

From the President's Desk



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As weather patterns in the region continue to treat us to a significant amount of snowfall (even by Atlantic Canadian standards), Spring isn't far off, which means we are heading into APLA's prestigious **Awards Season**. Be on the lookout in this edition of the Bulletin and your inboxes for more information on these awards and how you can apply.

With the Spring, we also head into **Conference Season**, including APLA's virtual offering this year. Although an in-person event was discussed and there was some interest, the membership overwhelmingly signalled that a virtual event in 2022 was the most reasonable course of action. A survey was sent to the LISTSERV around the same time the Omicron Variant became known. During such uncertain times, including booking venues and committing to all else that comes with an in-person conference, it was crucial to hear back from as many of you as possible so we could make the decision that best reflects the stance of our membership. We thank all of you who answered in big numbers and provided us with the time sensitive information the Conference Committee in PEI needed to plan this event.

In the later part of 2021, APLA released its **anti-racism statement**, which can be found in this issue of the Bulletin. The statement was originally crafted by APLA's former Advocacy Committee Chair, **Louise White**. **Nicole Rosenow-Redhead** (Louise's successor as Advocacy Chair) expanded the statement and provided helpful referencing and various resources which are now at the disposal of those who wish to consult them. The statement was presented to the membership as a draft and helpful feedback was received. In particular, **Richard Ellis** (Librarian Emeritus, Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University), provided helpful insight and met with myself and Nicole to fine tune the statement for maximum impact and clarity.

As of press time, this edition of the APLA Bulletin should be ready to join almost a century of **archived issues** [via Open Journal Systems](#) (OJS). Although this initiative began a few years ago, and was largely successful, there were some recent glitches which we believe have been

rectified. Thank you to **Kathryn Rose** (former APLA President) for her work on the OJS archives and to **Kate McClintock** who took over as lead editor of the Bulletin a little over a year ago.

And finally, myself and **Cate Carlyle** (APLA President-Elect) attended the [Partnership](#) meeting in February as well as the Canadian Federation of Library Association's AGM the very next day. Former APLA President **Ann Smith** was also in attendance for the AGM.

I hope this edition of the Bulletin finds you all in good health and in good spirits. APLA's in-person meetings have unfortunately been delayed once again, but hopefully we will have as normal of a Spring/Summer season as possible with the additional hope that in-person gatherings will occur in the latter part of 2022 and into 2023.

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