

## From the President's Desk



**Winter 2023**  
**Cate Carlyle**



As I am writing this Bulletin entry it has been two days since we had an all-time record breaking cold in the Atlantic provinces with many homes and institutions suffering from power loss, fire, and water damage due to the sudden deep freeze. Our region continues to be hit with extreme weather events, but we continue to show up to help our friends, neighbours and colleagues. My thoughts are with those working to assess and fix the damage to their homes and workplaces. In addition, a number of our members are currently out in the cold on picket lines, and we wish them a swift and fair resolution.

This past week I was very fortunate to be able to attend the first in-person Partnership Retreat since 2020 at the OLA Super Conference in Toronto. I was very grateful for the opportunity to connect with my fellow association Presidents, Directors, and Board members from across Canada. We discussed membership challenges, Board restructures, EDIA initiatives, and conference planning in this unique COVID landscape. Meeting in-person as a group proved to be inspiring and reenergizing as we continue to manage the fallout from the last few years on our associations and institutions.



## 2023 APLA Virtual Conference



### **Community, Connecting, Caring/Communauté, Connectivité, Compassion**

The conference committee, under the direction of our fabulous Chair, **Colin MacKay**, is hard at work planning our virtual conference for **June 6-9, 2023**. Our opening and closing keynotes are excited to “meet” you all, and the call for session proposals is currently open! Please submit your proposal via the conference [website](#); there are opportunities for full, mini and panel sessions. We hope you will join us in June for the conference and the annual OGM.

I am proud to be a member of our 2023 Conference Planning Team and offer many thanks to our volunteers: **Colin MacKay, Margaret Vail, Emily MacIsaac, Grace Bourret, Evelyn Trainer, Krystal Dionne, David Ross, Chantale Saulnier, and Phil Taber**.

## APLA Awards 2023

The APLA Merit Award, APLA Memorial Award, and the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship are open for applications. Please consider applying and share these opportunities with your colleagues and students. The deadline for the awards is **March 31, 2023** and details are available on the APLA website.

## APLA Membership

Our APLA Membership drive continues until the 2023 Conference with prizes for those who sign up or renew their membership by June 2023. An APLA membership is not only a resume builder, it also provides discounts on merchandise at the Library Marketplace, discounted registration at the APLA Conference and conferences across Canada and internationally, regular PD materials and opportunities, and a chance to advocate for the profession and make your voice heard on matters that are important to you!

## Committees and Interest Groups

Our Information Literacy and Continuing Education interest groups have been hard at work providing informative emails with information and links to materials on topics of interest including ChatGPT, libraries and social media, information literacy skills, and digital citizenship. Many thanks to the Information Literacy interest group for their virtual drop-in learning space sessions! We have a few vacancies to fill from members moving out of the region or changing careers, so please contact the Executive if you would like to be involved in the **Advocacy Committee** (Chair and members needed) or the **Games @ the Library Committee** (Program Coordinator). We would love to hear from you!

Thank you for your membership and continuing support of our association. I will “see” you at the conference!

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