Archibald
Dalhousie University

“My wife and I have a tendency to haunt the waterfront and therefore we seem to choose restaurants on the basis of waterfront location more than anything else. We visit the Middle Deck Pasta Works and Saltys several times each week. We prefer the Middle Deck for food and Saltys for the view (only a couple of seats in the Middle Deck have a good view whereas most of the seats in Saltys have an excellent view). Famous people eat at Saltys when in town. Last summer we encountered Hillary Clinton during the G7 and the Japanese Prime Minister also chose that Restaurant. It has two levels. Upstairs has the best view and a better menu but is more pricy. The Middle Deck, which has a good, reasonably priced menu and very friendly staff, is part of Privateers Warehouse. The latter also has a lower deck (pub food and live music) and an Upper Deck (more expensive but highly recommended if not on a tight budget).”

— Robert Cook
Saint Mary's University

These are personal recommendations and they come with a caveat. As one respondent put it, "I am somewhat hesitant [to make recommendations]. I usually find that, whenever anybody eats in a restaurant I have recommended, the place has, since my last visit, acquired new owners who have fired the chef, introduced a new menu, and altered the decor to something particularly tasteless." With these wise words



before our eyes, we offer you Halifax for fun.

You might also look for *City Wide Alert Magazine* (for the young-minded, action-oriented reader) around town and also on the Internet (<http://www.isisnet.com/Alive>)

“ *Il Mercato* (Italian on Spring Garden Rd); *La Polomba* (Spanish — on side street off of Spring Garden); *Old Man Morias* (Greek on 1150 Barrington St); *Le Bistro Cafe* (French on 1333 South Park); *Curry Village* (Indian on 5677 Brenton Pl); *Czeck-In* (Czeck on 5239 Blower); *Café Cap St. Jacques* (Vietnamese on Blower); *Granite Brewery* (1222 Barrington St. — home made brew). All are walking distance of the convention centre (10-15 minutes — Barrington Street may be a bit further), prices are reasonable to me (I can't really give you a range off hand), all have great atmosphere....

Places to dance or listen to music.... there are endless places....best to check Thursday's *Chronicle Herald* to see what's playing over the weekend. Choices are Jazz clubs, *Liquor Dome* (colloquial name for three bars joined together — wide (and I mean wide) age variations), *Split Crow*, *Oasis*, *My Father's Moustashe*, *O'Carrol's* (for Irish), *Lower Deck* (Irish, etc.), etc. ”

— Francesco Lai
Nova Scotia Agricultural College



“ *Satisfaction Feast* (Grafton St.) - vegan and vegetarian, calming and medium priced. *Momoya* - sushi restaurant on Barrington St., great food and nice folks. *Café Cap St. Jacques* (Blowers St.) - pleasant Vietnamese food. *Sweet Basil's* Mediterranean food on Upper Water St., nice place, run by same person who runs *Scanway* on Dresden Row (which of course is great too). *Il Mercato* (Spring Garden Road) - noisy (tile floors) but good Italian food. *Bud the Spud* - outside Spring Garden Road library.... ”

— Laura Jantek
Halifax Regional Public Library

“ I would for sure include the *Brewery Market*, on the waterfront (Lower Water St.), on Saturday — Farmers' Market day. (I think it may be Fridays also by the time *CLA* rolls around, but the Saturday market is bigger). Summer is the busiest, brightest, “hoppingest” time at the market. As well as fresh produce, there's *Mary's Bakery* — good for coffee and treats, plus lots of other food and beverage stands scattered throughout. In June there are thousands of transplants and bedding plants in colourful displays which spill out of the market building and into the street. Many crafts people also sell their wares here. Good gift and souvenir hunting and there's always some kind of a busker concert going on in the indoor courtyard. And if your morning is all “meeting'd up”, well if you can get up with the sun, you don't have to miss the market. It opens *early* (6:00 AM), runs till about 2 PM, but it starts winding down after noon. Easy walk from the conference site. Lower Water Street is 3 blocks down the hill, and the *Brewery Market* is another couple of blocks south in Lower Water. ”

— Christine Corston
Nova Scotia Womens Directorate
Department of Human Resources

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Finance Committee...

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The Finance Committee has recommended to the Membership Committee that it establish policies governing the year of membership applicable to receiving a discount for the annual conference, and also the number of individuals receiving conference discounts under an institutional membership. These questions arose as a result of the joint conference of APLA and CLA in Halifax in June of 1996. The committee also recommends that subscriptions to the *APLA Bulletin* should cover the fiscal year rather than the calendar year, and that subscribers should receive an extension of their 1996 subscriptions to bring them to a common expiry date of March 1997.

With the announcement of the establishment of the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust, the Finance Committee has decided that professional advice should be sought regarding the tax and charitable status implications of administering this trust. An amount will be set aside in the 1996/97 budget to pay for this.

The Finance Committee dealt with four applications to the General Activities Fund during 1995/96. One was redirected to the Memorial Awards Committee, one was rejected as not falling within the mandate of the GAF, and two were approved. The UNB Library Assistant Program received support for its Tenth Anniversary Workshop, and the New Brunswick Professional Librarians Association received support for its 1995 annual conference.

Again this year APLA has benefitted from the hard work of its conference organizers. The 1995 conference in Charlottetown reported a surplus of over \$10,000. Unfortunately, the association must accept the fact that there will be no opportunity for revenue generation during the 1996 conference. Perhaps in future years more surpluses may be generated, but in the current financial climate, such good fortune should not be expected. □

--- *Respectfully submitted,*
Susan Libby, Convener

APLA Memorial Awards Committee

Another year has come to an end. It has not been, for my part, as productive as I would have wished it to be. There is, however, one positive report. At the fall executive meeting, a standing order was passed stating that 50% of any annual conference profits would be divided between the APLA Memorial Awards Fund and the First Timer's Conference Grant fund with the amount of the division to be decided by the executive. Subsequently, at the winter executive meeting, \$1,000 was transferred to the fund principal. This is very good news.

In relation to the above, the committee had been asked to examine possible methods of raising revenue to build up the fund. A few suggestions have come forward, but action has not yet been taken.

The committee has received applications for this year's award and we will be making a decision in the near future.

I wish to thank my committee members for their co-operation and patience. The committee members are: Betty Jeffery and Dr. Nirmal Jain, both from the Vaughan Memorial Library, Acadia University. □

— *Respectfully submitted,*
Sheila Pearl, Convener

Communications Committee

This year, the second year of existence for the Committee on Communications, was low-keyed. Due to personal reasons, I took a four-month hiatus in the fall of 1995. As a result, Charles Cameron took on the role of acting convener. I want to thank Charles for keeping an eye on things and for dealing with issues that arose.

The Membership Directory, now under this committee's responsibilities, was produced and mailed out in February. I want to thank Betty Sutherland for doing an excellent job and for keeping the production of the directory well under budget.

Projects ongoing include: postmaster for the listserv; compiling a list of library-related associations in the Atlantic provinces. Projects to be worked on include: the preparation of how-to-guides on lobbying; the development of background/quick information sheets on critical and topical issues; and finalizing the process to orient new conveners and executives. □

— *Respectfully submitted,*
Francesco Lai, Convener

Intellectual Freedom Committee

This was a quiet year for the Intellectual Freedom Committee. There was some initial confusion about the membership of the group: in December I learned that we were a committee of three. Given the nature of our profession, I can't believe that we are the only librarians interested in and committed to intellectual freedom! (Yes, this is a pitch for next year: this committee needs help.)

No challenges to library materials in the Atlantic provinces were brought to the committee's attention. During the year, *Lethal Marriage*, the account of the crimes of Paul Bernardo and Karla Homolka, was banned from the St. Catherine's Public Library; and there were ongoing challenges to the Goosebumps series of children's books. Unfortunately, I find it difficult to get incensed about these cases, given the books' widespread availability, in paperback, in bookstores, supermarkets, drug stores, etc., although it is true that the principle of public access, through libraries, has been eroded.

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Articles on access to electronic information were submitted to three issues of the *APLA Bulletin*. This is the year that the Internet came to many public libraries throughout Atlantic Canada. This helps solve one problem, that of providing adequate access to federal government information now published only on the Net (that is, if you can pry a terminal away from the kids). However, the offensive or inaccurate nature of some Internet material has created a new set of challenges for library policy-makers. "The Ethics of accessing the Internet in the public library" was the topic for discussion at the APLA executive dinner meeting in February. Libraries have taken a variety of approaches to protecting their patrons and themselves (notes on this session are available from any executive member). There are currently no perfect solutions to the problem of safeguarding children while respecting the right of adults to exercise responsibility for their own choices.

For the future? A member of the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) Canada recently asked me why so few librarians seemed concerned about the V-Chip filtering of television programs, when so many had protested the V-Barcode spoof (April 1). Who knows, if the V-Chip has the predicted effect of reducing most television to the level of children's programming, more adults may shortly be picking up books. I say we let this one go... □

— *Respectfully submitted,*
Janice Adlington, Convener

Public Relations Committee

No convener □

ANNUAL REPORTS — Interest Groups

Collections Development Interest Group

No report received □

Computers & Connectivity Interest Group

The interest group, convened by David Cumby, Eastern Counties Regional Library, organized 2 programs for APLA '95 in Charlottetown: "Technological Trivia, Tips and Trends" and "Reality Bites: What's Missing on the Information Highway" (see v. 59, no. 1 for reports on these sessions).

Peter Webster of Saint Mary's University took over from David in June of 1995. Since that time he has been active assisting, in the organization of the CLA/APLA 1996 conference in Halifax.

The conference will feature the following events sponsored by the interest group:

- The Internet Room - A room of PC's connected to the Internet via Simpatico, will be available for conference delegates to explore, and learn. This room will be staffed with knowledgeable volunteers who can instruct and assist users.
- CLA Electronic Poster - For the first time the conference will feature a display of innovative library and information related World Wide Web sites, and research presented in HTML format. Interested parties from across the country are submitting their research and innovations, so they can participate in the conference without being there in person. Over 25 Electronic Poster Session submissions have been received so far. Poster session submissions will be viewable at the Internet Room.
- "Beyond Mere Bibliographic Retrieval" - In this conference session, Peter Webster will be taking a look at the trend to computer software which not only retrieves information but also analyzes it, in a variety of sophisticated ways. He will examine software in science, business, social science and humanities, and consider how this kind of software will affect library work in the future, and how we can utilize its potential while dealing with its complexities.

In the fall of 1995, Mark Leggott initiated a project to give APLA a profile on the World Wide Web. Several months of hard work ensued for Kelly Campbell, of the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Culture, and Peter Webster. The APLA pages were ready for use this April (see p.3 for related story). □

— *Respectfully submitted,*
Peter Webster, Convener

Conservation of Library Materials Interest Group

The Interest Group did not sponsor a session at the 1995 APLA Conference in Charlottetown. There have been no activities carried out by the Interest Group during the year. The Halifax contingency of the interest group members did not meet this year.

In a year when Novanet libraries moved to a new operating system most were too busy for other interests. We particularly feel the loss of Alice W. Harrison, who retired last June as Chief Librarian at the Atlantic School of Theology (AST). Alice has maintained a strong commitment to conservation education for many years, and regularly attended conferences at the national level to keep abreast of issues and speak for Atlantic Canadian libraries. Many graduates of the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Science will remember the course she taught with Professor Fred Matthews,

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Conservation of Library Materials...

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in the Dawson Room, on paper repair and conservation for librarians. Alice has been an active member of the APLA Conservation Committee (as it was formerly known) since its inception in 1982, and we will miss her enthusiastic participation.

At the time of writing, members of the Halifax group are looking forward to a lecture and workshop by Betsy Palmer Eldridge, internationally-known bookbinder and book conservator, which will take place 12-13 April, 1996. She will be giving a lecture on "Historical Bookbinding Structures", based on examples from the Rare Book Collection of the University of King's College Library, and will also conduct a day-long workshop, "Tips on Basic Bench Techniques for the Book Arts", at the AST Library.

The interest group will hold its annual meeting on Friday, June 7 at 5:00 p.m. Reports from members in various parts of the Atlantic region on conservation activities will be welcomed. □

— *Respectfully submitted,*
Patricia L. Chalmers, Convener

Continuing Education Interest Group

There has been no activity in this group during the past year and therefore, nothing to report. The interest group will be discussing the idea brought forward by the Committee on Aims and Objectives regarding development of professional development workshops using local expertise around the Atlantic provinces, at its spring meeting. □

— *Respectfully submitted,*
Judith Reade, Convener

Francophone Interest Group

No convener □

Library Instruction Interest Group

There are 22 members of this group, however there are usually 4-6 people who show up for the annual meeting. Aside from this meeting, there is minimal contact throughout the year. In October we attempted to plan a session on critical thinking for APLA/CLA '96 but were told at the time that it was too late. Maybe it can be a possibility, next year, for an APLA session.

All group members were contacted by e-mail in March of this year, inviting submissions for the agenda for the annual meeting, suggestions for discussion and ideas generally. Responses are being awaited with great anticipation. One topic will be the direction the group should be taking and any ideas which would encourage more active participation by members.

We will plan for our annual meeting at CLA and take it from there. We note there will be a meeting concerning the interest groups at the APLA sessions at CLA. The APLA executive may wish to examine the structure, purpose and direction of the interest groups. □

— *Respectfully submitted,*
Trina O'Brien Leggott and
Barb Phillips, Conveners

Library Technicians Interest Group

No convener □

Newspaper Interest Group

Our formally registered ranks have diminished to 6 individuals, but those of us who remain are convinced that with the executive's permission, we should carry on at least for the next year. The interest group will not be sponsoring a workshop at the APLA/CLA conference this year, but I am hoping for a good information sharing session during the time assigned for APLA interest group meetings at the joint conference. □

— *Respectfully submitted,*
Ian Wilson, Convener

See p.23 for more about newspapers in the Atlantic provinces.

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Atlantic Provinces Library Trustees Interest Group

No convener □

ANNUAL REPORTS — Special Committees

Committee on Copyright

No report received □



ANNUAL REPORTS — Report of the Atlantic Provinces Book Review Society Board Representatives

School of Library & Information Studies Highlights from the 1995/96 Academic Year

The winter term is now coming to a conclusion for students, which provides an opportunity to reflect on a very busy academic year at the School of Library and Information Studies. Readers of the *APLA Bulletin* and the APLA listserv will already be aware of some of the activities in the School. Nonetheless, some highlights from the academic year merit notice.

In a time of declining student enrolment generally, we still met our target for registration in 1995/96. Alumni of the School and APLA members continue to be very helpful in recruiting new students and the school very much appreciates this assistance. This year, thanks to the financial contributions of alumni and friends, we were able to offer the first Alumni Scholarship, an award which will now be made annually. Tara Hoag, a first year student, was the recipient of this new scholarship.

On March 29, the school hosted the 1996 Showcase, where students demonstrated projects, completed in a variety of courses, to a large number of visitors from the campus and further afield. Clients and visitors attested to the high quality of the students' work.

Prof. Elaine Toms returned from a study leave during which she completed

a large portion of the work for a Ph.D. at the University of Western Ontario. Dr. Mary Dykstra Lynch left in January for a study leave and is located at the Department of Information Studies at the University of Sheffield. Dr. Dykstra Lynch has recently been reappointed to another term on the federal Information Highway Advisory Council. This year we welcomed several adjunct and part-time faculty to teach in the school. Among the lineup was an experimental course, "Hypermedia and the Net," taught by Mark Leggott of St. Francis Xavier University. Developments of the Internet provided the means for the delivery of this course, including Netscape chat which linked students and instructor.

With regard to continuing education, the school carried on its Friday lecture series and also offered a range of workshops. Fourteen speakers from Canada and the United States drew large audiences to the lecture series and eleven full- or half-day workshops were open to the profession and students. Reports on the public lectures have been published in the *APLA Bulletin* and are also available at our web site: <http://quasar.sba.dal.ca:2000/slis/slis.html> [click on Continuing Education 1995/96]. This year the Halifax chapter of ARMA

and the Maritime Health Libraries Association were co-sponsors of specific lectures/workshops.

In the publishing program of our Occasional Papers Series, two volumes were brought out and another volume will be published shortly. A collection of essays, *Planning for Library Development: Third World Perspectives*, edited by John A. Evans of the University of Papua New Guinea, was published in the fall and *Writing in the Electronic Environment: Electronic Text and the Future of Creativity and Knowledge* by Ian A. Colford was recently released.

Budgetary issues continue to be of considerable concern and next year is going to be a particularly difficult one. Donations from alumni and friends are, therefore, very important for providing funds to undertake upgrading the computer lab with new computers, software, and peripherals. We have recently been encouraged by a major donation from a private sector firm for the establishment of a chair in the management of information technology. This venture is being pursued jointly with the School of Business Administration, and we expect further announcement on this development in due course.

We are now actively recruiting students for the 1996/97 academic year. Offers of admission are being sent to potential students. Even though the number of applicants matches the intake from last year, the assistance of alumni and friends in recommending the School to students is strongly encouraged.

With CLA and APLA meeting in Halifax in June, the school will welcome many visitors. Our faculty members, staff, and students will be taking an active part, with both faculty and students presenting papers at the conference. □

Atlantic Provinces Book Review Society

Atlantic Books Today continues to produce a quality periodical hoping this year to increase publication to four times yearly. Despite Canada Council cuts in funding, revenue has been steadily increasing. A full complement of board members has signalled renewed energy to tackle new and ongoing issues:

- rewriting the editorial policy
- a membership drive
- fund-raising
- a three year action plan

Joining Elizabeth Eve (Managing Editor) on staff is the new Advertising Manager, Dawn Eisenbarth. □

— Respectfully submitted,
Charby Slein, APLA Representative

— Bertrum H. MacDonald
Director

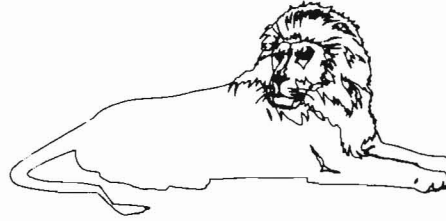
From St. Jerome's Den

Once again that time of the year is upon us - annual conference time. The annual conference is different things for different people. It may be a time to recharge work-worn batteries, renew professional acquaintanceships, or learn new things to use in one's job. It may also be a time to make a contribution to the profession by organizing or participating in a conference that provides the aforementioned opportunities.

Here are some thoughts, just in case you have trouble convincing your boss that you deserve/need the time for this year's conference. You may have missed the early bird registration fee, but it is never too late to try for the conference.

Reason to attend the advocacy sessions:

"For most of us, the library is invisible, we take it for granted. My challenge to you is not to be noisy, but to be able, as a profession, to knit together for the rest of us a better understanding of the vital role you play



across the nation." Congressman Newt Gingrich, speaking to a crowd of thousands of librarians and library supporters at the Atlanta rally kicking off the "Libraries Are Worth It" campaign, June 29, 1991.

Signs that you are suffering from "burnout" and need a recharge:

- You say "Do it yourself" to a patron requesting help finding the "do-it-yourself" books.
- You decide to arrange the periodical collection by fr 3rance.
- You give a patron the murder mystery she has been waiting months for and say, "You'll really enjoy this. It has a surprise ending. The murderer is the

priest."

- When a mother says that Dr. Seuss is not challenging enough for her gifted child, you give her a copy of Satre's *Being and Nothingness*.

Will Manley, "Librarian burnout" *Library Journal*, November 1992, p. 884

Now lest anyone think that library directors have an easy task deciding who goes to a conference, Dan Clemmer offers another point of view. In "Let the Numbers Decide!" (*American Libraries*, December 1988, p. 990-991), he lists some of the problems directors face and 10 questions to ease the process. These questions include:

- If Supplicant (hereafter referred to as S) has ever done a conference report, has it been lifted directly from the conference program? Yes (-15), No (+10)
- Has there ever been any suggestion that S. spends all his/her conference time in bars, ball parks, or at the beach? Yes (-30), No (+10)
- Would it be a relief to have S. gone for awhile? Yes (+10), No (-10)
- Is S. a hard worker who does whatever you ask without question and laughs at your jokes? Yes (--150), No (-150)
- Or is S. a general pain in the butt and you'll be damned if you'll reward him/her with a conference trip? Yes (-150), No (0)

Now, if there is still some question as to whether or not you get to the conference, of even if a conference is necessary, read this. With a few changes to conference and date, you just may get to CLA.

There is no class of workers to whom a vacation is more desirable and necessary than to professional librarians, tied to their desk as they are by routine duties, keeping long hours, always at the service of any one who calls...If the American Library Association had done nothing more for the profession than to introduce the habit of vacation [around the annual conference], it would have done sufficient service...we appeal...to library trustees to send their librarians to St. Louis [site of the 1889 conference] for the good of their libraries as well as for the good of the librarians." Editorial, *LJ*, March 1889, n.p. □

Report from the CAUT Librarians' Conference

I attended the CAUT Librarians' Conference in Montreal, Feb. 29-Mar. 2, 1996. The theme was "Transitions" and most sessions were concerned with issues related to downsizing and/or re-engineering in Canadian university and college libraries.

Marc Richard from McGill gave a smooth-flowing bilingual keynote address on "Leadership Issues for Academic Librarians in a "Fin de Siècle" Context: Political and Strategic Perspectives". He noted that politicians from all parties these days seem to wear the same stripes and exhibit a 19th century social Darwinian mind set. He also made a number of comments about present university library leaders including the observation that many sought to impose consensus from the top down and engage in "pseudo" staff consultation.

Richard felt that a good leader in these times of retrenchment needed to get all library staff involved in reorganization plans, keep them informed and take their advice. He suggested that librarians needed to take the offensive both collectively and individually when re-engineering processes are being undertaken. Librarians should seek info from senior management, ask about the processes to be followed in deciding on changes, offer to help, give unsolicited advice and be actively involved. A final comment was that librarians should not be afraid to make their views known outside the library even to the point of actively contradicting the views of the head librarian. Richard felt that librarians needed to avoid the situation which he felt existed now in most Canadian universities where only the views of the head librarian are known at the highest levels of university administration.

The second session which I found to be particularly memorable was the plenary address which Richard Ellis of Memorial gave on the topic, "Trends, Strategies

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Internet Resources: Atlantic Provinces Resources

Here is a short list of interesting starting points for your cybertravels in Atlantic Canada. This is not an exhaustive list. Experienced cybernauts will understand that new things are added and deleted every day. However, these are Web sites that provide information specific to Atlantic Canada for people curious to know more about the most beautiful region of Canada (now try to guess where I was born).

CIDIF [<http://www.cidif.org>]

Based in Edmundston (N.B.), the CIDIF (Centre International pour le Developpement de l'Inforoute en Français) aims at being the focal point of French language resources on the Internet. CIDIF has developed its very own subject guide, which makes it a nice starting point when looking for French language resources on the Internet. En français seulement...

ACOA [<http://www.acoa.ca>]

This is the site of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. ACOA provides factual, directory type, information on the Atlantic provinces, details of ACOA's programs, as well as details on business opportunities and success stories in the region. Also, net-surfers will be happy to find a very nice listing of Web sites by province, including universities, governments and private companies. Totally bilingual.

Acadie-Net [<http://www.rbmulti.nb.ca/acadie/acadie.htm>]

This site is surely the most complete information resource on the Acadian community available on the Internet. Acadie-Net is very innovative in putting original contents online. Mostly in French with English bits here and there.

Government of New Brunswick [<http://www.gov.nb.ca>]

Government of Prince Edward Island [<http://www.gov.pe.ca>]

Government of Nova Scotia [<http://www.gov.ns.ca>]

Government of Newfoundland [<http://www.gov.nf.ca>]

These are the shop windows of the provincial governments of Atlantic Canada. These four sites provide general, directory style information (who to contact, the legislative agenda) as well as full-text information (press releases, newsletters). And, of course, don't miss all those gorgeous tourism pages. Please note that these sites are at various levels of development.

Chebucto Freenet [<http://www.cfn.dal.ca>]

This site provides a great variety of directory style community information on Metro Halifax.

St. John's Infonet [<http://www.infonet.st-johns.nf.ca>]

Community information, local news and weather.

-- Andre Gionet

French Services Librarian

Prince Edward Island Provincial Library

Correction: In the last issue the telnet address for CISTI's online catalogue was incorrect. The correct address is: telnet cat.cisti.nrc.ca ☐

Newspapers in the Atlantic Provinces

Take it as a given that tough financial times have had detrimental effects on newspaper related projects in each of our provinces. While doing more with less, this was bound to happen. But rest assured, this is not a "no progress" report. Some strides have been made during this APLA year and what follows is not to be taken as comprehensive, but a sampling of strides forward on the newspapers preservation impetus.

In Newfoundland, an interesting find has been a 6 months run of the *Star* and *Conception Bay Journal* from January to June, 1834. The papers were discovered in a collection of private papers in the Provincial Archives by a member of the archives' staff. The *Journal* is one of the oldest newspapers published outside of St. John's. One interesting aspect of the find is that these were not known to be missing issues since the paper restarted its numbering on July 1, 1834 with volume I, number 1 - this was thought to be the beginning of the paper. The bulk of filming in 1995 focused on the current and recent weekly newspapers including the now defunct *Northern Reporter* from Happy Valley-Goose Bay, 1966-1971 and 1983-1992; the *Compass* of Carbonear, 1968-1973; and the *Aurora* of Labrador City, 1969-1994.

In New Brunswick, and coincidentally in the same decade, the significant find of missing issues of the *Weekly Observer* of Saint John, 1830-1832 received widespread media attention in February 1996. This bound volume of newspapers was donated to the Saint John Free Public Library from a private library and was mentioned in a talk given by your convener to the New Brunswick Historical Society. This find seemed to seize media imagination in a very positive way - intensive, but naturally fleeting, attention. These examples from Newfoundland and New Brunswick illustrate the fact that there are newspapers out there yet to appear - barns, attics, private collections, wherever! According to our records, the *Weekly Observer* has not been microfilmed and this will be a major project for the Saint John Free Public Library in 1996.

Still in New Brunswick, the Harriet Irving Library, University of New Brunswick managed to make significant progress in spite of limited resources. A major order from the National Library of Canada was received and processed, and UNB microfilmed the *Capital Free Press* for the years of its history, 1949-1958, tying it in to the later years previously filmed by Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. UNB also completed filming of the weekly *Miramichi News* 1911-1912. Currently collation and preparation work continues for the *Northern Light* of Gloucester County, and the *Post Gazette* of Oromocto and the *Courier Weekend* of St. Stephen.

On Prince Edward Island, Marilyn Bell reports that the Public Archives and Records Office continues current issues microfilming of Island dailies and weeklies which are not commercially filmed. In Charlottetown, the Confederation Centre Public Library newspapers microfilm collection has been transferred to the Archives. The other major microfilm collection of newspapers resides at the Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island.

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It Was 20 Years Ago—But Not Today, Exactly

In 1976 Halifax was the site of the 31st CLA annual conference. I know it now as the 31st only because, in all the promotion of this year's, the designation "51st" is being used.

The banquet was a lobster-boil with a "Down East," casual motif and held in the Armouries. This venue nonpareil was the inspiration of Alan MacDonald who, as Local Arrangements Convener, considered it the only space large and ambient enough then in Halifax to accommodate the hundreds wanting to attend.

Having been pressed into service as a greeter to dispense bibs to diners, I was told to slouch against a dory imported for the occasion and wear my reward: a fire engine red t-shirt bearing the white letters "BIBLIOPHILE." The menu pretty much consisted of beer, butter and lobster (with steak for the shellfish allergic). Consequently, as the evening wore on, forays were made with increasing frequency to the latrine. On one of my sojourns there I was asked by the patron of a neighbouring urinal what were the chances of securing a shirt spelling **any** desired legend. The questioner I identified as Richard (later Sir Richard) Blackwell, commandant of Blackwell's of Broad Street, and now, lamentably, deceased. "For instance" he went on, "might one obtain a shirt inscribed 'Balls to Baker & Taylor'?"

I replied that I believed that was entirely within the realm of possibility, and with that our conversation concluded.

The next day I headed to the Maritime Campus Store (purveyor of classic garb for the poor and indiscriminate), ordered a t-shirt with the suggested motto, and arranged to pick it up at the end of the day. That evening in the Blackwell suite at the Hotel Nova Scotian I presented it to Sir Richard who then put it on and headed off to see the B&T folks in their digs at the same hotel.

While I did not accompany him, I expect his appearance there generated a highly convivial reception. □

— Peter Glenister
Mount Saint Vincent University



APLA/CLA '96 - Volunteers Needed!

It is still possible to volunteer to help with APLA/CLA '96. Many people have already kindly offered, but there is still more work that needs to be done and it is not too late to get involved. The conference will take place Wednesday June 5 to Sunday, June 9, 1996 at the World Trade and Convention Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The CLA Volunteer Committee is now booking volunteers for specific times and duties. Volunteer work is available in 2 and 4 hour time slots whenever possible. Shifts are available mornings, afternoons, and evenings, Wednesday to Sunday. Please contact the committee chair to volunteer for any particular duty, or if you have additional questions.

Each 4 hours of volunteer work entitles you to attend one free conference session. If you chose to monitor sessions, or write up sessions for the conference newsletter, you receive free admission only to sessions you are monitoring or writing up. You should think about which free session or sessions you would like to attend. We will be asking for your choice well before the conference, so we can register you for the session(s) of your choice. If you are attending the full conference already you will not be concerned about attending free sessions.

Volunteer work will include the following:

- Registration Desk. Handing out registration materials to arriving delegates.
- Hospitality Desk. Answering questions, giving directions, helping with restaurant bookings and other tourist inquiries.
- Social Event Monitor. Taking tickets and directing attenders to paid meal and reception events.
- Session Monitor. Insuring that signs, AV equipment and other facilities are in place for each conference session. Seeking assistance if chairs are needed, equipment fails, or any other problems occur in a session.
- Session Reporter. Writing up a session for the conference newsletter CLA Today. (Session monitoring and reporting will often be merged into one position).
- Job Mart Desk. Answering questions about the CLA job mart, taking resumes and job postings among other duties.
- Internet Room. Assisting conference delegates in trying out the Internet, looking for specific information, or looking at the submissions to the CLA electronic poster session.
- Office Work. Answering the telephone, doing photocopying, typing, and gophering.
- Airport Shuttle. Picking up VIPs at the airport.
- 15 shifts - General Backup. Doing a little bit of all of the above plus whatever else comes up.

Some duties will require a training session prior to the conference. In every case specific instructions will be supplied for each duty. □

Peter Webster, Chair, CLA Volunteer Committee
E-Mail pwebster@shark.stmarys.ca (preferred method)
Phone (902) 420-5507; Fax (902) 420-5561

Resolutions Notice

The APLA Pre-resolutions session will be held on Saturday, June 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (location to be included in your registration packages) at the APLA/CLA conference in Halifax. Ruthmary MacPherson and Anita Cannon are serving on the committee this year and will receive resolutions for presentation at the second half of the OGM on Sunday morning, June 9. Resolutions must be submitted by 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. They can be left at the APLA Hospitality Desk.

This is your opportunity to bring resolutions forward for discussion. Please participate and strengthen the organization. □

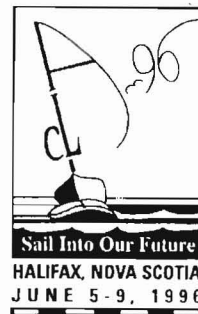
— Sara Lochhead, Convener

APLA/CLA '96 - Congratulations To APLA First Timer

Congratulations to Patricia McCormick, librarian at Barrington Municipal High School. Patricia is the recipient of the 1995 APLA First Timer's Conference Grant, which will enable her to attend the APLA/CLA Conference in Halifax, June 5-9, 1996.

Patricia is originally from Barrington, and worked as a library assistant at Mount Allison before going to the University of Western Ontario for her MLIS degree. Since her graduation, she has worked as a school librarian and as a community college librarian in the Northwest Territories, but has recently moved back to Nova Scotia to take a position as librarian in her old high school in Barrington.

Patricia has been an APLA member for several years, but has always lived too far away to attend our annual conference. Now that she is back in the Atlantic region, she is looking forward to more active participation in the Association. We hope that the First Timer's Grant will encourage her in that. □



— Susan Libby
President

Events of Special Interest

Scheduled Thursday evening 8:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m., the **APLA Past Presidents' Reception** will be a great opportunity to meet old friends.

The **Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick** will be sponsoring a **New Brunswick Librarians' Reunion** cash bar social event, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 7. All librarians with current or former ties to New Brunswick are invited to meet for an informal get together. Check at the Hospitality Desk for exact location.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the **Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies** is Friday, June 7, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Call Kim Adams at (902) 425-4924 for more information. **Class of 1981** - plan to attend your fifteen year reunion immediately after the Dal Alumni AGM. Come one, come all. Look for details on the Hospitality/Information Desk Bulletin Board or call Ann Barrett at W.K. Kellogg Library (902) 494-2482.

APLA is co-sponsoring Session #402, **Student Papers on Special Libraries**. It is hoped that this CASLIS event, which will showcase the work and abilities of four library school students, will become an annual event at CLA. Papers will be presented Saturday, June 8, 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Hospitality/Information Desk

Where to go, what to see, how to get there, who to call. We've got it all! Visit the Hospitality Desk on the lower level, WTCC, next to the Registration Desk. Any assistance or information you need while at the Conference, just ask. Be sure to check our message board, and take advantage of our restaurant reservation service.

Need a break? Drop by the **Highland Lounge**, 2nd floor, WTCC, for a bit of a breather. Hospitality/Job Link staff will have coffee, tea and assorted treats available here at various times throughout the conference, so pull up an easy chair and have a cuppa'

Sightseeing/Library Tours

CLA has arranged for tours of Halifax and Feggy's Cove and a harbour cruise. These had to be booked by May 1. However, you might check the Hospitality Desk to see if there are any openings. There are many interesting libraries in the Halifax area. Ask at the Hospitality Desk for directions to individual libraries. □

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In Nova Scotia, a most interesting initiative is underway at St. Francis Xavier's Angus MacDonald Library, centred on the *Casket* newspaper (Rita Campbell reminds us that "casket" is as in "small chest of jewels"). The longstanding obituary card file index is well on the way to computer file transformation, and additional intellectual access will soon be offered. Mark Leggott further explains:

The database is the index to the *Casket* newspaper, our local weekly here in Antigonish. Over the years a number of people have worked with the university to create a paper-based index of the stories in the *Casket* and we have an alphabetical card index going back a number of years. However, like most projects of this type, the system lacks a uniform set of rules for description and indexing of records. Since the database is potentially quite useful we decided to automate the index.

The system chosen is called OpenInsight which is a Microsoft Windows-based, relational database system with some unique and important characteristics for this bibliographic type of database. Specifically, it allows for the definition of variable-length and repeatable fields. Unlike a traditional PC-based database system, you do not have to specify how long, or how many occurrences you can have for each field. This makes more efficient use of space, and also makes the system more flexible. I have also built in functionality like the ability to call up a list of subject terms, automatically fill in fields, and other features to facilitate data entry. This additional functionality assures data integrity. The database is accessible via our campus network for searching and data entry.

Mark says that the system will be getting a major rewrite in the summer of 1996 and will be made available to interested institutions as a run-time system. Mark also hopes to have a Web interface to the database early in 1997. Depending on interest, there may be a small charge to cover development/distribution costs. □

THE UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND LIBRARY

The Robertson Library at the University of Prince Edward Island invites applications for a **Circulation Librarian** and a **Collections Librarian**. These positions are under the general direction of the University Librarian.

Responsibilities for the **Circulation Librarian** include: the operation, management and control of the circulation function of the Library, the supervision of library technicians and student assistants, and the preparation, in collaboration with others, of the procedures, operating guidelines and other manuals of the Department. Up to 50% of the appointee's time will be spent in the Reference Department. **Qualifications** include an ALA accredited MLS or equivalent with a minimum of three years relevant experience.

Responsibilities for the **Collections Librarian** include: establishing, organizing and maintaining the Collections Development Department, drafting collections policies for all academic areas in consultation with the departments, developing policies on the retention of collections, ensuring that a balanced collection of relevant materials is maintained, liaising with academic departments and regular reference service. **Qualifications** include an ALA accredited MLS or equivalent with a minimum of three years relevant experience.

General requirements for both positions are experience in an automated library environment and with various information formats. In addition, the successful applicants will possess demonstrated supervisory experience, analytical and problem-solving ability, interpersonal, organizational and communication skills, and the ability to work in a team environment.

Subject to budgetary approval and depending on qualifications and experience, the positions will be filled at the Librarian I or Librarian II level and will be available July 1, 1996. The successful candidates will be appointed to probationary positions and will be eligible for permanent appointment, conditional upon performance, University finances, and the continuing need for the position in the Library. Applications, including curriculum vitae and three (3) letters of reference, should be forwarded to:

*Mr. Daniel Savage, University Librarian,
Robertson Library
University of Prince Edward Island
550 University Avenue
Charlottetown, PE, C1A 4P3*

Phone: (902)566-0460; Fax: (902)628-4305; E-mail: dsavage@upei.ca

The closing date for applications is May 31, 1996.
In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements,
priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.
The University of Prince Edward Island is an equal opportunity employer.



The Atlantic Provinces Library Association Membership Form 1996-97

Schedule of fees:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Institutional	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime	\$500.00

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Memberships run on the fiscal year, and are renewable on March 31st, annually.

To be a member in good standing, membership renewal fees must be received by July 1st. After this date you will be dropped from the mailing list, and may miss directory inclusion.

NOTE: non-Canadian memberships/subscriptions are payable in U.S. currency.

1996/97 Individual & Institutional memberships include:
a subscription to the *APLA Bulletin*;
a copy of the *APLA Membership Directory*;
a registration discount at APLA's 1997 Annual Conference;
an opportunity to participate in Interest Groups or Committees, and to stand for office

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MEMBER INFORMATION:

Name: (Personal or Voting Member): _____

Renewal New Member
 Personal Membership Institutional Membership

Title/Position Held: _____

Library/Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Province/State: _____

Country: _____ Postal Code/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Electronic Mail: _____

Preferred Mailing Address (if different from above): _____



**Professional Information:****Title**

- Library Assistant
- Library Technician
- Library Clerk
- Professional Librarian
- Teacher/Professor of Librarianship
- Consultant
- Student
 - PhD
 - MLIS/MLS
 - Library Technician Programme
- Other (specify)

Professional Functions

(in present position more than one, if applicable):

- Information/Reference Provider
- User Education
- Children's Services
- Cataloguing
- Collections
- Systems Manager
- Administration
- Other (be specific):

Type of workplace

- Academic Post-Secondary Library
- School Library
- Public Library
- Special Library
 - Government
 - Private Industry/business
 - Research institute
 - Legal
- Archives
- Not currently employed
- Self-employed (be specific):
- Other (be specific):

Professional Category *(into which present position falls)*

- Public Services
- Technical Services
- Evenly split (Public & Technical)
- Systems
- Other (be specific):

Committees & Interest Groups

Please check off any Committees or Interest Groups you wish inclusion in. This information will be added to your record in the APLA database, and shared with the Committee and Interest Group Convenors.

Interest Groups

- Collections Development
- Computers & Connectivity
- Conservation of Library Materials
- Continuing Education
- Francophone
- Library Instruction
- Library Technicians
- Newspapers
- Public Relations
- Trustees

Committees

- Communications
- Intellectual Freedom
- Memorial Awards

Send cheques to:

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 c/o Dalhousie University
 School of Library & Information Studies
 Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 4H8



ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 56TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING — AGENDA

University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Friday May 26, 1995 - 7:00 p.m., Sunday May 28, 1995 - 9:30 a.m.

1. **Call to order**
The meeting was called to order at 7:24 p.m.
2. **Establish quorum**
A quorum was established.
3. **Additions and changes to the agenda**
Under item 7, 7.1 Ratification of Standing Orders was added to the Agenda
4. **Adoption of the agenda**
MOTION:
That the Agenda be adopted as amended. (J. Thompson, L. Jantek) **CARRIED**
5. **Minutes of the 55th Ordinary General Meeting**
5.1. Corrections
The following corrections were made:
-- after the Treasurer's report, it should be recorded that the APLA Editor's report was delivered as printed in the APLA Bulletin
-- under item 12.3 "generated" was changed to read "collected within a financial year"
-- under item 11.1 where the motion was not seconded, it should be deleted
-- under item 12.1 "personal membership" was changed to read "membership"
-- under item 12.9, "the stated" was changed to read "she stated"
5.2. Adoption
MOTION:
That the minutes of the 55th Ordinary General Meeting be adopted as corrected. (K. Lippold, A. Poplawski) **CARRIED**
6. **Business arising from the minutes**
6.1. Replacing voting members of the Executive who resign
R. Ellis, the Parliamentarian, stated that he had reported to the Executive at the May 25, 1995 Meeting on this matter. The Executive does have the power to replace voting members of the Executive who resign. The authority comes from Article 50 of the Articles of Association. This matter arose because of the need to replace the Treasurer. Two other matters concerning the Articles of Association have been placed before the 1995/96 Executive for consideration. The matters are the ability of the Treasurer to serve for more than three years and gender specific language in the document.
6.2. APLA Memorial Trust Fund Transfers
There was an unauthorized transfer of monies from the APLA Memorial Trust Fund account to another APLA account. The Bank has since put into effect safeguards to prevent this happening again.
6.3. Membership Fees for Library Technicians
A reduction in fees for Library Technicians was considered and originally rejected. Given APLA's financial picture, it was difficult to justify having the Association or its individual members subsidizing select members. However, it was recognized that the new fee of \$55 could be onerous and that the matter should therefore undergo further scrutiny. Maybe there could be a limited membership, where for a lower fee only certain benefits of membership were given. Concern was expressed about creating a second class of citizen. A membership rate based on salary like CLA is one possible alternative. The matter was referred back to the Membership Committee for a report to the Fall Executive Meeting.
6.4. APLA Memorial Awards Fund-Funding
At the 1994 Ordinary General Meeting, B. Birdsall asked that the Executive consider ways to increase the APLA Memorial Award Fund. The Executive discussed ways and means at the November Executive Meeting. The matter was then referred to the Convenor of the Awards Committee. C. Mofford noted that interest rates have gone down and the purchasing power of the principle is less every year so that the only option is to increase the capital. C. Cameron stated that the Executive will consider putting some funds from the Conference held in Baddeck in the Fund. The APLA First Timers Fund is in the same situation. C. Mofford said S. Pearl has suggested that a certain percentage of operating funds surplus be put aside for the Memorial Fund.
7. **President's report**
S. Libby took the Chair. The President's report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions.
7.1 Ratification of Standing Orders
C. Cameron reviewed the changes in the Standing Orders as distributed. L. Melanson suggested that "PTLAC" in Standing Order 3.2 be replaced by "Provincial and Territorial Library Associations Council (PTLAC)"
MOTION:
That Standing Order 3.2 be accepted as amended. (L. Melanson, E. Hamilton) **CARRIED**
MOTION:
That Standing Order 8.35 be accepted as presented (A. Poplawski, L. Jantek) **CARRIED**
C. Cameron resumed the Chair.
8. **Past President's report**
The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. M. Pape noted that she is also APLA's representative on CLA's Information Policy Committee and is organizing a session for the CLA Conference called Cross-Country Checkup. There were no questions.
9. **Vice-Presidents' reports**
9.1. New Brunswick
The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions.
9.2. Newfoundland
The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions.
9.3. Nova Scotia
The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions.
9.4. Prince Edward Island
The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions.
9.5. Membership
The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There was discussion about the reasons for the drop in memberships. The database has been recently purged of lapsed members and duplicate entries. There was also speculation that the Conference in Baddeck may have drawn additional members who joined in order to take advantage of the Conference preferential rate. K. Campbell said that there will be further adjustments made to the membership database and that ways to increase membership will be explored.
10. **Secretary's report**
The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions.
11. **Treasurer's report**
The report was distributed at the meeting. There was a profit of over \$11,000. Most of this was realized from APLA '94 and the collection of advertising revenues due to the APLA Bulletin. Some savings were also realized from the decrease in the number of Executive meetings. This year, however, the budget allows for the Executive to return to its regular schedule of two meetings outside of the meetings held in conjunction with the Ordinary General Meeting. It was too difficult to conduct the business of the Association within the reduced schedule. Alternatives to help reduce costs of Executive meetings are being explored. The changed format of the Directory along with the decision not to publish the Handbook this year have also meant a cost saving.
D. Cumby noted that on the budget documents, the "Microcomputer" Interest Group should be "Computers and Connectivity" Interest Group. In response to a question from L. Melanson, C. Mofford said the computer purchase is under Membership. The monies generated from APLA '94 were used to put \$500 in the First Timers Award and to augment Information Rights Week, with the remaining being carried forward.
MOTION:
That the budget be accepted as presented (L. Melanson, D. Cumby) **CARRIED**
12. **APLA Bulletin Editor's report**
The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions.
13. **Financial Examiner's report**
The report was distributed at the meeting.
MOTION:
That the Financial Examiner's report be accepted as presented. (K. Lippold, I. Wilson) **CARRIED**
14. **Executive/Standing Committee reports**
14.1 Aims and Objectives
The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. Attention was drawn to the fact that the Committee will develop guidelines for the distribution of any surplus monies from Conferences.
14.2 Committee on Committees and Interest Groups
The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. Thanks were extended to those who served as conveners for all their efforts and hard work. Most of the conveners for 1995/96 are in place.
14.3 Finance
S. Libby took the Chair. The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions.
C. Cameron resumed the Chair.
a) Budget 1995/96
C. Mofford reviewed some of the items in the Budget. There will be a surplus of over \$7. The revenues, of course, are projections. Due to the anticipated changes to the format of the Bulletin, it is difficult to predict the amount needed. However, the Bulletin team will operate within the financial parameters provided. The figure for personal membership fees is also a projection based on the new fee of \$55. P. Glenister noted that the formula used to calculate the interest for the First Timers Conference Award budget line was no longer valid now that the Fund is in a Mutual Fund.
MOTION:
That the investments generating the First Timer's Grant be placed in a secure investment vehicle which protects the capital and achieves the highest available interest rate. (D. Cumby, J. Tillotson) **CARRIED**
The Executive is to choose the investment vehicle.
MOTION:
That the Budget be accepted as presented. (A. Poplawski, F. Lai) **CARRIED**
b) Appointment of Financial Examiner
P. Glenister agreed to continue as Financial Examiner.
MOTION:
That P. Glenister continue as Financial Examiner for APLA (S. Sexty, L. Jantek) **CARRIED**
c) APLA First Timer's Grant
S. Libby took the Chair. C. Cameron announced that this year's winner was Joanne Cleghorn. She will do a report on APLA '95 for the APLA Bulletin.
C. Cameron resumed the Chair.

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Minutes... continued from page 29**14.4 Bulletin Management Board**

The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions. C. Cameron on behalf of the Association thanked the editors for a job well done.

14.5 Nominations and Elections

M. Pape stated that 163 ballots were returned with none spoiled. E. Browne then announced that M. Rudi was elected as Vice President New Brunswick. N. Hanus and S. Lochhead assume the positions of Vice-President Prince Edward Island and Vice-President/President Elect respectively by acclamation.

14.6 APLA Memorial Awards

S. Pearl was unable to attend but N. Jain on her behalf said that the Committee was looking at ways to generate capital for the Fund. Suggestions will be sent to the Executive.

14.7 Communications

The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. Members' attention was drawn to the draft outline of the Orientation policy. The Committee recommended the disbandment of the Publications Committee. C. Cameron noted that this means a change to the Standing Orders. Standing Order 6.4 will be deleted, and 6.5 and 6.6 will become 6.4 and 6.5 respectively.

MOTION:

That the Publications Committee be disbanded and that its terms of reference be integrated into the Communications Committee's terms of reference as published on page 13 of the May/June issue of the APLA Bulletin. (F. Lai, E. Sutherland) **CARRIED**

14.8 Intellectual Freedom

The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. In reference to the censorship issue in Nova Scotia, S. Field noted a reply has been received from the Halifax County-Bedford School Board with a copy of the Board's selection policy. The controversy is over the retention of titles from the Scholastic's Goosebumps series in the Board's school libraries. S. Libby announced that J. Adlington will be the new convener of the Committee.

14.9 Public Relations

S. Libby stated that no convener has been found for this Committee as yet. Four people have expressed interest in working on the Committee but do not wish to convene it. It is an interesting Committee and important to the Association, so anyone who is interested should contact S. Libby or S. Lochhead.

14.10 Publications

The APLA Handbook is being readied to be put on the APLA WWW homepage.

14.11 APLA Student Award Winner.

The winner is Lois Loewen.

15. Interest Group reports**15.1. Collections Development**

The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions.

15.2. Community College and Technical Libraries

The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions.

15.3. Computers and Connectivity

The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions. The new convener will be P. Webster.

15.4. Conservation of Library Materials

The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions. E. Haliburton on behalf of P. Chalmers said that the Group would welcome anyone who was interested.

15.5. Continuing Education

The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions.

15.6 Francophone

The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions. The new convener will be J. Jacob.

15.7 Library Instruction

The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions.

15.8 Library Technicians

The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions. A new convener is still being sought.

15.9. Newspaper

The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions.

15.10. Trustees

The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. There were no questions.

16. Special Committee reports**16.1 Committee on Copyright**

The report was published in the APLA Bulletin. In response to a question concerning publication of the recommendations, R. Ellis replied that they were given to the Executive. The Executive had penned letters to the relevant Federal Ministers. The issue of paying for browsing items on the Internet that has arisen within the Information Highway Advisory Board also needs watching.

17. Report of the Atlantic Provinces Book Review Society Board Representative

No report was received. C. Cameron will see if one can be produced for the July/August issue of the APLA Bulletin.

18. Report from the Nova Scotia Advisory Panel for Assistance to Established Writers

A recommendation came to the Executive last year that since the award was solely for a Nova Scotia writer, the Nova Scotia Library Association would be a more appropriate body to have a representative on the Board than APLA. The NSLA was contacted and agreed. APLA's representation on the Panel has now ceased.

19. Annual Conferences**19.1 Charlottetown 1995**

N. Hanus reported that as a result of an Employment and Immigration grant, they were able to hire a coordinator for the Conference. She thanked N. Cleaveland and S. Clark for all their hard work. Unofficially, 185 registered for the Conference and there were 43 exhibitors. People were encouraged to fill out the evaluation form. N. Cleaveland thanked N. Hanus for all her work. S. Libby extended thanks to all the organizers and volunteers.

19.2 Halifax 1996

K. Adams opened with the announcement that P. Penney, one of APLA's past presidents, will be receiving a Citizenship Award in Ottawa in July. Every effort is being made to avoid conflict between APLA and CLA like that which occurred during the 1988 joint conference. CLA has booked the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax. APLA can use the facilities, within reason, without charge. Also as much as possible, APLA will be able to adhere to its normal meeting schedule as in previous conferences.

APLA members will be eligible for a registration discount. APLA will also have a member on the organizing Committee.

CLA is in a healthier financial position. The Conference Committee has a budget which they are expected to follow.

S. Libby confirmed that APLA has been made welcome by CLA and cooperation is good. APLA has the option of presenting its Merit Award along with CLA Awards at the Saturday banquet or making the presentation at some other time. Volunteers are

needed to help with organization within Halifax.

19.3 St. John's 1997

APLA has accepted an invitation to hold its 1997 Conference in St. John's. A local arrangements convener is being sought.

20. Resolutions Committee Announcements.

J. Teskey asked that resolutions be submitted by 1 p.m. the following day to himself or left at the registration desk.

21. Other Business

It was announced that the new editors for the APLA Bulletin are J. Tillotson, S. Sexty and B. Conran.

MOTION:

That the meeting adjourn until May 28, 1995. (F. Lai, E. Hamilton) **CARRIED**
The time was 9:18 p.m.

The meeting reconvened on May 28, 1995 at 9:42 a.m.

Further to item 18, D. Moreley from Halifax City Regional Library, has replaced A. Fiander on the Nova Scotia Advisory Panel for Assistance to Established Writers. D. Moreley will represent NSLA.

22. Resolutions

J. Teskey thanked the other members of the Committee, R. Ellis and J. Tillotson. There were two resolutions.

MOTION:

Whereas a publication in tabloid format is inconvenient for shelving and binding, be it resolved that the first phrase of Standing Order 8.22 shall read "That the format of the APLA Bulletin be changed to 8.5" x 11" newsletter" (S. Sexty, J. Tillotson)

In response to questions, S. Sexty replied that the new format was being sought to upgrade the quality of the paper stock and to relieve a problem with binding and shelving. The Editorial team will operate within the budget given, but at this time could not be specific about costs. After the first issue, more should be known about costs. Presently there are no plans to put the Bulletin on the WWW, although this is an option in the future. Maybe teasers could be put on the WWW. The Bulletin "guidelines" are in the Standing Orders to help prevent capricious changing of matters like the frequency, size and name of the Bulletin.

The motion was **CARRIED**

MOTION:

Be it resolved that the appreciation of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association be extended to:

1. the organizers and volunteers of the APLA 1995 Conference;
2. the presenters, panellists, speakers, moderators and facilitators of all workshops, seminars and theme sessions of the APLA 1995 Conference;
3. the sponsors and exhibitors who have contributed to the success of the APLA 1995 Conference. (J. Teskey, J. Thompson) **CARRIED**

C. Cameron thanked the outgoing Executive, J. Thompson, N. Cleaveland, M. Pape, E. Haliburton and the editorial team, and E. Browne.

23. Inauguration of New President

The gavel was handed over to S. Libby who stated her commitment to the Association. R. Mitchell will be the new Secretary.

24. A motion was made to adjourn at 10:04 a.m. ☐

— Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Browne
APLA Secretary 1994/95

Coming Events

Workshop on Instruction in Library Use, May 15-17, 1996, Wilfred Laurier University. Theme: "Anticipation: Library Instruction for Changing Times". For information contact John McCallum. Fax (519) 884-8023; e-mail jmccallu@mach1.wlu.ca

Canadian Association of Law Libraries annual meeting, May 25-29, 1996, Kingston, Ont. For more information, contact CALL at P.O. Box 1570, Kingston, Ont. K7L 5C8. Phone (613) 531-9338; fax (613) 531-0626

CAIS/ACSI '96, June 2-4, 1996, Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto. Theme: Electronic Publishing. For information, contact Charles Meadow. Phone (416) 978-4665; fax (416) 971-1399; e-mail meadow@fis.utoronto.ca

Dalhousie Summer School, June 6-28, 1996. Dr. Bryce Allen (School of Library and Information Science, University of Missouri) will be teaching a credit course on "Designing Usable Information Systems." Credited as a regular course offered by SLIS or can be audited. Must register by May 17. For information contact, Judy Dunn. Phone (902) 494-2471; e-mail jdunn@ac.dal.ca

PLA '96 and CLA 51st Annual Conference, June 6-9, 1996, World Trade and Convention Centre, Halifax, N.S. For more information, contact CLA at 200 Elgin St., Suite 602, Ottawa, Ont. K2P 1L5. Phone (613) 232-9625 (ext. 318, 301 or 304); fax (613) 563-9895 or see <http://www.uccb.ns.ca/cla96>

Canadian Health Libraries Association/Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada 20th anniversary conference, June 12-17, 1996, Toronto, Ont. For more information, contact e-mail chla96@ices.on.ca or see <http://www.imr.on.ca/~contact/chla96.html>

New Brunswick Teachers Association Library Council professional development day, June 17, 1996. Theme: The Library-logical Brain of Your School: Mathematics Across the Curriculum. For details contact Cheryl Feindel. Phone (506) 658-5367.

Literacy and Technology: Current Thinking, New Directions, June 26-28, 1996, Montreal, Que. For more information, contact the Centre for Literacy, 3040 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal, Que. H3Z 1A4. Phone (514) 931-9731, ext. 1415; fax (514) 931-5181

American Library Association annual conference, July 4-10, 1996, New York. Theme: Equity on the Information Superhighway. For more information, phone (312) 280-2153; fax (312) 440-9374; e-mail U58959@uicvm.uic.edu

International Federation of Library Associations annual conference, August 19-24, 1996, Beijing, China. For more information, contact IFLA at P.O.B. 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands. Phone (31)(70) 3140884; fax (31)(70) 3834827; e-mail ifla.hq@ifla.nl

FastForward: Coping with Technological Change, October 5, 1996. The conference is in recognition of the Library Assistant Program's tenth anniversary. For more information, contact Leslie Balcom. Phone (506)453-4646; fax(506)453-3572; e-mail lbacom@unb.ca □

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and Visions - Academic Librarianship in Transition".

Ellis' talk was well-prepared, thoughtful and sprinkled with dashes of humour which were much appreciated by his listeners. Ellis noted three areas which Canadian university librarians should be interested in during the next ten years. The first area is public policy which Ellis contends will result in a continued decrease in public funding available to university libraries. Population projection statistics suggest that certain provinces, especially the Atlantic Canadian ones, will lose tax dollars to a higher degree than other provinces and thus suffer more from funding cuts. The gap between "richer" and "poorer" universities may grow unless alliances are made or other measures adopted to offset funding losses.

The second area noted by Ellis is the continuing increasing role that technology will play in university libraries which will add many necessary expenses. Ellis described libraries as "tech-

nologically dependent" and noted that coping with more and more electronic texts will require more human intervention and technological costs. Somehow funds must be found to deal with the new problems of how to handle such new sources as those data files which will come to many university libraries as a result of the Data Liberation Initiative.

The third area which Ellis suggested university librarians should concern themselves with is the need to adopt a culture of triage when defining their role as mediators or intervenors. Librarians will have to tackle and solve new problems on a regular basis and then move on, practicing a "been there... done that..." attitude and role.

The Ellis address provoked a lot of questions and comments from the audience and certainly was the highlight of the conference for me. □

— Jane Archibald, Dalhousie University

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