



## **APLA Vice President – New Brunswick Report**

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As a former APLA President, I've given myself the creative freedom to approach the role of VP-NB with a little bit of an informal tone, all while respecting the guidelines and fulfilling my official duties.

I have maintained correspondence with my contacts in the province and encouraged them to reach out to me if, at any point in time, they believe APLA can help any ideas or initiatives. I have also reminded them when APLA Bulletins are upcoming. I also stressed the need for membership engagement and encouraged everyone to put in a good word for APLA sponsored groups, meetings, town halls, conferences, etc.

Along with other provincial VPs, recipients were chosen for the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship and the APLA Merit Award.

My role as VP-NB is somewhat fused with my role on APLA's Intellectual Freedom Interest Group. We recently held our second virtual town hall (with thanks to those who participated) and will be presenting at the upcoming conference in June.

My volunteer work with the Dalhousie Library and Information Alumni Association (DLIAA, formerly known as the School of Information Management Associated Alumni) has also intersected with APLA. A notice was put in this issue of the Bulletin as a call for interesting alumni profiles DLIAA can feature for our new "spotlight" initiative.

Respectfully submitted May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024,

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