

Baddeck extends a warm welcome to APLA '94!

The APLA Local Arrangements and Programme Committees are busy with the final arrangements for the 55th Annual APLA Conference to be held May 25-29 at Inverary Inn and Gisele's Country Inn in Baddeck to ensure that delegates will have a wonderful time during their stay in Cape Breton.

Under the theme of *Back to Reality: Serving Users in a Virtual World*, there is a pre-conference session and twenty-six workshops from which to choose, and on the lighter side, two receptions, the Merit Award Banquet, and the Champagne Brunch to wind up the Conference on Sunday morning.

Members should also plan to attend the annual meetings of APLA, to hear reports from the Executive and Committee and Interest Group Conveners, and to participate in charting the course for APLA in the coming year.

Keynote Speaker for this year's Conference is **Dr. Catherine Ross**, Professor in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, and Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, at the University

of Western Ontario. Drawing from her own experience and recent research on users of reference service, her address will be concerned with library services "From the Perspective of the Users".

The exhibits area is always an important feature of an APLA Conference. Thirty-two companies are displaying and demonstrating the latest in library products. Their representatives look forward to meeting with the delegates during the breaks from the sessions. The amount of interest generated by

delegates in the exhibits may influence companies in the future in deciding whether to take part in APLA Conferences. The revenue they generate is essential in the planning of these conferences.

The exhibits will be officially opened on Friday at noon and a complimentary lunch will be served. At that time the University

College of Cape Breton Press will launch its latest publication, *An Underlying Reverence: Stories of Cape Breton*, featuring the writings of well known local authors, including Beatrice MacNeil, Alistair MacLeod, and Sheldon Currie.

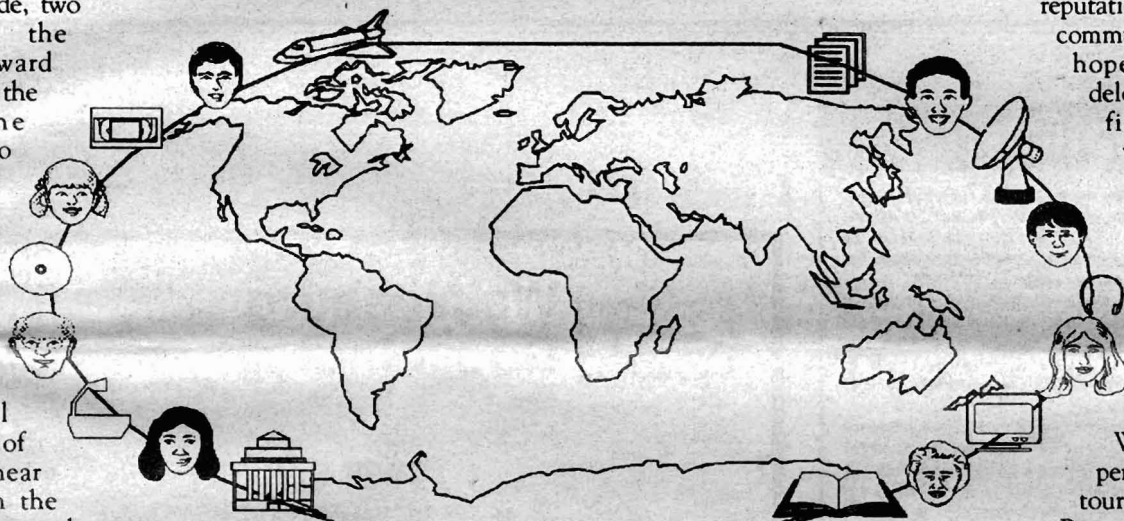
Another book launching will be held during the Friday evening reception, when Ron Caplan of Breton Books will introduce *A Folktale Journey Through the Maritimes: 74 Tales Collected by Helen Creighton*.

Baddeck enjoys an international reputation as a resort community, and it is hoped that delegates will also

find time to walk through the village to enjoy the beautiful scenery and visit some of the historic sites. Weather permitting, boat tours of Baddeck Bay will be offered on Thursday by the

Inverary Inn. Check at the registration desk for times. Conference Committee members extend *Ciad Mile Failte Do Cheap Breatainn (One Hundred Thousand Welcomes to Cape Breton)* to all delegates and hope they will all find APLA '94 a memorable and rewarding event.

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Building on strengths

In an attempt to meet head-on the increase of Interlibrary loan traffic which will rise enormously as technology and telecommunications increases accessibility to resources at all levels, a workshop was recently held in Halifax. A crowd of over one hundred librarians and library employees attended a document delivery workshop on April 21-22, 1994 entitled *Building on Strengths*. The workshop was organized by the Nova Scotia Resource Sharing Committee under the Chair, Anna Fiander.

The day and a half workshop centred on the goal of making document delivery in Nova Scotia more timely and cost effective. Discussion groups focused on issues and problems connected with their own libraries. Solutions to these issues were then examined more closely via brainstorming sessions, which resulted in a number of areas which could be addressed in a workable fashion. Judy Johnson of People Development ably facilitated the workshop. She is compiling a summary of the issues and proposed solutions identified during the sessions.

The challenge of increased direct patron access to indexes, databases, and information via the "Information Highway", and the resultant demands upon libraries, both as borrowers and suppliers, will not go away. This workshop identified the ensuing problems of effective service, which hopefully will be addressed through the continuing work of the Nova Scotia Resource Sharing Committee.

- Chris Bull
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Mary Dykstra named to Federal Information Highway Advisory Council

Dr. Mary Dykstra, Professor and Director of the School of Library and Information Studies, Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University, has been appointed to the Information Highway Advisory Council of the Canadian government. Established by Industry Minister John Manley, the Advisory Council of twenty-nine highly qualified Canadians is chaired by David Johnston, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University, Montreal. Members include present and former Federal Cabinet ministers in addition to the Minister of Industry. Also named are the Chair of the National Coalition for Public Information, Toronto, the President of the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, and the Director of Computing and Communications Services at Carleton University, Ottawa, who also chairs the

Board of Directors of the National Capital Freenet. High-profile private sector representation includes the Chief Executive Officers of Bell Canada, Bell-Northern Research, Groupe Vidotron Lt., IBM Canada Ltd., Rogers Cablesystems Limited, Teleglobe Inc., and Unitel Communications Inc. Anna Porter, President and Director of Key Porter Books, represents the publishing industry. In addition to the Chair and Dr. Dykstra, a third academic appointment is Dr. Mamoru Watanabe, former Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary, Alberta. Dr. Dykstra is the sole appointee for the professional library/information studies community, as well as the only member from Nova Scotia.

"Together, as Canadians, we must decide how we want to develop and use the

Information Highway for the economic, cultural, and social advantage of all Canadians," said Industry Minister Manley as he announced the membership of the National Advisory Council. He has also issued a discussion paper entitled *The Canadian Information Highway: Building Canada's Information and Communications Infrastructure*. Mr. Manley cited the federal government's objectives as: (1) to create jobs through innovation and investment; (2) to reinforce Canadian sovereignty and cultural identity; and (3) to ensure universal access at reasonable cost. He anticipates that the Council might form working groups to address the specific issues. "Canadians can expect to have the opportunity to work with Council members on these matters," he said.

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From The President's Desk

As the time for the 1994 Conference draws closer, I would like to thank the Conference Committee for their very hard work to provide a stimulating conference program. Don't miss this event to be held in beautiful Baddeck. It will definitely be a memorable event. I would also especially encourage you to attend the OGM and support the many new initiatives of this year's Executive. We will be bringing forward a motion to the OGM to increase the membership fee for both individuals and institutions, and we need your support.

My annual report from the President incorporates my activities to date, but I would like to briefly elaborate on the meeting of various library and other related associations and organizations that was sponsored by the APLA President in Halifax on March 28. Fifteen people attended, representing fifteen different library, archival, or records management

organizations. Gwynneth Evans from the National Library of Canada was present to discuss some of her research and ideas from a national perspective on where these associations are positioned. Organizations are all reviewing reasons for their membership decline, and are also wondering how effective they are in preparing members for the massive changes that are taking place in the information industry. The discussion was wide and stimulating. There were a number of very positive trends that were identified in the Atlantic region. For example, some innovative efforts in such areas as freenets and resource sharing are meeting with success. Everyone in attendance felt that making ourselves known to one another was an excellent idea and that perhaps all the associations should describe themselves and ongoing activities on the freenet. (Of course, they could also go on

the APLA listserv). Finally, there was a general consensus that continuing education is the key to our ongoing success and that we should establish cooperative relationships and speak as an united front on issues of common concern. The discussion centred on how all of us have our own individual needs. The bigger question on institutional relationships still needs to be dealt with, i.e., public, school, university, college, special, or government. Nobody in the country can speak for all libraries and yet there is a great need for leadership. What kind of models are there out there that we can use to capture what we are seeking in creating a stronger influence? There are not any real answers to this question yet, but you can be sure that more will be said about this topic in the next few months at local, provincial, regional, and national levels. Various national groups are developing, such as the

Coalition for Public Information, which emanates out of an Ontario Library Association initiative to influence information policy of the provincial government. Telecommunities Canada is a national group supporting the development of freenet organizations across the country among other things. A.L.A.R.M. or Alliance for Libraries, Archives, and Records Management has just formed, with a much broader representation than our traditional library groups. The A.L.A.R.M. group had never met together before, and they intend to develop a human resources strategy for their collective workforce sector over the next few months. In closing, I would like to take this opportunity in my final column to thank all the membership for the privilege of serving as your President this year. In many ways, I know that I learned as much as I contributed.

-Marion L. Pape

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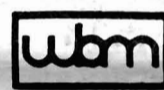
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Information Rights Week proclaimed in Nova Scotia

Access to information and knowledge is the basis for personal, community, and economic development, Premier John Savage of Nova Scotia said, in a press release dated April 8, 1994.

Proclaiming April 11 to 17 as Information Rights Week in Nova Scotia, the Premier said that the efficient use of information can lead to personal, social, and economic benefits for the individual, as well as for business and industry. As government is one of the largest collectors of information, "we have a responsibility to promote access to information".

Noting that the global economy is information-based, Premier Savage said competitive advantage lies in quick, easy, and free access to information. The Province's commitment to open, accessible, and client-centred government gives Nova Scotians a competitive edge. As well, continuing advances in technology and communications promise increased opportunities for access to information through the Information Highway.

A recently released study on the

Information Highway will position Nova Scotia to take full advantage of its knowledge-based education and business resources and to attract economic development based on high technology and communications, he said.

An innovative government initiative is the development of the Provincial Library's NcompasS database which will give all citizens, no matter where they live, instant access to the holdings of the eleven regional libraries in Nova Scotia.

The Province's support of access to information means a commitment to open government that is exemplified in the new Freedom of Information Act which comes into force this summer, the Premier said. "The Act balances the citizen's right to know with the right to privacy," he said.

Also, noting that access to information is meaningless without the ability to read and understand, the Premier said the Province's commitment to community literacy programming will provide increased opportunities for adults to participate more fully in Nova Scotia's social and economic progress.

Dartmouth Book Awards winners announced

Mayor Gloria McCluskey announced the winners of the 6th annual City of Dartmouth Book & Writing Awards at a gala dinner held at the Dartmouth Holiday Inn on April 21.

The winner in the fiction category was *The Moonlight Skater* by Beatrice MacNeil, published by Breton Books, 1993. Acadian and Scottish traditions in Cape Breton are portrayed with simplicity and charm in this collection of nine compact stories and one play.

There was a tie in the non-fiction category. *Adele Hugo-La Miserable* by Leslie Smith Dow, published by Goose Lane Editions, 1993; and *We Were Not the Savages* by Daniel N. Paul, published by Nimbus Publishing, 1993, were the two non-fiction winners.

Adele Hugo-La Miserable is the stranger than fiction story of the life of Victor Hugo's daughter, whose mad obsession with an English soldier leads her on a nine year voyage from Guernsey to Halifax to Barbados, and eventual tragedy. It is based on Adele Hugo's personal diaries, her

family's letters, and the testimony of eyewitnesses.

We Were Not the Savages is the first history of the confrontation between the Micmac and the Europeans written from a Micmac point of view. It is an uncompromising narrative which recounts how a peaceful and democratic people were brought to near extinction by the onslaught of European colonization.

A \$1000 prize was awarded in each category, with the non-fiction prize being divided among the two winners, thanks to the continued generosity of *The Daily News* and Q104.

Awards were also presented to students in four grade categories. A total of \$500 was awarded to the seven student winners, thanks to the continued support of Cunard Fuels.

The City of Dartmouth Book and Writing Awards were initiated in 1989 to promote literature and to recognize the contribution writers make to our cultural heritage.

A.L.A.R.M. sounds!

Twenty-six representatives of national library, archives, and records management associations met in Ottawa on March 3 and 4, 1994, for a history-making initiative. Dubbing themselves A.L.A.R.M. (Alliance for Libraries, Archives, and Records Management), this particular group had never met together before.

Over the next six months they will be developing another first: a national human resources strategy for the sector of the Canadian work force that they collectively represent. A.L.A.R.M. will be examining the impact of current political, regulatory, economic, and technological forces on the people who work in libraries, archives, and as records managers. Strategies to assist in adjusting to and managing these changes will be developed in consultation with all constituencies represented by committee members.

The development of a national human resources strategy is made possible through the federal government's Industrial Adjustment Service (I.A.S.), Department of Human Resources Development, which provides 50% of the funding. They are covering meeting and travel costs for the committee, as well as consulting fees, translation and publication costs. Contributions by the participating associations are "in kind" and include time spent by committee members on the project. The Canadian Library Association and the Canadian Union of Public Employees are the key signatories to the initial agreement with the I.A.S. Signatories for the archives and records

management associations are being determined.

The next meeting of A.L.A.R.M. was held in Ottawa on April 14, 15, and 16, when an intensive three day workshop began to shape the issues, and strategies for dealing with them. The workshop was facilitated by a human resources specialist with Price Waterhouse, Ottawa, who is preparing a consultation document based on the workshop. It will be used to stimulate discussion and feedback among all the people who work with the selection, acquisition, dissemination, and preservation of information.

A final document will be ready to present to all constituencies in October, 1994. Similar projects are occurring in the performing arts, visual arts, literary arts, and publishing, and have already been completed for museums. All this work will become part of a larger examination of the workforce in the so-called "Cultural Sector".

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UNB receives grant to develop distance education course on library skills

University of New Brunswick Libraries recently received \$8,000 from the New Brunswick Distance Education Network Development Fund to develop a course on how to use resources available in the Province's many libraries. UNB is matching this contribution in support of the project.

The course will be of interest to public, school, academic, and special library staff, distance education instructors and facilitators, students, business people, and anyone wishing to be generally informed about library resources available in the Province.

The course will be received

simultaneously in multiple sites around the province over the TeleEducation NB network. Interactive audiographic technology will be used in delivery.

Sessions will be held Wednesday evenings during the Fall Term (Sept. 21, 28; Oct. 5, 12) from 6-9 p.m. There will be a final workshop for all participants in Fredericton on Saturday, October 15.

For further information contact Susan Lovenburg, course coordinator, at (506)453-4748 or via email at slovenbu@unb.ca

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COPYRIGHT IN THE ELECTRONIC AGE

Dr. Jennifer Bankier from Dalhousie's Faculty of Law was the guest speaker in the fourth lecture of the School of Library and Information Studies Lecture Series, held on March 11, 1994. Speaking on "copyright in the electronic age", she focused on the changes in customs and practices from journal publishing in paper form to their dissemination in electronic form and how these changes interact with copyright.

Bankier stressed that the reaction to copyright is mixed, depending on the perspective from which the issue is approached. From the commercial publishing perspective, there is a strong incentive to restrict copyright and maximize the number of copies sold. These companies make a living from writing and they need the royalties from sale. On the other hand, academics, who have a fixed salary and whose reward is often referencing from colleagues, see electronic dissemination of information as a way of sharing, not restricting.

Electronic technologies may allow academics, however, to take back the production process. Prices of commercial journals are ever rising at the same time that universities' budgets are going down. One way of getting around expensive journal costs is by putting them in electronic form. The process, however, would have to ensure the quality and integrity of the content. There would still have to be editors and referees, but these types of functions could be readily done electronically. Journals could be disseminated through email or could be loaded at a gopher site. This would facilitate academic sharing of information.

Copyright, as it stands right now, remains with the author. In electronic journals, the author should always be included with any referencing, the same as one would in any academic paper. As long as strict guidelines are followed, there is no reason that electronic journals could not be successful. Bankier suggested there could also be negative aspects. For instance, it may encourage spontaneous journals, which may have questionable quality.

It may be difficult to enforce copyright on an electronic medium. It is perhaps necessary to rethink the policies surrounding copyright as we grapple with the electronic age. Bankier makes an argument for the sharing of academic information using electronic dissemination.

-Laurie Davidson
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GOVERNMENT INCENTIVE INFORMATION AVAILABLE THROUGH CANLOC

The third lecture in the School of Library and Information Studies Lecture Series, on February 18, 1994, featured Joe Mann, the marketing manager for Dalhousie's Business Development Information Inc. (BDI). His talk concentrated on CANLOC, a value added online database developed by BDI. This database provides information on federal and provincial government incentive programs for business.

BDI was set up through the Faculty of Management in the first quarter of 1992. It is an information technology company that receives funding from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. The purpose of BDI is to be a centre of expertise in economic development in the areas of policy and execution. BDI identified the need for a value-added database which puts all of the government incentive programs in one place and combines them with a powerful search engine. The database is targeted at financial intermediaries such as banks, accounting firms, and some government agencies and departments. Currently, a pilot project is being done with the Royal Bank in eight cities across Canada.

There are two parts to the database: one is the business incentive programs themselves, and the other is the newsfile. CANLOC is menu-driven as opposed to Boolean searchable. The user navigates her/his way through the menus and restricts or directs a search in this fashion. It is possible to filter a search by aspects such as the type of business (business development, employment and training, general research and development, specific research and development, and special projects), the geographical location, and the type of grant. The database also provides dates as to when the record was last updated. The newsfile is an indexed system which provides information on news stories about certain available programs.

Certainly CANLOC is an exciting project with regards to the power of information technology. It hopefully will provide a much needed service, at least to those who can afford it. Its user friendly interface, powerful search engine, and constant updating hopefully will make it a reliable and successful tool.

-Laurie Davidson
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Looking at ourselves through libraries

Inspiration, madness, misguided altruism, delusions of grandeur—any of these may be the explanation for why people volunteer to work on a library week committee. By the time that you read this, the Newfoundland Library Association will have either celebrated its sixth library week or it will not have. But we get ahead of the story.

In September 1993 a committee of six began deliberations on how to present the Province's best ever library week. True, there had been some very successful weeks before, but each year we have attempted to build on the strength of the year before. The theme was chosen: "Looking at ourselves through libraries". The dates were set: April 24 - May 1, 1994.

With high hopes and unbounded energy, the Committee threw itself into a flurry of activity that would see it, over the next eight months: plan public service announcements and television station breaks; prepare a booklet of book recommendations solicited from prominent Newfoundlanders and Labradorians; commission a logo for T-shirts, bookmarks, a poster, and assorted other publicity items; sell said T-shirts, bookmarks, and telephone block pads; prepare a package of nine different activities for the Week; write and distribute a slew of press releases; write many requests for funding; and munch its way through two dozen assorted cakes (see the end of this article). Whew!

How did it all come out? What are the actual details of what the Committee did? What gems of library week planning did the Committee learn that it could share with you? We cannot answer all these questions at this point because, as noted at the head of the article, there may not even be a library week. At this writing all the funding has not been received—a promise is not a cheque. It is also possible that, due to strikes, the University will have the only library in the Province that is open during

the week. This article is really a teaser. We will write an update for a future *Bulletin* and will include some more detail. However, whether the Week comes about or not, much of the work will have a lasting effect.

There will be three station break advertisements that will be aired on CBC throughout the next year, and maybe longer. In all probability the three public service announcements will also be produced and similarly aired. The booklet of book recommendations will be distributed to libraries, book stores, the Members of the House of Assembly, literacy groups, and library related associations.

There is also something for those of you who want to know more about planning a library week. There is something that will give you practical tips and brainstorming ideas plus the bonus of recipes for some thought-provoking cakes. The Newfoundland Library Association Library Week Committee has prepared a booklet entitled *Planning a Library Week: food for thought and thoughts for action (plus some humour for survival)*. The booklet contains 15 recipes including ones for a chocolate pound cake, a foolproof sponge cake, and a blueberry buckle. It also contains 15 pages of suggestions for contests, activities, fund raising, and public relations. All this for just \$5.00. All proceeds will be shared equally between the Newfoundland Library Association and the APLA Memorial Awards Fund. The booklet will be available at the APLA Conference in Baddeck or you can order it by sending a cheque (payable to the Newfoundland Library Association) to me at 92 Old Topsail Road, St. John's, Newfoundland A1E 2A8.

-Submitted by Suzanne Sexty for the Newfoundland Library Week Committee of: Sandy Chilcote, Kim Hammond, Marguerite Jones, Karen Lippold (Convener), and Pat Parsons.

Jessie B. Miffen 1906 - 1994

It is with a sense of profound sadness that we record the death of Jessie Beaumont Miffen on April 1, 1994.

Born in Bonavista, Newfoundland, in 1906, Jessie graduated from Memorial College (now Memorial University) and Mount Allison University. She began her career as a Field Worker and Executive Secretary, Adult Education Division, Department of Education, followed by a brief stint of service in the women's division of the Royal Air Force during World War II.

In 1950 she accepted a position with the Newfoundland Public Library Service. Later that year she entered the University of Toronto, where she received her library science degree. She returned to Newfoundland and accepted the position of Chief Regional Librarian for the provincial library service in 1951, with a mandate to visit and establish public libraries in various parts of the Province. During her twenty-two years with the Public Library Service she held the positions of Deputy Director and Acting Director.

Jessie was one of our profession's most distinguished pioneers. This was truly pioneer work, as there was little public library service in Newfoundland, especially in the many outports and remote communities, when she first assumed her responsibilities with the Public Libraries Board. By the time of her retirement in 1972, public library service had been established throughout the Province, having grown from 25 to 78 libraries. Such an impressive achievement was due to Jessie's persistence and dedication against difficult odds. Her warm personality and sense of humour gave her a rapport with people at all levels of society.

In order to accomplish this achievement it required a genuine commitment to her task and an adventurous spirit, both of which she displayed admirably. The stories of her visits to outport libraries in the early days attest to this as she utilized such modes of transportation as the dogteam, bush plane, small boat, and coastal steamer. Many of her trips took many days and, in some instances, weeks.

Her outstanding contribution to the development of public library service in Newfoundland and Labrador has been recognized throughout the country. She was awarded a Canada Centennial Medal in 1967, and was appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada in 1973. Memorial University and Mount Allison University conferred Honorary Doctor of Laws Degrees upon her in 1975. Also in 1975, she received the APLA Merit Award, and in 1980 she was awarded the CLA Outstanding Service to Librarianship Award.

Jessie did not confine her professional activities to the outports of Newfoundland alone. In 1962, she was awarded a Canada Council grant to visit libraries in Scandinavian countries, and in 1966 she was one of five Canadian librarians selected to spend two weeks in the USSR to observe libraries in that country. She also served as Vice-President of the Canadian Library Association and as President of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association (1957/58).

She demonstrated her commitment to her native province in other ways as well. She was a writer of local history, an eloquent speaker about Newfoundlanders and Newfoundland ways, a writer of radio scripts for CBC, and a broadcaster for CBC radio.

She was a great story teller. In her book, *"Be You a Library Missionary, Miss?"* (St. John's, NF: Harry Cuff Publications, 1981), one can sense her humour and warmth. In relating the story that gave the book its title, Jessie sums up the ways she saw her work.

"Be you a library missionary, Miss?" was the question asked me after I arrived at a little village...where I had gone to hold a public meeting arranged to discuss the possibility of establishing a library there. The elderly man who posed the question...was somewhat deaf and hadn't quite understood what was said when introductions were made.

Public meetings were not everyday occurrences in the community and usually were called only at the request of a clergyman or a politician and, certainly, it was a novelty for a woman to hold one. A church-going man, my inquisitor knew a great deal about missionaries but librarians were an unknown species to him...since he had gathered that my mission there was to initiate a project considered to be of benefit to the community, he assumed that the two professions had somewhat similar functions and was anxious to know more about me so that he could enlighten his neighbours and friends before attending the meeting.

Well, I hadn't exactly thought of myself in the role of missionary. On reflection, however, the idea didn't seem so ridiculous as it had at first sounded, for armed with goodly store of tracts or library literature, I roamed the countryside 'at sundry times and in divers manners', in season and out of season, to propagate the gospel of library service for all the people. My fond hope was that the time would not be too far distant when in every town and village from Come-by Chance to Stepside, from Joe Batt's Arm to Isle-aux-Morts, the lives of every man and woman, every boy and girl, would be enriched because a new world had been opened to them, the world of books.

While Jessie's hope may not have been realized during her term of office, great strides were made through her efforts toward achieving it.

Jessie Miffen was indeed a "Library Missionary" in the true sense of the word, and the title is characteristic of her deep commitment to the development of public library service in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Among her admirable qualities were her absolute dependability, commitment, dedication, sensitivity, and her kindly nature as evidenced by her sympathetic understanding of others, which endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. It can be truly said of her that, for those whose lives were touched by hers, the world is a better place.

-Pearce J. Penney

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EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT

The implementation of the new strategic plan has begun in earnest. With respect to the regional voice role of APLA, procedures have been developed for the APLA President to make regular contact with provincial library associations, particularly following executive meetings. This is in addition to the liaison work that provincial Vice Presidents do with library associations in their own province. This year the President has concentrated on Information Rights Week through Provincial VPs.

Information Rights Week, celebrated April 11-17, 1994, was sponsored by APLA throughout the Atlantic region in various ways. The Premier of Nova Scotia issued a proclamation from Province House. If this becomes an annual event, it is hoped that more lead time will be available to coordinate dates for other library activities, such as Newfoundland Library Week.

The value of libraries was also identified as being strategically important to APLA members. There have been many challenges to libraries in the last year, with budget problems being high on the list. The APLA President wrote to Ministers in New Brunswick concerning the position of school libraries in the Province, in Prince Edward Island about a new review of library service, which was announced following the elimination of the bookmobile program, and in Newfoundland about the report from the Saunders Commission on public library services. Another serious lobby ensued with the threatened closure of the School of Library and Information Studies. This consumed much energy and time from the President, other Executive members, and concerned members of the profession and related organizations. In addition, APLA supported the renewed lobby of the "Don't Tax Reading Coalition", to remind the Liberal government of their campaign promise to remove the tax from reading materials. At the initiation of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, the President wrote a letter opposing the passage of Bill C-128 (the Child Pornography Law), and another letter to the Ontario Attorney-General protesting the Karla Teale/Homolka publication ban as it pertained to the Atlantic Provinces. The Executive also discussed and commented on a report which presented the various roles of the Intellectual Freedom Committee to determine its future mandate. The decided goal was to strike a balance between political action on directly related library issues

and the continuing education of APLA members on intellectual freedom topics.

The strategic initiative of developing continuing education for APLA members has progressed well this year with several new programs, including a teleconference program co-sponsored by ALA/CLA/APLA. Communications with APLA members, other organizations, and individuals has a high importance and the Executive will submit to the membership the Terms of Reference for two new committees at the OGM. In addition, the APLA listserv developed by the School of Library and Information Studies has contributed to improved communication and visibility for APLA. Many thanks are due to Sue Sexty and Judy Dunn for making it happen.

The financial situation of APLA is in jeopardy with a decrease in revenue, particularly advertising, and increases in costs, particularly with the *APLA Bulletin*. The Executive will be introducing a motion at the OGM for an increase in personal and institutional membership fees.

In closing, it has been a very interesting and challenging year to be President of APLA. As libraries continue to face the economic and technological changes that are pervasive, I wonder how we will maintain the strength of national and regional library associations. At the same time we need to continue to encourage the development of local library, records management, archival, and other related associations. The solution can lie in developing more partnerships for activities such as Information Rights Week, continuing education initiatives, joint membership initiatives, coordinated lobbying efforts, and other things. We need to be breaking down walls if we hope to gain the necessary positioning to be a force for information management and delivery in the future. I would very much like to thank my Secretary, Francesco Lai, for his untiring support with agendas and minutes as well as for the ideas he contributed to the APLA Executive. I would also like to thank the Executive, committees, and interest groups for their excellent work. This is the backbone of the organization and involves an incredible degree of voluntarism. I wish Charles Cameron my best wishes for success in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion L. Pape

PAST PRESIDENT

The Past President serves as convener of the Nominations and Elections Committee. Committee members this year were Elinor Benjamin, Vice President (Newfoundland), Laura Jantek, Vice President (Nova Scotia), and Laura Peverill, Vice President (Membership). Nominations were sought for Vice President/President Elect, Vice President (Newfoundland), Vice President (Nova Scotia), Vice President (Membership), and Treasurer.

On behalf of the membership, I would like to thank everyone who agreed to have their names put on the ballot. Results of the election will be announced at the OGM in Baddeck.

The Past President is also responsible for soliciting nominations for the APLA Merit Award. An announcement of the nomination procedure was printed in the November-December issue of the *APLA Bulletin*. No nominations were received.

During this year I have been the postmaster for the APLA Listserv that came into operation in November 1993. There are presently over 80 members of the Listserv. The Listserv has been used for posting job announcements, queries for information and assistance, news about the Association, and announcements from other lists.

As my tenure as a member of the APLA Executive concludes, I would like to express my appreciation to you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as President and for your support during my term. I look forward to a continued working relationship with the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Sexty

Vice President NEW BRUNSWICK

This has been an eventful year for libraries in New Brunswick. From the release of the Library Review Task Force report last May, and the subsequent appointment of the Provincial Library Forum, to the January workshop that brought together librarians from all corners of the Province to discuss the role of libraries in distance education, libraries have been constantly in the news. The Beaumont study of public library automation needs completed in January also had a major impact and has helped to move public libraries to the top of the government agenda in terms of making the electronic highway accessible to all New Brunswickers.

In my role as APLA Vice President (New Brunswick), I have reported on all of these developments in the *APLA Bulletin*, mostly through my *Report from New Brunswick*, but also, in the case of the January workshop, through a separate article that I co-authored with John Teskey, Director of Libraries, University of New Brunswick.

During the course of the year, I have kept abreast of the activities of the Professional Librarians Association of New Brunswick and of the Library Council of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association; and, as APLA representative, I attended the annual meeting of the Council of Head Librarians of New Brunswick in November.

Letters were addressed for the President's signature to the Minister of Education about the state of school libraries in the Province and to the Minister of the Environment thanking the Department for a grant to public libraries for the building of collections on the environment. I also wrote to the Prime Minister and to my local Member of Parliament asking for the removal of the GST on reading materials. Finally, I sent letters to lapsed members encouraging them to renew their memberships.

At the time of writing, I am working on coordinating activities to underline Information Rights Week (IRW). I have shared information on IRW with the

President of the Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick. A press release is being prepared as well as a statement for presentation in the Legislature by the Minister responsible for public libraries. A workshop/discussion session is also in the works.

I have enjoyed my first year as APLA Vice President for New Brunswick and look forward to a fruitful second year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jocelyne Thompson

Vice President NEWFOUNDLAND

It has been an interesting year being Vice President for Newfoundland. In the early part of the year, there was concern over the fate of the position of the Director, Provincial Public Libraries. At the time, the Public Libraries Board was under review by a committee appointed by the Minister then responsible for public libraries. The position was filled temporarily by a secondment from the Newfoundland Treasury Board. When finally posted, the job advertisement did not call for an MLS, and has subsequently been filled by a non-librarian. I prepared an interview with the new Director, which appeared in the March-April issue of the *Bulletin*, in which he has responded to this issue in a reassuring manner. The Report of the Review Committee (Public Version) was just released on March 18, and stirred up a flurry of negative media attention. APLA has already discussed the need for response to the Report, and I expect that to be a topic at the next Executive Meeting.

The next big issue to hit was the proposed closure of the Library School at Dalhousie. I sent letters to all the parties suggested by the Nova Scotia librarian's group working to protest the closure, and to the editors of all Newfoundland newspapers, commenting on the effect this would have on Newfoundland. This resulted in a province-wide CBC radio

interview. The CBC had picked up on the letter in the *Gulf News* out of Port aux Basques. They even phoned the President of Dalhousie, who did not comment.

I am currently in the process of sending out letters to the editor again, this time on "Information Rights" week. This topic just seems to grow and grow, and as I am now involved in a group in Corner Brook working on establishing a freenet for the area, I am receiving more and more evidence of its importance.

I succeeded in making all my *Bulletin* deadlines this year, though was disappointed that a Special Letter sent via Canada Post for the December 15 deadline only arrived in January!! In addition to regular columns, I have also contributed several smaller articles, and photos of Newfoundland Library Association activities. I have recently obtained an e-mail address and find that this aspect of the VP's job has been made much simpler.

As I come to the end of my second term as Vice President for Newfoundland, (and take up duties as convener of CLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee), I must say that I am sad to leave. I have enjoyed working with the Executive of this organization. It is a fine group, from whom I have learned much, especially about the Internet and other aspects of electronic technology. These technologies are slow in coming to my workplace, so I am pleased to have received a little headstart from my APLA involvement. I would say that I have received more than I have given from my involvement in APLA and encourage any members who have not yet taken a turn at serving on the Executive to consider ticking that place on the membership renewal that asks if you are willing to run for office.

Respectfully submitted,
Elinor Benjamin

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Vice President NOVA SCOTIA

This past year has been an extremely active one in Nova Scotia. There have been many important developments in the Province: —The Library School at Dalhousie has survived the proposed cuts to the program. —A new funding formula for the provincial public libraries was drafted and is currently under discussion.

—A major event developed over the court ban in Ontario concerning the Homolka-Teale trial. Libraries were faced with censoring their newspapers and magazines. Staff from several libraries were interviewed for articles as well as television appearances. This was a time of testing for libraries. The Nova Scotia Library Association lent its full support in defence of having the material available.

—The development of two freenets in the province has been an exceptionally exciting event. In Halifax/Dartmouth the Chebucto FreeNet prototype has been available for people to see how useful and exciting a community network can be. In Cape Breton the organising committee has been a motivating force in preparing the way for an electronic community on Cape Breton.

—The libraries in the Province have been under extreme financial pressure: budget cuts as well as mandatory provincial closing days have put great strains on public libraries in particular.

—There are plans for a cooperative Information Rights Week program involving the Halifax Library Association, Metro*Can Society (Chebucto FreeNet), and the Nova Scotia Library Association.

As Vice President for Nova Scotia I attended the regular board meetings of the Nova Scotia Library Association, collected news and encouraged the writing of articles for the *Bulletin*, liaised with various groups and arranged accommodation for the APLA Executive meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Jantek

Vice President PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

During the last year, there have been significant changes in many of the Province's public, academic, school, and special libraries.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Provincial Library System in Prince Edward Island. A number of celebrations have taken place, commemorating the opening of many of the branch libraries in 1933 and 1934.

In the government reorganization of April 1993, responsibility for the Provincial Library System was returned to the Department of Education and Human Resources. As a result of budgetary measures announced in June 1993, the formerly separate divisions of Libraries and Public Archives were merged to form one division. Harry Holman, Provincial Archivist, was appointed Acting Director of the new division. A competition was held for the directorship and, in March of this year, Mr. Holman was appointed to the position.

Lost as a result of budgetary restraints was the service offered by the bookmobiles, Adam and Anne. The bookmobiles had

enjoyed a twenty-year run on the roads of the Island, and they have been sorely missed.

Late in 1993, Minister of Education and Human Resources, Keith Milligan, announced the formation of a Working Group on Library Futures to study the future of public library service in the Province. Public meetings were held, resource people were interviewed, and submissions were received from a large number of individuals and groups. The Working Group submitted their report to the Department in April.

At Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island, Dan Savage assumed the position of Chief Librarian in September. The automation of the Library's systems continued, as additional modules came onstream. Several additional CD-ROM products were made available to the students. At Holland College, a mandatory upgrade of the Sydney system took place.

In school libraries, automation projects continued at an encouraging rate, and many schools developed or extended CD-ROM holdings.

Special libraries continued to serve their clientele, and to make their collections accessible through visitation or interlibrary loans to other residents of the Province.

I have found this, my first term in office, to be very challenging. I have tried, to the best of my abilities, to ensure that all types of libraries are represented in the news from the Province. It has been great fun to establish or, in some cases, to renew relationships with various library personnel across the Province.

I have contacted non-renewing or lapsed members in an effort to encourage renewals or reapplications, and spread word of the wonders of APLA to non-members.

Recently, the two main library institutions of the Province, the Provincial Library Service and Robertson Library, have extended an invitation to the APLA Executive to host the annual conference in 1995. The library community of the Province is looking forward to this event and hope that all of you will attend the conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Nichola Cleaveland

SECRETARY

I found the position of Secretary to be not only a learning experience on how to write fast but an educational experience on both the workings of APLA and how well people work together to get things done. This year, as in past years, the position of Secretary involved the creation of executive meeting agendas, the taking of minutes and the handling of the President's correspondence. There was an executive meeting in September and in January—both at the Cambridge Suites in Halifax. The September meeting included a lively discussion on Intellectual Freedom (and APLA's role with it) while the January meeting dealt with the philosophical and practical approaches to Information Rights Week. I would like to thank Laura Jantek for putting a lot of time and effort into handling the local arrangements for these meetings. I also would like to send many thanks both to the President, Marion Pape, for making the job both a fun and learning experience and to the Past President, Suzanne Sexty, for her wonderful and humorous advice (much of which came from her own experience as Secretary).

Respectfully submitted,
Francesco A. Lai

Vice President MEMBERSHIP

Personal membership in APLA for 1993/94 is up from 1992/93. There has been an increase of 38 members. Last year I reported there were 354 personal members; this year there are 392 personal members. This represents a 10 per cent increase in membership, and the first upward movement of personal membership in four years.

In last year's report I suggested the reasons for decreasing membership might be "many or varied"; such is also the case for the 10 percent increase we have witnessed. But I believe the efforts of the Provincial Vice Presidents should be recognized and credited. The Vice Presidents contacted through mailouts and telephone calls people who may not have remembered to renew and those they felt may be interested in APLA membership. We owe them our appreciation.

Mid-year the database and computer was moved from the office of the Treasurer to that of the Vice President (Membership). Having the computer easily accessible has made it possible to identify areas where the database could be reprogrammed to provide more and better information and service to the Executive, and consequently the membership at large. In conjunction with the move the activities and procedures of the position of Vice President (Membership) were reviewed and revised. These new activities will be included and attached to the *APLA Procedures Manual*.

This is my last annual report. I would like to thank those who have made it an enjoyable and interesting experience. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
Laura R. Peverill

[Editor's Note: for graphical representation of membership figures see page 11.]

APLA BULLETIN EDITOR

Another volume (Number 57) of six issues of the *Bulletin* will be completed with this issue. The issues have ranged from a low count of 8 pages to a bumper 24-page post-conference issue—the range accurately reflecting the way in which we receive articles and other information for inclusion in the *Bulletin*. Sometimes the news is sparse, which may be either a good or a bad thing.

Advertising revenues continue to decline, as recession-wracked businesses retrench. Many are now using press releases, either through the mail or on electronic listservs, to highlight their products, rather than buying advertising space in printed publications. Similarly, job vacancies in the Atlantic region are now being placed on the APLA Listserv, rather than advertised in the *Bulletin*.

The use of the Listserv since its inception nine months ago is an example of the changing ways of disseminating information. As long as the users of it are aware that only a small portion of the APLA membership has access to electronic mail at present (80 members, according to the Past President's Report elsewhere), the Listserv fulfills a useful function in communicating immediately and

inexpensively. The Editors try to extract the more relevant and up-to-date information from the Listserv for publication in the *Bulletin*. This may make subscribers of the Listserv feel they are getting only old news; however, to others who are still on the off-ramps of the "Information Highway", this remains their means of getting the news. In this transition period, the situation must be accepted by all. Thus the *Bulletin* remains the main vehicle of communication amongst APLA members.

Another innovation in the world of information technology is the rapidly increasing use of e-mail to send articles and information for printing in the *Bulletin*. From the Editors' point of view, this is a big help, as it saves time spent inputting the articles. While the articles may still require editing, it certainly speeds up the actual process of production.

Because of the budget crisis affecting APLA, as well as everywhere else (why did we think we would be exempt?) every effort has been made to keep within the budgeted amount of \$11,000 passed at last year's OGM. Any plans for changes to the *Bulletin* will come about within the context of the forthcoming budget.

As Editor, I have attended the Fall and Winter Executive meetings in Halifax and convened meetings of the Bulletin Management Board. The task of producing the *Bulletin* is basically in the hands of myself as Editor, Betty Jeffery, Assistant Editor, and Chris Bull, Advertising and News Editor. I wish to express my thanks to Betty, who cheerfully handles the "dogbody" details in chivying contributors and handling corrections, and to Chris, who remains equally cheerful in the thankless job of attempting to increase the revenue for the *Bulletin*. We all pitch in—more or less cheerfully!—with inputting and proofreading at the critical times.

We would like to thank all those APLA members who contributed articles and news during the year. A number of Interest Group and Committee Conveners have taken an active part in sending articles for publication—Newspaper, Microcomputer, Conservation, Intellectual Freedom. In particular, the Convener of the Library Technicians Interest Group, Susan Lovenburg, has been most helpful in securing the series of articles on library technician programmes in the Atlantic region, which have appeared regularly in this volume of the *Bulletin*. We hope that other Conveners will follow her example.

The Editors wish to thank the members of the Executive for their support, and in particular Laura Peverill, who is retiring as Vice President (Membership), for her efforts in producing the mailing labels for the *Bulletin*, and Caren Mofford, whose job as Treasurer has also included a great deal of courier support in the production of the *Bulletin*, as well as keeping us up to date with our expenses.

Two of the Provincial Vice Presidents, who act as reporters for the *Bulletin*, will be retiring this year. Elinor Benjamin has kept *Bulletin* readers well supplied with news, articles, and pictures of the Newfoundland library scene. Laura Jantek has had a similar role for Nova Scotia. We thank them for their interest and support over the past two years and look forward to working with their successors, as well as continuing to work with Nikki Cleaveland from PEI and Jocelyne Thompson from New Brunswick.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith Haliburton

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

Committee

The Committee on Aims and Objectives has concentrated this year on providing a structure to carry out the first Strategic Goal in APLA's *Strategic Planning Action Plan*. The Objective of Goal 1 was "To structure and position APLA so that the Association can effectively serve its mandate as a regional voice." The key actions for this Goal identified at the 1993 Conference were for APLA to send an introductory letter to provincial library associations in the Atlantic region requesting information on Executive meetings, conferences, planning documents, publications, etc.; to provide a forum at the APLA annual conference for the Presidents of Atlantic library associations to share concerns and interests; and for the APLA President to report to other Atlantic library associations after each Executive meeting. The Committee has devised a procedure, letter, and form for the exchange of information to ensure that these key actions become a reality in 1994-95.

Respectfully submitted,
H. Charles Cameron, Convener

Committee on COMMITTEES AND INTEREST GROUPS

All committees and interest groups were convened and most were active with holding meetings, submitting articles for the *Bulletin*, and planning conference sessions. The Intellectual Freedom Committee has been quite active in responding to a number of issues of concern to the Association. As a basis for future activity the Continuing Education Interest Group has been drawing up Continuing Education Guidelines for APLA. The Community College and Technical Libraries Interest Group has been revived and should be more active in the upcoming year.

The Special Committee on Communications is recommending two new standing committees, Communications and Public Relations. The proposed terms of reference for each will be considered by the membership at the 1994 Conference.

Goal 4 of APLA's Strategic Plan called for improving the effectiveness of the interest groups, in part by holding a meeting of conveners at the annual conference. The first such meeting, held at the beginning of the 1993 Conference, proved useful, and a second one will be held on May 26 in Baddeck.

I would like to thank all committee and interest group conveners for volunteering their time and energy during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
H. Charles Cameron, Convener

FINANCE Committee

A deficit budget was passed by the membership at the 1993 OGM. There will be an actual deficit of almost \$4,000 this fiscal year. The Executive approved the transfer of funds from GIC investments to cover expenditure requirements. Costs of producing the *APLA Bulletin* increased, and revenue from both advertising and subscriptions was down. The Fredericton conference generated some very welcome proceeds. In addition, both personal and institutional membership increased in 1993. However, it is apparent that we will need to consider a membership fee increase

for 1994 if we wish to maintain current services. The Executive passed a motion that the membership be asked to consider an increase of the personal membership fee to \$35.00 and of institutional membership to \$100.00.

A workshop co-sponsored by the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies and the APLA Continuing Education Interest Group was delivered by Joan Cherry in Fredericton. A Nova Scotia conference on document delivery methods was also supported with a seed grant from the General Activities Fund.

Considerable reorganization of the Treasurer's duties took place this year in order to free up time and rationalize all the various jobs previously done by the Treasurer. As a result, the membership database was transferred to the Vice President (Membership) in order to speed up transactions.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion Pape, Convener

MEMORIAL AWARDS

Committee

1. 1993 Awards:

Two awards were granted for 1993, both in support of sabbatical projects. Angela Lonardo of Memorial University of Newfoundland received an award of \$440. Angela is working on the development of an international database of research on higher education at the Information Centre on Higher Education, International Association of Universities, UNESCO, Paris. The work entails questionnaire design, data collection, and database development and dissemination. In addition, she will be involved in the development and moderation of an electronic bulletin board to support the work of an international network of researchers.

An award of \$400 went to Peter Higham of Mount Allison University. Peter is working on two projects during his sabbatical leave. The first is the preparation of an annotated bibliography of compositions for the guitar by Canadian composers; the second is to continue his study of the music of the Italian composer Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco, including a transcription for cello and guitar of some of his compositions.

2. 1994 Awards:

To date, no applications for the award have been received. However, the March 31 deadline has not yet passed. If awards are granted, the winners will be announced at the APLA annual conference in Baddeck, Nova Scotia.

3. APLA Memorial Awards fund:

An article outlining the history and purpose of the awards and the need to increase the principal in the fund was published in the July-August 1993 issue of the *APLA Bulletin*. The Committee had hoped that as a result of the article donations in support of the fund would be forthcoming from the membership. To date, no contributions have been received.

The Committee plans to include a flyer requesting financial support in the conference issue of the *APLA Bulletin*, and also to set up a booth at the annual conference so that members can make contributions there.

4. Members of the Committee:

Thank you to Nirmal Jain, Sheila Pearl, and Tammy Vella for serving on the Committee this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Marguerite Jones, Convener

PUBLICATIONS

Committee

The publication of the 1993-1994 *APLA Handbook and Directory* was once again the priority of the Publications Committee. It was printed in January, and distributed in early February with the *APLA Bulletin*. Because this year's Handbook and Directory is the last for this Committee, I want to thank the Committee and the Executive members who assisted in providing the information for its publication. Thank you again.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Cunningham, Convener

BULLETIN MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Bulletin Management Board, an Executive Committee within the APLA structure, consists of the Editors of the *Bulletin* and the Vice Presidents of the four Atlantic Provinces. The Board held two meetings, September and January, prior to the fall and winter Executive meetings. At neither meeting was the full Board able to be present, and we still find the hour allotted is insufficient for full discussion of the matters raised. The meetings, however, enabled the Vice Presidents, as voting members of the Executive, to endorse recommendations of the Editors and take them forward to the Executive meetings for action, including the approval of the choice for a new graphic designer for the *Bulletin*.

We were forced unexpectedly to change graphic designers partway through the volume when our previous designer accepted a new position. What started as a minor crisis for the Editors became a learning experience and they are pleased with the results of the search. Our thanks go to our former designers for a number of years, Greg MacKenzie and Kathleen McConnell of Ragland Editing and Design, and to our current designer, Bruce Hudson of Frontline Graphic Design in Halifax, who stepped in at short notice. We would also like to express our thanks to the printers, the Daily News, and the workers at DASC Enterprises in Dartmouth, who ensure that the *Bulletin* and any inserts get into the hands of APLA members with a minimum of delay after it leaves our hands.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith Haliburton, Convener

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM Committee

The year 1993-94 was a year of change for the Intellectual Freedom Committee. The most significant change occurred as a result of the Fall Executive meeting held September 25-26, 1993. At this meeting the Executive adopted, with some amendments, a document drafted by the Intellectual Freedom Committee Convener covering the topic of the Committee's future role under its mandate. Highlights of the document included the following:

-a greater emphasis on intellectual freedom issues related to libraries.

-more concentration on challenges to intellectual freedom as they affect the Atlantic Provinces.

One of the chief goals of the document was to lay the groundwork for improved communication between the Intellectual Freedom Committee and APLA, and to open lines of communication with like-minded organizations.

In keeping with the goal of improved communication, the Committee ensured that regular article contributions detailing Intellectual Freedom Committee activities and intellectual freedom issues were made to every issue of the *APLA Bulletin*. Within the Committee itself, the Convener made at least two formal attempts during the fall and winter to solicit input and ideas from all Committee members. A number of Committee members were consulted more frequently for input. Additional contacts were made with writers' groups throughout the Atlantic Provinces, with a particular bond being established with the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia.

The Committee continued to take political action, through the APLA President, on important challenges to intellectual freedom. A letter was sent to the Federal Justice Minister, Allan Rock, in protest of the passage into law of Bill C-128, the new law governing child pornography. The letter, which cited the broad scope of the law and its possible ramifications for serious writers and artists, received a reply from Allan Rock's office. The reply stated that the federal government felt the law struck "the appropriate balance" between freedom of expression and what is considered pornographic. A second letter, sent to Ontario's Attorney General, in protest of the ongoing Karla Homolka press ban which has wreaked havoc with periodical holdings of libraries such as the Halifax City Regional Library, has not yet received a reply.

Freedom to Read Week (February 28 - March 7, 1994) seems not to have been a success. A press release citing a number of recent challenges to intellectual freedom was prepared and sent to all English-language daily newspapers in the Atlantic region for publication during Freedom to Read Week. At the date of the report, it seems evident that newspapers in the area elected not to publish the release. This raises questions about the efficacy of press releases as a method of disseminating our message to the public. A review of this practice is desirable.

Options we may want to review may include using a "Letters to the Editor" format and/or the establishment of personal contacts with local newspaper journalists.

Finally, the Committee has planned what it hopes will be an exciting and stimulating session for the May APLA Conference in Baddeck, NS. The session, entitled, "The Virtual Censor: Intellectual Freedom and the Internet", will feature two speakers discussing intellectual freedom challenges and problems associated with the new Internet technology. The speakers are: Ellen Sherlock, an Independent Librarian/Internet Applications Consultant presently acting as the Communications Chairperson for the (Halifax) Metro Community Access Society, and Parker Bass Donham, a noted Cape Breton journalist with a strong interest in intellectual freedom issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Field, Convener

INTEREST GROUPS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND TECHNICAL LIBRARIES

Although the CCTL-IG currently has 20 members, it has been inactive this year, largely due to the lack of a convener. This situation was corrected in December of 1993 when Brenda Brady, Librarian at Holland College in Charlottetown, volunteered to act in this capacity. Ms. Brady has contacted all members regarding their preferred means of communication and potential topics of interest. Response has been slight.

Given the history of this group (long periods of inactivity broken by sporadic bursts of creativity), the divergent interests and job descriptions of its members (representation from academic, special, and public libraries), and the strong performance record of some of APLA's more "generic" interest groups (for example, bibliographic instruction), it may be best to finally dissolve the CCTL-IG and divert its membership to other groups and committees of APLA. The convener has invited all members to the annual meeting at Baddeck to resolve this issue. Should the group continue, several areas suggest themselves for 1994-95 discussion and programming: technology transfer and the library, the effect of learning styles and alternative methods of educational delivery on collection development and resource management, applications of the Internet, and resource sharing between academic libraries and community colleges.

*Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Brady, Convener*

CONSERVATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

This Interest Group sponsored a session on Microfilm Standards and Filming Options at the 1993 APLA Conference in Fredericton. The speakers were Harold Holland, Conservation and Preservation Manager at the Public Archives of New Brunswick, Janet Phillips, Reference Librarian at the University of New Brunswick, and Thomas Parker of the Public Archives of New Brunswick.

After consultation with John Blackwell of this year's Planning Committee, I arranged for a speaker for the 1994 conference. She will be Sheila Cole, a Halifax Environmental Educator. Her topic will be Health and Safety in the Workplace, including consideration of indoor air quality in libraries, conservation materials, etc.

A display of handmade books and bookworks by Nova Scotia women, including work by Patricia Chalmers, Alice Harrison, and Ruth Legge, took place at the Eye Level Gallery in Halifax from November 6, 1993 to December 18, 1993.

Some members of our local group attended a lecture on the conserving of the "world's oldest dated, printed book", given at Saint Mary's University by Professor Ken Seddon of Queen's University, Belfast.

Our local Nova Scotia group continues to meet from time to time throughout the year.

Having now completed a second year as Convener of this Interest Group, I will be stepping down in June 1994.

*Respectfully submitted,
Susan Harris, Convener*

CONTINUING EDUCATION

I have mixed feelings as I look back on my first year as the Convener of this Interest Group. I feel that certain things have been achieved, and that progress has been made towards fulfilling the goals of the Strategic Planning Process. On the other hand, speaking very bluntly, what has been achieved has been largely through my own efforts, and has not involved very many members of the Group or members of the Association. I didn't plan it that way! I have tried to provide opportunities for members to participate in whatever it was I was carrying out, but the response I received was disappointing. Maybe I need to re-think my approach!

Enough of the moaning anyway, and let's get down to the record of what actually happened during the year. I decided to tackle from Strategic Goal 5: Continuing Education, the preparation of a statement of affirmation on the value of continuing education and the development of a position on continuing education for members to use. To this end, I put together some suggestions for both of these, and circulated the same to members of the Group, asking for their additions and comments. The response was disheartening, even after sending out a reminder letter and making personal phone calls. I then sent the same material to the members of the Executive, asking again for any comments and suggestions. The response was... well, you've heard it before, so I won't repeat it! The two statements were finally forwarded to the Executive for their January meeting.

Not to be daunted by my first efforts, I tried tackling another section of the Continuing Education goals—the one dealing with the collection of information about expertise available, and the building of a data base of experts, consultants, etc. Coupled with this was the conducting of a continuing education needs assessment. To accomplish this, I put a survey questionnaire in the December issue of the *Bulletin*, asking for suitable names, and for ideas on the kind of topics on which members would like to have more information, or some kind of training organized.

Thanks to those who responded—all three of you! Hm... is this to be all doom and gloom? Actually, it isn't, because the other efforts I have made as Convener of this Group have seen somewhat more successful. As regards the actual organization of workshops and training sessions, the first is just around the corner, on April 8, at the University of New Brunswick, when Joan Cherry, this year's professional-in-residence at the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies, repeats a workshop she gave in March in Halifax, entitled "Questionnaire Design for Information Professionals." Thanks to Mary Dykstra, for providing the "lead" in the first place and to Eric Swanick, for handling the details at the Fredericton end, through the Fredericton Librarians' Circle. APLA is funding Joan's travel and accommodation, through the General Activities Fund.

The second event supported by APLA will be in May, when we will be taking part in a satellite teleseminar presentation of the American Library Association, "Achieving Breakthrough Service." The satellite transmission will be received in the Media Services section of the N.S. Department of Education and Halifax will be one of 500 sites taking this programme, with Dr. James Heskett, of Harvard Business School as the presenter. This

should be a very exciting programme, offering advice for improving employee and customer satisfaction, and how to achieve higher levels of customer and community support for all types of library. Sixteen places only are available, since the room in which we must meet is small, and the programme is being advertised extensively throughout the region. A mailing has already been distributed with the Feb./March issue of the *Bulletin*.

And finally to the '94 conference. I am arranging at the Conference a session on Total Quality Management (TQM) and its relevance to libraries. TQM is a term much in vogue at present, and I hope that those who attend this session will find out exactly what it means, and how it can be applied in the library situation. The speaker is to be Cindy Robertson, from the Human Resources Department of the Nova Scotia provincial government, who is very familiar with TQM through her work with various government departments. (Yes, TQM is a business term, and yes, I hope by now we've all realized the connection between business and the outlook for libraries as we move towards the year 2000). The Interest Group will also have its regular meeting for members during the Conference.

As I look back on the last twelve months, I am more than satisfied at the opportunities for training and continuing education which we have been able to offer (though I would have liked to cover Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland as well). The response from members—well, maybe we can work on this one!

*Respectfully submitted,
Judy Reade, Convener*

LIBRARY INSTRUCTION

WORKING COMMITTEE AND MEETINGS

The Working Committee has met twice during the year 1993-94. Five to six people attended each meeting. Another meeting of the Working Committee is planned for April 26, 1994.

USER EDUCATION MAILBOX

Georgette Landry is still the contact person for the year 1993-94. She sent a memo to the members of the LIIG inviting them to contribute to the column.

SPEAKER AT THE APLA CONFERENCE

Cerise Oberman, Director of the Feinberg Library at the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh, will be giving a workshop at the 1994 APLA Conference. The theme of her presentation will be "Unmasking technology: a prelude to teaching; or how to create a balance between the ever increasing technologically bound library and the educational needs of students".

*Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Julien, Convener*

LIBRARY TECHNICIANS

Two objectives were identified for the 1993/94 year: 1) To increase membership and participation in the Interest Group and 2) To provide a forum for discussion of the training and educational opportunities available to paraprofessionals in Atlantic Canada and to explore how these programs might cooperate to better meet the needs of library technicians/assistants.

To meet the first objective current members were solicited for their input into future plans. To promote the Interest Group among new members, an information flyer was produced. This was distributed to Interest Group members, the APLA executive, and, together with an APLA application form, to students of all library assistant/technician programs in Atlantic Canada.

In order to meet the second objective, coordinators of Atlantic Canada paraprofessional training programs were asked to submit an article describing their program to the *APLA Bulletin*. These articles have appeared as part of a continuing series sponsored by the Interest Group. The coordinators have also agreed to attend the APLA '94 session, "Cooperation vs. Competition: Should Paraprofessional Training Programs in Atlantic Canada have a Shared Vision?" This group discussion and the Interest Group meeting which follows will determine our objectives for next year.

*Respectfully submitted,
Susan Lovenburg, Convener*

NEWSPAPER INTEREST GROUP

Soon after last year's Conference, I received the current list of APLA members who joined our Interest Group. There are officially thirteen of us (with one member recently moving to Hong Kong), but I have during the year consulted with a few other interested parties. As I prepared a report for the *APLA Bulletin*, it certainly became evident that there is considerable newspaper activity in the Atlantic Region in spite of severe financial restraint. I express my thanks to our members for their cooperation in providing the necessary information. Many of us are still primarily focused on microfilm preservation projects for both current and retrospective issues with the intellectual access mountain still looming on the horizon.

Early in the APLA year, I corresponded with our members to circulate the group's Terms of Reference and the membership list and to propose a project of sharing (or trading) original issues of retrospective newspapers. Some interest emerged and discussion of the particulars will continue with appropriate repositories.

I express my appreciation to the 1994 Conference Programme Committee for support of a Conference Workshop proposal submitted by our Interest Group. In addition to the Business Meeting we will be able to sponsor a Saturday morning programme: *Finding the News*. Mary Jane Celsie, Richmond Hill Public Library, has agreed to make a presentation on the local newspaper index available to the public on every computer terminal in the Richmond Hill Public Library.

I did not attend the Association's executive meetings, and I thank Francesco Lai for keeping me so well informed of Association action throughout the year.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ian A. Wilson, Convener*

INTEREST GROUPS CONT

MICROCOMPUTER

As of the writing of this report our name change to Computers and Connectivity Interest Group and slight modifications to our Terms of Reference had not been given final approval by the Executive due to a number of minor delays. I am hopeful these changes, which were approved by our group at the last conference, will be approved by the time we meet in Baddeck.

No formal meetings were held during the year but I have discussed various issues regarding the conference workshops with several members. Kevin Crick and I worked together with Vice President (Membership) Laura Peverill on a study of the APLA membership database. An immediate result was that responsibility for maintaining the database on a PC was shifted from the Treasurer to the Vice President (Membership). Our membership is approaching 50 individuals, and two of our members are running for positions on the incoming APLA Executive. In addition to using the *APLA Bulletin* and the new APLA listserv on Internet, I have been investigating other ways we can have ongoing communication with our group membership for discussion of computer-related issues in libraries. Various options will be discussed at the group business meeting.

The 1994 conference program looks exciting. For a second year our group is sponsoring workshops related to the Internet because of the currency of the topic. Our founding convener Mark Leggott has been active on the Program Committee, and will also lead the full-day pre-conference workshop on "Internet Nuts and Bolts". The IG business meeting will occur following the workshop on "Teaching Users to Cruise the Internet".

We will use the regular IG meeting slot on Saturday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. to host an informal get-together for prospective and existing group members prior to the official business meeting. This will be an opportunity to get to know one another better and give your input on future directions for the Group and topics for next year's program. I am very pleased with the renewed level of interest that has been expressed in this Interest Group, and look forward to seeing it become a more effective arm within APLA in addressing computer and connectivity issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Cumby, Convener

TRUSTEES

Unfortunately, I have very little to report. In the fall I had distributed through the APLA region an information sheet concerning attendance and involvement by local Trustees in the APLA '94 session. However, I did not receive a single reply. As a result, I was left unable to plan or organize any session(s) for trustees.

I would strongly suggest that in the future a Trustee Committee be established with a representative from each province on that committee. This committee will then be in a better position to plan and organize successful Trustee activities by Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,
Calvin Taylor, Convener

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COPYRIGHT

There is no report from this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Lewis

APLA Representative to the Nova Scotia Assistance to Established Writers

This group met twice during the year, on May 19, 1993 and again on November 17, 1993. The budget for awards this year was \$10,000.

During the spring competition, the following authors were given awards:

Scott Smith
for *A Light in the Field*

Alice Walsh
for *Pomiuk: The Little Prince of the North*

During the fall competition, the following authors were given awards:

Kim Atwood
for *Crazy or Not*
Silver Donald Cameron
for *The Living Beach*

Richard Cumyn
for *The Limit of Delta Y Over Delta X*

Jenni Blackmore
for *The Island of Dead Souls*

Lance Woolaver
for *World Without Shadows*

Joanne Light
for *Hiking Nova Scotia*

Sandra Nicholls
for *Woman of Sticks, Woman of Stones*

The deadline for the next competition is April 5, 1994.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Fiander

APLA Representatives to the Atlantic Provinces Book Review Society Board

The first of a projected four 1994 issues of *Atlantic Books Today* (ABT) was published on February 28. Upcoming 1994 issues will feature Acadian writers, information technology, and children's books.

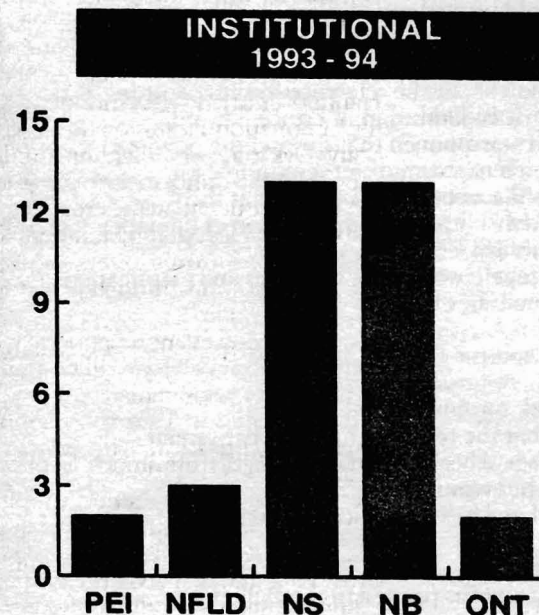
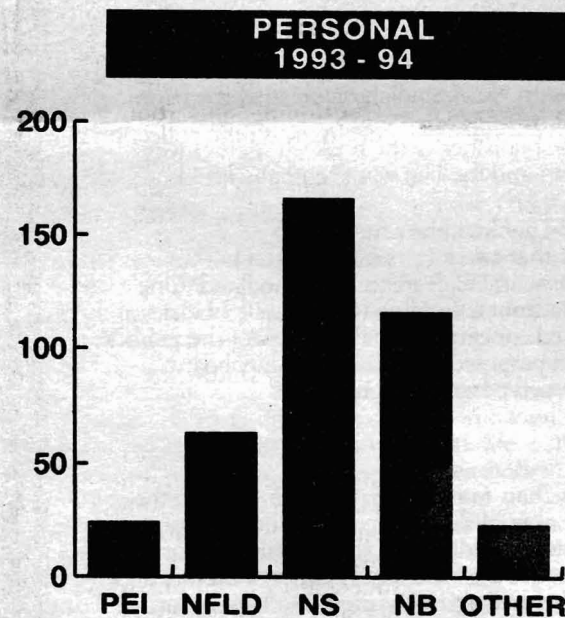
The rationale and mechanics of distribution of *Atlantic Books Today* is being studied by a sub-committee of the APBRS Board of Management. APLA members have been asked for their views on the accessibility of *Atlantic Books Today* to library patrons and librarians through: 1) bulk distribution to libraries, and 2) insertion in the *APLA Bulletin*. The goal is to rationalize current distribution methods and extend future distribution to an expanded readership.

Funding continues to be a cause for concern with reductions in Canada Council and Department of Communications grants. Government emphasis on project-based funding requires extra creativity in revenue generation. On the bright side, advertising sales for 1993 were more than 20% above budgeted.

Elizabeth Eve's contract as Managing Editor was renewed for another two-year period. APLA representatives were elected Chair and Secretary at the last general meeting of the APBRS Board of Management.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Hodgins
Holly Melanson

Current APLA Membership



1. Call to order
The first session was called to order at 7:15 p.m. on May 28, 1993.
2. Establish quorum
A quorum was established.
3. Additions and changes to the agenda
There were no additions or changes to the agenda.
4. Adoption of the agenda
MOTION
That the agenda be adopted.
(K. Arbuckle, E. Hamilton) CARRIED
5. Minutes of the 53rd Ordinary General Meeting
MOTION
That the minutes be adopted as printed in vol. 56, issue no. 6 of the APLA Bulletin.
(K. Arbuckle, S. Collins) CARRIED
6. Business arising from the minutes
 - 6.1 National Summit on Information Policy
S. Sexty summarized APLA's activities relating to the National Summit and announced that copies of the summary report were available at the conference from Karen Adams, Executive Director of CLA, and that the recommendations would be available at the conference session on the Summit.
 - 6.2 Strategic plan actions
M. Pape announced that the list of actions distributed with the Bulletin would be discussed, added to and prioritized at the session the next day.
 - 6.3 First Timers Conference Grant
Trine Schioldan, recipient of the first timers conference grant, was introduced and she thanked the association for the grant.
 - 6.4 Censorship - Suffer Little Children
S. Sexty reported that a letter had been sent to the Minister of Justice in Newfoundland protesting the banning of sales of Suffer Little Children on the Avalon Peninsula with a copy to the publisher of the book. Responses were received from both and the ban was eventually lifted.
 - 6.5 Newfoundland public library funding
M. Pape reported that two letters were written to the Minister of Tourism and Culture in Newfoundland. One concerned the inadequate funding of the public libraries and the other expressed concern about the review of the public library system and proposed a multi-type library board. Responses were received to both letters.
7. President's report
M. Pape took the chair to enable S. Sexty to speak to the president's report as published in vol. 56, issue no. 6 of the APLA Bulletin. In addition to the published report, S. Sexty announced that the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies had agreed to provide a listserv for APLA. Plans for its use include distributing association information and continuing education efforts from the library school. There was a question about how information on the listserv would be made available to people unable to connect to it. S. Sexty responded that it would be available in the Bulletin and through colleagues who have access. There was a question about the reference in the report to the role of the provincial librarian in Prince Edward Island. The president explained that she and the previous president had written to the minister responsible for libraries to express the association's concern at the appointment of a non-librarian to the position of director of the provincial library.
The report was accepted with these additions and clarifications and S. Sexty resumed the chair.
8. Vice-Presidents' reports
 - 8.1 New Brunswick
S. Collins added that the report of the Library Systems Review Task Force had been tabled in the legislature since the publication of her report in the Bulletin.
The President declared her report accepted with this addition.
 - 8.2 Newfoundland
The report was accepted as printed in the Bulletin.
 - 8.3 Nova Scotia
The report was accepted as printed in the Bulletin.
 - 8.4 Prince Edward Island
P. Ykelenstam added that, since her report was published, the provincial library had become the responsibility of the Department of Education and Human Resources, that Albert MacDonald was no longer the director of the provincial library and that his position was to be merged with that of the director of public archives.
The President declared the report accepted with these additions.
 - 8.5 Membership
The report was accepted as printed in the Bulletin.
9. Secretary's Report
The report was accepted as printed in the Bulletin.
MOTION
That agenda item 10 be renumbered item 11 and agenda item 11 be renumbered 10.
(A. Mews, L. Jantek) CARRIED
10. Executive Committee reports
 - 10.1 Aims and Objectives
The report was accepted as printed in the Bulletin.
 - 10.2 Committee on Committees and Interest Groups
In addition to the report in the Bulletin, M. Pape announced that the first meeting of all committee and interest group conveners was held on May 27 and suggested that this meeting should be an annual event.
The report was accepted with this addition.
 - 10.3 Finance
MOTION
That agenda item 10.3.1 be renumbered to 11.3; item 10.3.2 be renumbered to 11.4 and 10.3.3 be renumbered to 11.5.
(M. Pape, A. John) CARRIED
 - 10.4 APLA Memorial Awards
M. Jones announced the winners of this year's memorial awards. Angela Lonardo is working on a database of higher education information at UNESCO in Paris. Peter Higham is compiling a bibliography of Canadian guitar compositions and working with a musical score at the Library of Congress. Donations to the memorial awards fund were requested.
The report published in the Bulletin was accepted with these additions.
 - 10.5 Publications
The report was accepted as circulated at the meeting.
 - 10.6 Intellectual Freedom
The report (which had been circulated at the executive meeting) was read. The report mentioned letters which had been sent by the association protesting the seizure of a copy of *Gay Sex*, the seizure of materials ordered by Little Sisters bookstore in Vancouver and the ban on the sale of *Suffer Little Children* on the Avalon Peninsula. It also mentioned letters on other topics which had not been sent and which led to the plan to discuss this committee's mandate at the fall executive meeting.
 - 10.7 Bulletin Management Board
The report was accepted as printed in the Bulletin.
 - 10.8 Nominations and Elections
The results of the election were reported by the secretary as follows:
Vice-President, President Elect - Charles Cameron
Vice-President (New Brunswick) - Jocelyne Thompson
Vice-President (Prince Edward island) - Nichola Cleaveland (acclaimed)
MOTION
That the ballots be destroyed.
(J. Head, F. Hopkins) CARRIED
MOTION
That the chair be given the authority to deviate from the order of the printed agenda.
(A. Landry, L. Jantek) CARRIED

11. Financial Report

11.1 Treasurer's Report

K. Crick noted that the deficit was less than had been forecast although greater than previous years. He pointed out the decline in membership revenues and the fact that some of the conference revenues were spent on the strategic planning retreat. There was a question about where the money for the first timers conference grant was invested and K. Crick replied that it was in a T-bill account. In response to a question about conference revenues, the president reported that, since 1991, it had been the practice for the executive to debate how to expend any excess revenues from the conference and to report the result of their debate to the membership.

MOTION

That the treasurer's report be accepted.

(K. Crick, L. Peverill) CARRIED

S. Sexty announced that the treasurer had resigned. Since his resignation came after the election, it was not possible to elect a new treasurer for the coming year so it was decided to appoint a non-voting treasurer for one year.

MOTION

That Caren Moffard be asked to accept the responsibilities of treasurer for one year until an election can be held in 1994.

(M. Pape, A. Guay) CARRIED

It was agreed that the executive would investigate ways of replacing voting members of the executive other than by the appointment of non-voting members.

11.2 Financial Examiner's Report

The president announced that Elaine Toms, who had been appointed financial examiner at the OGM in 1992, had been unable to examine the books before leaving the province and that Penny Logan had examined them in her place.

MOTION

That Penny Logan be accepted as the financial examiner for 1992-93.

(J. Archibald, L. Jantek) CARRIED

MOTION

That the financial examiner's report be accepted as circulated.

(D. Cumby, M. Jones) CARRIED

11.3 Budget 1993/94

There were questions about the reporting of interest on the First Timers Conference Grant Fund and an error was corrected on page two of the budget i.e. that the accumulated surplus shown in column one should be the same as in column two of the treasurer's report. Other comments on the budget included a question about when interest groups are supposed to request money (answer: before the budget is prepared) and why there is a deficit budgeted (answer: conservative revenue estimates combined with realistic expenditure estimates and the presence of an accumulated surplus which can be used to cover the deficit if it occurs).

MOTION

That the budget be approved as amended.

(K. Crick, M. Morton) DEFEATED

MOTION

That the executive review the budget and present it again on Sunday, May 30.

(L. Jantek, C. Kowalczyk) CARRIED

11.4 Appointment of Financial Examiner

MOTION

That P. Glenister be appointed as financial examiner for 1993-94.

(J. Head, A. Poplawski) CARRIED

11.5 APLA Memorial Trust Fund

K. Crick noted that \$116.71 had been transferred to the memorial award fund from last year's surplus. There was a question about the amount of the principal in the trust fund (answer: \$12,000 in a GIC and \$1,300 in a bank account).

12. Interest Group reports

12.1 Collections Development

L. Peverill announced that Joyce Thomson will be the new convener. The report as printed in the Bulletin was accepted with this addition.

12.2 Community College and Technical Libraries

M. Pape read a report from the convener of this group which recommended that the group be disbanded. The report was accepted as read and it was recommended that the executive consider disbanding the interest group.

12.3 Conservation of Library Materials

The report was accepted as printed in the Bulletin.

12.4 Continuing Education

M. Pape reported that Judy Reade will be the new convener. S. Pearl reported on behalf of the group that they had reviewed their terms of reference and were awaiting the outcome of the strategic planning session to make recommendations.

12.5 Francophone

No report was received.

12.6 Library Instruction

The report was accepted as printed in the Bulletin.

12.7 Library Technicians

No report was received.

12.8 Microcomputer

The report was accepted as printed in the Bulletin with two amendments: the new proposed name of the group is Computers and Connectivity Interest Group and the planned Internet mailing had not been sent.

12.9 Newspaper

The report was accepted as printed in the Bulletin.

12.10 Trustee

C. Taylor reported that the interest group had been inactive.

13. Special Committee reports

13.1 Committee on Copyright

There was no report.

14. Report of the Atlantic Provinces Book Review Management representative

The report was accepted as printed in the Bulletin.

15. Report from the Advisory Panel for Assistance to Established Writers

The report was accepted as printed in the Bulletin.

16. Annual conferences

16.1 Fredericton - 1993

J. Neilson reported that the conference appeared to be a success so far, financially and otherwise. There were about 240 registrants.

16.2 Sydney - 1994

L. Peverill said that details of the site would be announced Sunday morning.

17. Resolutions Committee Announcements

J. Thompson announced that the Resolutions Committee would meet at 5 p.m. Saturday in Board Room 1 and that resolution must be submitted by 1 p.m. Saturday. L. Murphy noted that the Intellectual Freedom Committee was scheduled to meet after the resolutions deadline and asked that future conference organizers try to avoid this problem.

18. Report from the School of Library and Information Studies

M. Dykstra reported that applications to the school were still reasonably high despite the difficulties graduates were experiencing in finding full time employment in libraries. The current graduates had found employment in a variety of non-library settings. A number of continuing education projects were undertaken including workshops in database design and Internet for public libraries and the distribution of the Friday lecture series on tape. The school is planning to offer a specialization in archives. The APLA prize was awarded to Fiona Black.

The meeting adjourned until Sunday, May 30 at 9:40 a.m.

Atlantic Provinces Library Association
 Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, Fredericton

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11.3 Budget (continued)

The revised budget was presented incorporating the change to the accumulated surplus and showing the first timers fund as a separate item.

MOTION

That the revised budget be accepted as circulated.
 (K. Crick, J. Head) CARRIED

19. Other business

19.1 Resolutions deadline

L. Murphy asked if was possible to make the deadline for resolutions later or schedule interest group meetings earlier in the conference. S. Sexty responded that the executive and conference organizing committee would work together on this problem for next year.

19.2 National Book Festival Week

S. Sexty reported that she had written to the Minister of Communications to express APLA's disappointment and regret at the Canada Council decision to eliminate the writers-in-residence and National Book Festival Week programs. It was suggested that her letter be published in the Bulletin and that such official correspondence might in future be posted to the listserv.

20. Resolutions

MOTION

Resolved that APLA donate \$300.00 to Little Sisters Bookstore in Vancouver, B.C. towards the legal costs of their constitutional challenge relating to the seizure of lesbian and gay materials by Canada Customs.
 (L. Murphy, S. Field) DEFEATED

There was a motion to table the resolution until the next OGM (R. Lewis, C. Kowalczyk) so that more information could be presented. It was also defeated.

MOTION

Resolved that the membership instruct the Executive to form a Special Committee on Communications.
 (M. Pape, L. Jantek) CARRIED

MOTION

Be it resolved that the appreciation of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association be extended to:
 (i) the speakers, panellists, presenters, moderators, and facilitators of all workshops, seminars and theme sessions of the 1993 APLA Conference;
 (ii) the sponsors who have contributed in many ways to the success of the 1993 Conference:
 Teana Pickles, New Brunswick College of Craft and Design
 Karen Burk, Mudlark Pottery
 Sandra Maynard, A Tisket a Tasket
 Wayne Knorr, Fredericton Visitor and Convention Bureau
 City of Fredericton
 Lord Beaverbrook Hotel
 Ken Legault, Freeman Decorating Ltd.
 New Brunswick Department of Municipalities, Culture and Housing
 Jocelyne LeBel, New Brunswick Library Service
 Laurette Mackey, York Regional Library
 York Regional Library
 New Brunswick Library Service
 Bill Molesworth, Fredericton Public Library
 Legislative Library of New Brunswick
 Department of Archives and Special Collections, University of New Brunswick
 Provincial Archives of New Brunswick
 John Teskey, University of New Brunswick Libraries
 Kirby Keyser, UNB Computing Services
 Greg Sprague, UNB Computing Services
 Computing Services, UNB
 Bill Parker, AV Services, UNB
 Vicki MacLeod, AV Services, UNB
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 Xerox Canada
 Air Canada
 Appleby's Bindery Ltd.
 Brodart Co.
 Canadian Telebook Agency

Canebsco Subscription Services Ltd.
 Duncan System Specialists Inc.
 D.W. Olts
 Dynix Systems
 Eloquent Systems
 Firefly Books
 Flo Greig, Greig Pottery
 Fundy Cable
 Joe Seward Sales Agency Ltd. (Fitzhenry and Whiteside)
 John Coutts Library Services Ltd.
 Lehmann Bookbinding Ltd.
 M.E. Phipps & Associates
 National Book Service
 National Film Board
 National Geographic Society
 Nelson Canada
 Readmore Canada Ltd.
 Tundra Books
 Ulverscroft Large Print Books
 ISM Library Information Services
 Ven Rez Products Ltd.
 Wallaceburg Bookbinding & Manufacturing Co.
 3M Canada Inc.
 HongKong Bank of Canada
 Valley Graphics
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 Anne Smith Creations
 Library Assistant Program
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 CIHI Radio
 Columbia Computer
 Elizabeth Hamilton, Government Documents, UNB
 Government Documents Department, UNB
 Linda Hansen
 Louis Cecile
 Eric Swanick, Legislative Library of New Brunswick
 (S. Sexty, M. Pape) CARRIED

21. Inauguration of new president

S. Sexty thanked outgoing executive members:
 Susan Collins, Vice-President (New Brunswick)
 Priscilla Ykelenstam, Vice-President (Prince Edward Island)
 Kevin Crick, Treasurer and
 Judy Head, Past-President

outgoing conveners:

Laura Peverill, Collection Development
 Carole Compton-Smith, Continuing Education
 Gerard Lavoie, Francophone
 Lynn Murphy, Intellectual Freedom
 Gail Malone, Library Technicians
 Charles Cameron, Newspapers

and the organizers and volunteers of the 1993 conference.

She then formally presented incoming president M. Pape with the gavel. M. Pape welcomed C. Cameron as Vice-President, President Elect and announced that K. Arbuckle would serve as secretary. She also announced the following new conveners for committees and interest groups:
 Collection Development - Joyce Thomson; Continuing Education - Judy Reade; Francophone - Charlotte Dionne; Intellectual Freedom - Stephen Field; Library technicians - Susan Lovenburg; Newspaper - Ian Wilson.
 It was announced that the 1994 conference will be in Baddeck, May 26-28 and the theme will be "Back to Reality - Serving Users in a Virtual World".

22. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Special Committee sees proactive role for APLA

During APLA's strategic planning process, a number of concerns were identified in respect to communication as it presently exists. These concerns were articulated in the January 1992 draft strategic plan, which was discussed at the Halifax conference, and the May 1993 Strategic Planning Action Plan, which was discussed at the Fredericton conference. Basically, these concerns fell into one of three categories: lobbying, involvement, and continuing education. The membership expressed a desire to see APLA develop a higher profile for libraries and for those who work in them through lobbying. Members also expressed a wish to be more involved in the work of APLA and to see APLA more involved with other associations and groups. It was felt that the continuing education program should be improved and made more effective.

At the 1993 OGM a motion was passed which instructed the Executive to form a Special Committee on Communications. This committee was struck with Charles Cameron as Chair. It was decided that Charles and Past President Suzanne Sexty would form the working committee and would solicit input from the President, Vice Presidents, *Bulletin* Editor, convener of the Microcomputer Interest Group, and others as necessary. The Terms of Reference, including a description of the purpose and goals, were published in the July-August issue of the *APLA Bulletin*. The purpose of the Committee was "to recommend terms of reference and an

implementation plan for activities for a Standing Committee on Communications". The goals of the Committee were to "investigate all current APLA communications activities; analyze recommendations from the strategic planning process; and write specific terms of reference and an implementation plan with timelines".

The Committee looked at existing channels and means of communications both within the Association and between APLA and non-members. Particular attention was paid to the documents which comprise the philosophy and structure of the Association. These documents included the *Procedures Manual*, the *Articles of Association*, and the *Standing Orders*. It also looked at the history of the Association to understand what had been done by past executives and to appreciate how the Association had evolved to where it is today. A report, which consolidated the strategic planning process, outlined the role of public relations and communications, detailed present activities, and presented recommendations, was submitted at the 1993 fall Executive meeting. This report was discussed and the Committee was instructed to make certain revisions and to resubmit the report with recommended terms of reference for proposed committees and timelines for projects.

The recommendations in these reports focused on addressing the concerns and suggestions offered during the strategic

planning process. It was recommended that these concerns could be addressed if:

- * the responsibilities of the members of the Executive and the mandates of the Interest Groups and Committees were clarified in the *Procedures Manual*;

- * a Standing Committee on Communications was established;

- * a Standing Committee on Public Relations was established.

It was felt that the work of developing a communications plan, conducting a public relations program, and lobbying would be too much for one committee. Thus, it was recommended that two standing committees be established. Those of you who have been in APLA for awhile may remember that there have been standing committees such as the Public Relations Committee and the Committee on Relations with Other Organizations and may note elements of these committees in the terms of reference for the proposed standing committees.

The proposed terms of reference for a Communications Committee and a Public Relations Committee are printed below and will be presented as a motion at the OGM, Part I. Proposed projects for the committees include:

Communications Committee

- * Develop a communications plan (May 1995 executive meeting).

- * Provide a postmaster for the listserv

(Ongoing).

- * Prepare how-to guides on lobbying (Winter 1996 executive).

- * Compile a list of library related associations in the Atlantic provinces.

- * Develop background papers on critical or topical issues (as needed, but one should appear in the January-February 1995 *APLA Bulletin* and be on the APLA-list by December 20, 1994 or sooner).

Public Relations Committee

- * Prepare public service announcements on the value of libraries (1 in 1994-95).

- * Plan annual Library Day (first in Spring 1995).

- * Produce a video on librarianship and/or the value of libraries in society (1995-96).

- * Develop a brochure describing standards, training, and credentials of library workers and volunteers (May 1996).

- * Develop generic guide on how to market library services (1996-97).

If you have any comments or suggestions, which you would like to make before the OGM, or you require any clarification, please contact Charles Cameron. If you are interested in serving on either of the standing committees, should they be approved by the membership, you could communicate this also to Charles.

-Suzanne Sexty
for the Special Committee
on Communications

The following will be presented as motions at the OGM, Part I

Friday, May 27, 1994, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

MOTION 1

Moved that the following terms of reference be accepted:

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

Status:

Standing Committee

Purpose:

The Communications Committee is a working committee whose purpose is to coordinate communication activities within APLA.

Directives:

1. To develop a communication plan.
2. To annually review APLA's communication plan and to recommend revisions to the Executive as appropriate.
3. To serve as postmaster for the APLA listserv.
4. To investigate alternate methods of disseminating information to the membership and to advise the Executive.
5. To develop materials to be used in providing instruction in lobbying and to promote the use of these materials.
6. To annually compile a list of library related associations and organizations in the Atlantic provinces.

Relationship to Other Committees/ Interest Groups:

While the Committee will maintain an ongoing liaison with all committees and interest groups, and an awareness of the activities of APLA, it will have a special relationship with the following groups or individuals:

1. Bulletin Management Board and Publications Committee: to assist as necessary in order to ensure the continuance of the publications of the Association.
2. Francophone Interest Group: to ensure that, where possible and appropriate, communications are carried out in French.
3. Provincial Vice Presidents: to get information from Vice Presidents regarding library related associations and organizations.

Membership:

1. A convener shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees and Interest Groups to serve for a two year term.
2. The Convener will select persons to serve on the Committee for the duration of the Convener's term.
3. Corresponding members may be appointed by the Convener.
4. The President shall be an *ex-officio* member.

Time and Method for Reporting:

1. The Committee shall present written reports to meetings of the Association's Executive and at other times as requested by the Executive.
2. The Committee shall present a written report to the membership in the conference issue of the *APLA Bulletin*.

MOTION 2

Moved that the following terms of reference be accepted:

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

Status:

Standing Committee

Purpose:

The Public Relations Committee is a working committee whose purpose is to promote APLA to the Atlantic library community and to promote the value and worth of the library and its workers.

Directives:

1. To promote APLA to libraries and other related organizations and to the general public in the Atlantic Provinces.
2. To identify areas where APLA needs

to provide information promoting an understanding of the role of libraries and the work of people in libraries.

3. To produce publicity to provide the type of information identified in Number 2 above.

4. To organize a session at each annual Conference.

Membership:

1. The Convener shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees and Interest Groups to serve for a two year term.
2. The Convener will select persons to serve on the Committee for the duration of the Convener's term.

3. Corresponding members may be appointed by the Convener.

4. The President shall be a voting member.

Time and Method for Reporting:

1. The Committee shall write a topical article on its activities in one issue of the *APLA Bulletin* and shall report on activities in each issue.

2. The Committee shall present written reports to meetings of the Association's Executive and at other times as requested by the Executive.

3. The Committee shall present a written report to the membership in the conference issue of the *APLA Bulletin*.

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NEW BRUNSWICK / NOUVEAU- BRUNSWICK

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Driving the Information Highway: the Report of the New Brunswick Task Force on the Electronic Highway was recently released. The Report makes brief mention of public library automation as an example of a positive move toward providing access to the information highway.

The Recon Pilot Project undertaken by the **New Brunswick Library Service** and the regional libraries ended on March 31 with 20,000 new bibliographic records and tens of thousands of item records having been added to the public library system's Inlex database over a three month period. NBL has hired four additional staff for the duration of the pilot project. Although the temporary staff could not be kept on after the end of March, NBL is continuing the recon using regular staff and project workers.

Du 7 au 10 avril se tenait la neuvième édition du **Salon du livre d'Edmundston**. Le Salon a attiré des milliers de visiteurs, de véritables "Fou du livre" comme le thème de cette année l'indique.

La célèbre auteure acadienne Antonine Maillet faisait partie d'une imposante brochette d'auteurs invités. Plusieurs d'entre eux sont venus présenter leurs dernières oeuvres, dont Rino Morin Rossignol, Jean Péronnet, Michel Cailloux et Edith Bourget; pour n'en nommer que quelques-uns.

A cette occasion, la **Bibliothèque publique Mgr W.J. Conway** a présenté une exposition de peintures de l'artiste et auteure Edith Bourget. Elle a accueilli les auteurs Serge Patrice Thibodeau, lauréat du prestigieux prix Emile Nelligan et François Landry, professeur de littérature.

The **Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library** will shortly be making available some CD-ROM products for public use at its **Moncton** and **Riverview** branches. The titles acquired so far include the *Canadian Encyclopedia*, the *Grolier Encyclopedia*, *Discovering Authors*, and the *World Book Information Finder*.

Branches throughout the **Saint John Region** mounted in-house or window displays to underline Information Rights Week.

The **Saint John Regional Library** was pleased to receive on long-term loan the 1901 Census of New Brunswick on microfilm. Harold Fanjoy, President of the Saint John Branch of the New Brunswick Genealogical Society, made the presentation and stated that the members of the society were anxious to use these films which include pertinent information on the population, buildings, lands, churches, and schools throughout the Province. Included in the long-term loan was the collection of school board records for the City of Saint John covering the years between 1877 and 1949.

ASSOCIATIONS

Libraries and the Electronic Highway was the topic of an information session sponsored by the **Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick (APLNB)** in Fredericton on April 23. Georges Corriveau, New Brunswick's Minister of State for the Electronic Highway, was the guest speaker.

The annual meeting of the **New Brunswick Library Trustees Association, Inc. (NBLTA)** was held in Fredericton on April 30. The members reviewed the findings of the NBLTA review and discussed how the Report's recommendations could best be implemented. A certificate of merit was presented to Frances W. Corbett for her many years of service on the boards of the Saint John Free Public Library and of the Saint John Regional Library.

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The newly-appointed **Provincial Library Forum** met for the first time on March 23. The Forum is the result of a recommendation made to government by the Library Review Task Force that a provincial body be established to coordinate cooperation and networking between all types of libraries in the Province. Members include representatives of the public, school, and community college systems as well as from the three universities and the Legislative Library.

The purpose of the first meeting was to identify priorities for action. Although several issues were identified as important—literacy, marketing, professional development, and the community use of school and community college libraries amongst them—automation and networking emerged as the number one issue for all members. The Forum will concentrate its efforts in upcoming meetings on this issue.

-Jocelyne Thompson
Vice President (New Brunswick)

NEWFOUNDLAND

The National Library Advisory Board met in Newfoundland on April 22-23. Elinor Benjamin, Vice President (Newfoundland), will report on the meeting in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

She regrets that she is unable to give her usual full report of Newfoundland library activities in this issue. However, news and reports from Newfoundland from other contributors will be found on earlier pages.

-Edith Haliburton
Editor

NOVA SCOTIA

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Dalhousie University Libraries recently announced the acquisition of the papers of three prominent Nova Scotian writers for the Manuscript Collection of the Dalhousie Archives.

The papers of Budge Wilson, Nova Scotia's well-known children's author, provide insight to the author's creative process. Primarily hand-written first drafts and type drafts with hand-written revisions, the Wilson manuscripts will be of great value to the researchers of Maritime and children's literature. Wilson's correspondence with publishers is also extensive, spanning several decades. Fan mail from children includes thank-you notes, sympathy letters, and creative writing.

Budge Wilson's books have been translated into Finnish and French, and distributed in Braille as "talking books." *The Leaving*, Wilson's 1990 collection of stories for adults and teens, received kudos from critics in Canada, the United States, and Australia. The book was runner-up for the Commonwealth Writer's Prize in 1991. In 1992, the stories were translated into Danish for release in Copenhagen. Wilson's most recent book, *Cassandra's Driftwood*, is forthcoming from Pottery Press this Spring.

The Budge Wilson papers can be viewed at the Dalhousie Archives, fifth floor, Killam Library.

The letters, manuscripts and research notes of the well-known Nova Scotia writer, Joyce Barkhouse, are a welcome addition to the Manuscript Collection.

A native of the Annapolis Valley, Barkhouse is best known for her books and short stories for children. Her poems, stories, articles, and plays have appeared in educational and literary periodicals across Canada. The author of nine books, Barkhouse co-wrote *Annia's Pet* with her niece, Margaret Atwood.

The Barkhouse material is extensive. Drafts of novels, biographical and geographical research, correspondence with writers, galleys and illustrations comprise the collection. An autobiographical scrapbook documents the writer's award-winning career. Letters from Bluenose author, Thomas Raddall, written to Barkhouse while *A Name for Himself: a Biography of Thomas Head Raddall* was in progress, are a valuable part of the Barkhouse donation.

The manuscripts and miscellany of Joyce Barkhouse can be viewed at the Dalhousie Archives, fifth floor, Killam Library.

Poet and scholar Dr. J.A. Wainwright, has donated his papers to the Manuscript Collection of the Dalhousie Archives. Correspondence, research material, and original manuscripts comprise this

valuable collection.

Wainwright was born in Toronto in 1946 and received his M.A. and Ph.D. from Dalhousie University where he has been a professor of English since 1979 and Canadian Studies Coordinator since 1990. He is the author of several volumes of poetry, and his most recent volume, *Landscape and Desire: Poems Selected and New*, was released by Mosaic Press in 1992. A respected poet and critic of Canadian literature, Wainwright has been long acquainted with many of Canada's most noted writers.

Of considerable value in this collection is his correspondence with these writers, including George Bowering, Irving Layton, and Al Purdy. Among the 48 letters from Irving Layton are some signed copies of unpublished and published poems. Letters to Wainwright from over thirty Canadian writers about their correspondence with Margaret Laurence will form part of the collection in 1995. Selections from this correspondence will be published in his forthcoming *Letters of Margaret Laurence to Other Canadian Writers*.

Notes and manuscripts for Wainwright's six published books, research material for his critical biography of poet-novelist Charles Bruce, and over 200 unpublished poems (1963-1980) are also included. At the present time, access to all unpublished items and correspondence may be obtained through written permission from Dr. Wainwright.

An external review of library services is in progress at **Acadia University**. Members of the Review Team are **Hazel Fry**, Executive Director, Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries and formerly University Librarian at the University of Lethbridge, and **Sarah M. Pritchard**, Director of Libraries, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts. They were on campus for a series of meetings from April 18-20. They hope to complete their report by the end of June.

LIBRARY EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

Dalhousie University's School of Library and Information Studies and the **National Library of Canada** have announced the publication of *Information Resource Sharing: Canadian Perspectives*, edited by Carol Lunau.

This compilation of invited papers, number 54 in the School's *Occasional Papers Series*, was originally planned as a special issue of the *Canadian Library Journal*. When CLJ was suspended in October 1992, a co-operative arrangement to publish these papers was formed between the NLC and the School.

The first paper, *Resource Sharing in Canadian Libraries: From Virtue to Necessity*, is a contribution by Marianne Scott, National Librarian. The NLC is one of three institutions that play a special role in Canadian resource sharing. Also featured are contributions from the other two, the Canadian Institute for Scientific and Technical Information and ISM Library Information Services.

Dr. Bertrum H. MacDonald, Associate Professor in the School of Library and Information Studies, has been awarded a three year research grant (1994-97) for \$114,000 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada,

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the second largest research grant awarded by the SSHRC to Dalhousie University this year. He will conduct a study into "Information Diffusion in Scientific Research in Canada", which will result in the formation of a large bibliographic database of the historical assessments of science and technology in Canada published up to 1995 (to merge with an earlier database, *Science and Technology in Canadian History: A Bibliography of Primary Sources to 1914*, and released on CD-ROM) and an analysis of the place of information in scientific research.

OTHER

The following document is now available for download from the NSTN Gopher: *The Nova Scotia Electronic Highway Study: An Action Plan to Seize Opportunities in the Electronic Marketplace*. Both Microsoft Word and Wordperfect formats are available. To download the document, gopher to the NSTN gopher (gopher.nstn.ns.ca). Select Nova Scotia Associations, then NovaKnowledge, and then Information Technology in Nova Scotia.

-Chris Bull
News Editor

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Harry Holman has been appointed Director of Libraries and Archives. Mr. Holman has been serving that role in an acting capacity since last June.

Dawn Hooper, Acting Western Regional Librarian, has resigned from the Provincial Library Service to accept a position at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Until a permanent replacement is announced, **Karen MacKinnon** will be filling in for Dawn.

Julie Thiffeault, library technician at the Carrefour de l'Isle Saint-Jean, has resigned her position to assume a new job outside the library profession.

During French Awareness Week, small French collections (approximately 100 children's titles) will be placed in 12 branch libraries. Libraries were selected on the basis of their location and proximity to schools with French immersion programs.

Library Week will be held the last week in April. Despite the loss of funding for National Book Festival, many local authors will be appearing in public libraries throughout the Province. Among the authors reading from their works are Erica Rutherford, Frank Ledwell, Deirdre Kessler, Dr. L. George Dewar, Michael Hennessey, and Hugh MacDonald.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

At Robertson Library, **University of Prince Edward Island**, training in REFCATTS and PRISM/ILL will be offered to staff by ISM.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The **Prince Edward Island Teacher-Librarians' Association** will hold their semi-annual meeting in May. The program will be a "Show and Tell" of favourite CD-ROM products.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

Marion MacArthur, librarian at the **Queen Elizabeth Hospital**, has accepted a one-year assignment with the newly created Health and Community Services Agency to develop and implement an information policy for health professionals in the Province.

ASSOCIATIONS

The **Prince Edward Island Professional Librarians' Association** has produced posters and bookmarks for Library Week to be distributed to libraries throughout the Province. The theme of the week is "Take 5 and Read". The Association is encouraging everyone to take at least five minutes a day to read.

OTHER

At convocation ceremonies held at the University of Prince Edward Island on May 8, **Bill Ledwell** was awarded an honorary degree. Bill retired from the Department of Education and Human Resources last summer after a long and illustrious career. Bill began work with the Department June 1, 1950 working with the regional library system. In 1954, he became the Supervisor of School Libraries. Later, Bill became the Director of Educational Media and, for the last number of years, he had the additional role of National Film Board distribution officer in P.E.I.

Bill was instrumental in the establishment of the P.E.I. School Librarians' Association and the P.E.I. Professional Librarians' Association, and at one time served on the Executive of APLA. Bill is very well known in this province for his daily sports column which appears in the *Evening Patriot*. He is also very active in the Alumni Association of, first, St. Dunstan's University, and now the University of Prince Edward Island. Congratulations, Bill, for this very deserving honour.

-Nichola Cleaveland
Vice President (Prince Edward Island)

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The Systems Division provides support and development for the Library's systems including a new integrated library system, access to CD-ROM databases, maintenance of a dozen other local files, and a variety of hardware. The Library is committed to the early and effective acquisition of information technology in support of its mission within the University.

BENEFITS

The initial appointment will be probationary for four years. Rank and salary will depend on qualifications. Memorial offers the standard academic fringe benefits, including access to sabbatical leaves, moving allowance, and opportunities for professional development time.

PROCEDURE

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LIBRARY TECHNICIANS INTEREST GROUP

This article is the fifth in a series of articles, sponsored by the Library Technicians Interest Group, describing each of the paraprofessional education and training programs available in the Atlantic Provinces. The series will culminate in a forum discussion at the 1994 APLA Conference which will focus on how these programs might cooperate to better meet the needs of the Region's paraprofessionals. Comments and suggestions are welcome and should be addressed to Susan Lovenburg, Convener, Library Technicians Interest Group, Department of Extension and Summer Session, University of New Brunswick, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, NB, E3B 5A3, telephone: (506) 453-4646.

Library Studies Program Memorial University of Newfoundland

The Library Studies Program offered by the Division of Continuing Studies at Memorial University of Newfoundland is a true sign of the times. In today's busy world people cannot often afford the luxury of full-time attendance at a university. Lives must be balanced between work, family, and educational responsibilities. With the help of Memorial's distance education program, library personnel all across Canada can take advantage of an educational opportunity in their field without leaving their homes.

Library Studies is one of the six certificate programs at Memorial that can be completed through distance education. Until this year Library Studies students had to find an alternate course, at another institution, for one communications requirement of the program, as it was difficult to offer this course at a distance. However, with the advances in technology, the course is now available anywhere in Canada, making the Library Studies certificate a real distance program.

Students enrolled in the program complete a total of six 12-week courses. Three of these are required courses, while the other three allow the student to tailor the program to her/his personal or professional interests. The first three courses include: Introduction to Libraries—an overview of the history and philosophy of libraries, with a look at the various units within a library; Business Communications—a course with an emphasis on the understanding and use of various forms of communication in the business organization, from an examination of the communication process to planning and developing skills in written and oral communications, including writing reports; and Technical Processing or Reference. Technical Processing explains the theory and practice of the various aspects of technical processing, including acquisitions, cataloguing, serials, and circulation. Reference looks at reference service, including the reference interview, search strategies, and reference sources. A choice of one of these courses allows students to fine tune the program for their needs.

The second stage of the program offers a great deal of choice. There are eight suggested courses, and students must

complete three. Both Technical Processing and Reference are included on this list. If students would like to complete both, one can be used as a required course and the other as an optional course. The other optional courses include Adult Leisure Reading, Children's Services, Computers in Libraries, Social Science, Science 1000, and Business 2301 (Organizational Behaviour). The Social Science and Science 1000 courses are designed to give the student an overview of these disciplines. Business 2301 provides students with an opportunity to study individual and group processes in formal organizations.

The program, while open to anyone who qualifies for admission to Memorial, was designed for persons working in libraries. It was initiated in 1985 by the Newfoundland Public Libraries Board. At that time, there was a feeling that library staff of the public library service could benefit from further training. In consultation with the Division of Continuing Studies and library staff, the certificate program was devised with the intent of meeting these training needs.

Over the years, the program has been found to benefit personnel in school, public, university, and special interest libraries. So far, there have been 80 graduates of the program. Upon graduation students will have a comprehensive understanding of the purposes and functions of libraries, an awareness of the range of library materials available to them, effective communication skills, techniques for dealing constructively with the public, the ability to plan events and organize their activities, and an appreciation of the importance of maintaining a broad knowledge of the sciences, humanities, and social sciences in meeting information requests. The program definitely prepares students for the realities of work in a library.

For more information, or to request applications and calendars, please contact: Program Developer—Certificate Programs, Services Building Room SV 1000, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, NF, A1C 5S7.

Joyce Joyal
Memorial University of Newfoundland

User Education MAILBOX

Compiled by the APLA Library Instruction Interest Group



Appel à tous

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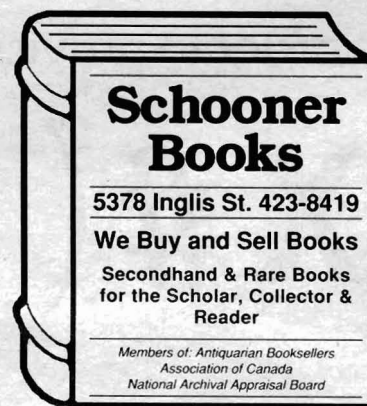
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Learned Societies Conference, June 3-18, 1994, Calgary, University of Calgary. Contact: 1994 Learned Societies Conference Registrar, University of Calgary, 2500 University Dr. NW, Calgary, AB T2N 1N4. Phone: (403) 220-8094/Fax: (403) 289-4338.

Bibliographical Society of Canada Conference (Bibliography and Western Canada), June 7-8, 1994, Calgary, University of Calgary. Contact: Bibliographical Society of Canada, P.O. Box 575, Postal Station P, Toronto, ON M5S 2T1.

CLA 49th Annual Conference (Delivering Quality in Tough Times), June 14-18, 1994, Vancouver, BC. Contact: Canadian Library Association, 200 Elgin St., Suite 602, Ottawa, ON K2P 1L5. Phone: (613) 232-9625/Fax: (613) 563-9895.

Canadian Networking Conference (Networking '94), June 21-23, 1994, Saskatoon, University of Saskatchewan. Contact: Heather Friesen, Dept. of Computing Services, University of Saskatchewan,

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4th Thomas H. Raddall Symposium (The Child in Atlantic Literature and Culture), September 23-25, 1994, Wolfville, Acadia University. Keynote speakers include Janet Lunn, Alan Daniel, Budge Wilson, Kevin Major, Sheree Fitch, and Philip Girard. Papers will be presented on L. M. Montgomery, Margaret Marshall Saunders, Alden Nowlan, and James DeMille. Registration fee is \$55.00 for the weekend, or \$20.00 per day. Contact: Dr. Hilary Thompson, Department of English, Acadia University, Wolfville, NS B0P 1X0. Phone: (902) 542-2201 Ext. 1442/Fax: (902) 542-4727.

Atlantic Association of Historians Workshop on History and Multimedia Teaching, September 30-October 2, 1994, Fredericton. Registration fee is \$60.00 plus tax. Contact: Kathryn Hilder, Reference Department, Harriet Irving Library, P. O. Box 7500, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB E3B 5H5. Phone: (506) 453-4749/Fax: (506) 453-4596/Internet: Hilder@unb.ca

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