

Minutes

Atlantic Provinces Library Association

74th Ordinary General Meeting

University of Prince Edward Island

Charlottetown, PEI

Wednesday May 15, 2013 4:00pm - 5:30pm Room 242

Draft Minutes

- 1. Call to Order** – Lou Duggan called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm.
- 2. Establish Quorum** - Quorum was reached; 52 present or by proxy
- 3. Adoption of Agenda** - Remove Item 21.1 Francophone interest group – this group has been dissolved in 2013 by the Committee on Committees and Interest Groups. Move Item 15-Finance Report to Item 12. Item 11.2-Proposed Budget 2013/2014 is eliminated as an agenda item but will be presented under Item 12-Finance Report. The agenda was adopted with changes.
- 4. APLA Meeting Rules** – Lou Duggan reminded members of the APLA Meeting Rules, emphasizing Rule 2 (Persons seeking recognition from the Presiding Officer shall identify themselves for the record, giving their names, library or other affiliation, and whether Members or non-members).
- 5. Minutes of the 73rd Ordinary General Meeting, Wolfville, NS, May 24th & May 25th, 2012** – Lou Duggan outlined that the final version will include the eliminated text of Standing Order 2.03 which he read to the membership. The final version will indicate the changes to the standing orders by underlining the affected text. Peter Glenister indicated that the motions to the resolutions needed to be included. Lloyd Melanson moved that the OGM 2012 minutes be accepted with corrections, Peter Glenister seconded. Motion carried.
- 6. Business Arising from the Minutes** – There was no business arising from the minutes.
- 7. President's Report** – Report as submitted. Lou Duggan thanked Debbie Costelo, Bill Slauenwhite and Louise White for their support and hard work this past year.
- 8. Past President's Report** – Report as submitted. Jocelyne Thompson thanked the APLA Executive, the University of New Brunswick and John Teskey (UNB University Librarian) for their support during her three years on the APLA executive.
- 9. Vice-Presidents' Reports**

1. *New Brunswick* – Report as submitted.
2. *Newfoundland and Labrador* – Report as submitted. Lou highlighted Krista’s accomplishment of negotiating a joint membership between APLA and NLLA.
3. *Nova Scotia* – Report as submitted.
4. *Prince Edward Island* – Report as submitted.
5. *Membership* – Suzanne van den Hoogen reported that as of May 14, 2013, APLA has 352 memberships; 77 joint memberships (11 of which are joint memberships with NLLA).

10. Financial Examiner

1. *Report 2012/2013* - Jennifer Richard noted that Peter Glenister has been the financial examiner for APLA for twenty years.
2. *Appointment of Financial Examiner, 2013/2014* - Bill Slauenwhite moved that Peter Glenister be the association’s financial examiner for 2013-2014. Seconded by Tanja Harrison. Motion carried.

11. Treasurer’s Report – Bill Slauenwhite presented the 2012/2013 report and noted the following corrections.

- i. Correction-Treasurer’s Report 2012-2013 - In the first paragraph under Investments, Somers is spelled “Somer’s” twice.
- ii. Correction – Date on Balance Sheet for APLA 2012-2013 should be to March 31, 2013.
- iii. Correction - Date on which the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship balance sheet was prepared should be April, 2013.

Louise White moved that the treasurer’s report be accepted with the corrections; Donna Bourne-Tyson seconded. Motion carried.

12. Finance Report – Lou Duggan outlined that the proposed budget is now part of the Finance Report. Lou Duggan noted that the Hackmatack award and Information Without Borders conference consistently consume the General Activities Fund. They are separate lines in the budget now. Louise Spiteri thanked APLA for their tremendous support in the Information Without Borders conference. Louise White moved acceptance of the proposed budget. Suzanne van den Hoogen seconded it. Motion carried.

13. Report of the APLA Bulletin Editors and Bulletin Management Board – Report as submitted.

14. Aims and Objectives Committee - Report as submitted.

15. Committee on Committees and Interest Groups - Report as submitted. Louise White noted that the Education interest group had their first meeting and if anyone is interested to speak to Beth Maddigan.

16. APLA Memorial Award - Report as submitted. No applications received this year. Lou Duggan noted that the award will be back up to a higher amount next year.

17. Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship – Report as submitted. Louise White announced that Caitlyn Newsom was this year’s recipient.

18. Communications and Public Relations - Report as submitted. It was noted that the Twitter and Facebook accounts have been very busy throughout the conference.

19. Continuing Education – Report as submitted.

20. Nominations and Elections – The new Executive members were provided in the Past President’s Report: Crystal Rose (Vice-President/President Elect), Leah Brisco (Vice-President-New Brunswick) and Gail Fraser (Treasurer).

21. Interest Group Reports

1. *Information Literacy*-No report submitted.

2. *Library Technicians*-No report submitted.

3. *Advocacy*-Report as submitted. Jocelyne Thompson (chair) noted that their work started in September, 2012 and there are 11 members to date.

22. Grow a Library Report – Jocelyne Thompson noted that the Grow a Library report was also part of the Past Presidents Report. She noted that the goal of \$2500 will be exceeded.

23. Revisions to Standing Orders

1. *Standing Order 2.01* (re: membership fees). Jocelyne Thompson read the standing order and explained that part of the last sentence needs to be removed as there is no way for APLA to know who joined prior to 2004 (see below). Jocelyne Thompson moved for acceptance of the amendment to Standing Order 2.01. Bill Slauenwhite seconded. Motion carried.

To remain in good standing, members must pay fees within three months of the expiration of their membership. Memberships expire 12 months from the end of the month in which the Vice-President (Membership) receives the initial membership form. , or on March 31 for members who joined APLA prior to June 2004.

24. APLA Archives Report–Jennifer Richard is on sabbatical and will be working on the APLA archives. She intends to meet with the association Secretary so s/he can drop APLA documents directly into to the archives repository online.

25. Report of CLA Copyright Representative-Report as submitted.

26. Annual Conferences – Reports

1. *St. John's, NL 2011*-Report as submitted.

2. *Wolfville, NS 2012*-Report as submitted.

3. *Charlottetown, PEI 2013*-Lou Duggan noted there were 126 full registrations, 17 single day, 61 pre-conference, 6 extra banquet tickets.

4. *Moncton, NB 2014*-Report as submitted. The dates of the conference next year are June 3-6, 2014 (Tuesday-Friday).

27. APLA Merit Award Winner, APLA Prize Winners and First Timer's Grant Recipient– Lou Duggan noted the 4 winners: Bill Slauenwhite (APLA Merit Award), Chelsey Millen (NSCC APLA prize), Heather MacFadyn (Dalhousie SLIS APLA prize); Tara Rumsey (First Timer's Grant).

28. Unfinished Business-None.

Meeting was adjourned 4:50 pm.

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Meeting re-convened at 12:30 pm.

Quorum was reached; 47 members present or by proxy.

Lou noted that Marie DeYoung (incoming CLA President) extended greetings to APLA from CLA.

29. Resolutions –

Resolution #1 (original)

Whereas the disclosure in March 2013 of Library and Archive Canada's new Code of Conduct (<http://www.scribd.com/doc/130187655/LAC-Code-of-Conduct-Values-and-Ethics>) revealed

that it includes such strict measures as to have the combined effect of stopping Library and Archives Canada professionals from communicating about their work and their research with the public, particularly when their work may be seen to contravene the government's political agenda or embarrass the government;

And, Whereas the new Code of Conduct reminds professionals and academic experts at Library and Archives Canada (LAC) that "public confidence can easily be damaged by remarks that embarrass, criticize or otherwise comment on the actions of the Government" (page 11) and its elected officials (page 9);

And, Whereas the Code identifies speaking engagements (at conferences, for example) as "high-risk activities" for LAC, subject to approval from above (page 17) by imposing strict conditions on accepting invitations to attend a conference off-duty -- conditions including subject matter outside the activities of Library and Archives or its mandate, the employee not speaking as an employee of LAC, and the inviting third party not being a "potential collaborator" of LAC, even when the employee is invited to speak or simply to be a guest at a conference, personally (off-duty) and not through LAC – such that he or she must obtain authorization from a manager who has "documented confirmation" that the activity does not present "risks to LAC";

And, Whereas these conditions contradict not only LAC's mandate, but also the very principles of public access to information as expressed by the Access to Information Act – principles that should be upheld regardless of potential embarrassment to the government of the day – for example in Section 2 of the Act, "that government information should be available to the public, that necessary exceptions to the right of access should be limited and specific";

And, Whereas LAC experts and professionals have built our national library and archives for over a century through their research and academic work – which includes, inevitably and as with any field of scientific research, speaking with the public and with their peers, for the advancement of knowledge and the understanding of our history;

And, Whereas the LAC mandate assigns it responsibility for preserving Canada's documentary heritage, facilitated through cooperation among communities involved in acquisition, preservation and diffusion of knowledge, which also demands that its experts be allowed to speak publicly;

And, Whereas conditions and requirements of LAC's Code of Conduct appear similar to controversial policies recently established in other departments and federal institutions wherein scientists and government experts are required to obtain authorization before communicating with the media or the public (including on subjects within their field of expertise) and which policies are the subject of other complaints currently under investigation by the Information Commissioner of Canada;

Resolved that, in order to preserve the public's right to access expert knowledge as guaranteed by the Access to Information Act, APLA request the Information Commissioner of Canada to include Library and Archives Canada among agencies to be investigated for policies and actions that restrict government scientists from communicating with the media and with Canadians.

Originally submitted by: Peter Glenister who was absent/Seconded by: Lloyd Melanson who was present. Mark Truitt moved approval with amendments. Beth Maddigan seconded. Motion carried with 2 abstentions.

Resolution #1 (as amended)-

Whereas Library and Archives Canada's new Code of Conduct (<http://www.scribd.com/doc/130187655/LAC-Code-of-Conduct-Values-and-Ethics>) includes measures which have the effect of stopping Library and Archives Canada professionals from communicating about their work and their research with the public;

And, Whereas the LAC mandate assigns it responsibility for preserving Canada's documentary heritage, facilitated through cooperation among communities involved in acquisition, preservation and diffusion of knowledge, which also demands that its experts be allowed to speak publicly,

Resolved that, in order to preserve the public's right to access expert knowledge as guaranteed by the Access to Information Act, APLA request the Information Commissioner of Canada to include Library and Archives Canada among agencies to be investigated for policies and actions that restrict government scientists from communicating with the media and with Canadians.

Attendu que le nouveau Code de conduite de Bibliothèque et Archives Canada (BAC) contient des mesures qui empêchent les employés de Bibliothèque et Archives Canada de communiquer avec le grand public au sujet de leur travail et de leur recherche;

Et attendu que le mandat de BAC lui confère la responsabilité de préserver l'héritage documentaire du pays, ce qui est facilité par la coopération avec les communautés aussi impliquées dans l'acquisition, la conservation et la diffusion du savoir, ce qui nécessite que ses experts et expertes soient autorisés à s'exprimer publiquement; Qu'il soit résolu, afin de défendre le droit du public d'accéder aux services de professionnels de l'information tel que garanti par la Loi sur l'accès à l'information, que l'APLA demande à la Commissaire à l'information du Canada d'inclure Bibliothèque et Archives Canada parmi les agences à soumettre aux enquêtes concernant les politiques et actions qui limitent les scientifiques gouvernementaux de communiquer avec les médias et les Canadiens et Canadiennes.

Proposée par Peter Glenister
Appuyée par

Resolution #2

Whereas current technology has facilitated the business of the association being conducted throughout the year; and

Whereas written reports are being submitted and distributed in advance of the OGM;

Resolved that the APLA executive set the agenda for the OGM such that all business, including resolutions, is conducted in one meeting during the conference, rather than being set as Part 1 and Part 2.

Moved by Elaine MacLean/Seconded by Jennifer Richard. Motion carried – 3 opposed; 1 abstention.

Resolution #3 – Louise White introduced the following courtesy resolution:

Resolved that APLA extends its appreciation to the members of the Charlottetown conference organizing committee, the speakers, exhibitors, sponsors and all who have contributed to the success of this conference.

Résolu que l'APLA exprime son appréciation et sa reconnaissance aux membres du comité organisateur du congrès de Charlottetown, aux conférenciers et conférencières, aux exposants, ainsi qu' à tous ceux et à celles qui ont contribué au succès du congrès.

(Applause)

30. Dalhousie University, School of Information Management Update-Report as submitted.

31. Nova Scotia Community College Library Technician Program Update-Report as submitted.

32. Inauguration of Incoming President-Lou Duggan thanked all outgoing members of the Executive for their hard work on the Executive. He passed the gavel to Louise White.

33. Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 pm