

Annual General Meeting, April 13, 2002

MINUTES

Call to Order

The 2002 Annual General Meeting was held in the Regina Inn and was called to order by the Acting President, Isabelle Butters of Southeast Regional Library, who acted as Chair, at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as corrected was made by Ian Wilson, Saskatoon, seconded by Joyce Vandall, Regina. Carried

Parliamentarian

None appointed. The Chair charged all members present with the responsibility to act as Parliamentarian.

Minutes of 2001 Annual General Meeting

A motion to approve the Minutes as corrected (corrections were noted to the spelling of several names) was made by Linda Linnen of Chinook and seconded by Brian Suetta of PNL. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes

None was identified.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Reports

In the absence of the President, there was no President's report.

Acceptance of the report of the Provincial Librarian, Joylene Campbell, was moved by Kae Campbell of Wheatland and seconded by Louise Cochran of Lakeland. Carried.

Acceptance of the reports from the library systems was moved by Faye Cameron of Regina and seconded by Kathy Evans of Saskatoon. Carried.

Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

The audit was presented and moved for adoption by Karen Basky, Treasurer, of Palliser and seconded by Betty Leslie of Lakeland. Carried.

2001-2002 Budget

The budget for 2002-2003 was presented by Karen Basky, Treasurer, of Palliser.

A motion to amend the budget to provide no budget line at this time in respect of a part-time position to manage the Association's affairs was moved by Faye Cameron and seconded by Barb Saylor, both of Regina. Carried.

A motion to amend the budget to increase the amount provided under "Sten Service" from \$100 to \$1,000 was moved by Faye Cameron of Regina and seconded by Betty Leslie of Lakeland. Carried.

The motion to approve the budget as amended was moved by Karen Basky, Treasurer, of Palliser and seconded by Kathy Evans of Saskatoon. Carried.

Resolutions Committee Report

(Resolutions as proposed are attached to these Minutes as Appendix I.)

[Resolution 1](#) was moved by Brian Suetta of PNLs and seconded by Kathy Evans of Saskatoon. Carried.

[Resolution 2](#) was moved by Jean Nelson, Southeast, and seconded by Karen Basky, Palliser. Carried.

[Resolution 3](#) was moved by Myra Sutter, Chinook, and seconded by Karen Basky, Palliser. Carried.

[Resolution 4](#) was moved by Faye Cameron, Regina, and seconded by Mark Williment, PNLs. Carried.

[Resolution 5](#) was moved by Ian Wilson, Saskatoon, and seconded by Joyce Vandall, Regina. Carried.

[Resolution 6](#) was moved by Betty Leslie, Lakeland, and seconded by Barb Saylor, Regina. Carried.

An emergency resolution that the SLTA work with tribal councils to develop partnerships to secure adequate funding to implement the recommendations contained in the report of the Minister's Advisory Committee to Provide Access to Library Services by Aboriginal Peoples was brought to the floor by a motion moved by Barb Saylor and seconded by Faye Cameron, both of Regina. The motion itself was moved by Brian Suetta of PNLs and seconded by Betty Leslie, Lakeland. The vote on the motion was tied, and was therefore declared lost by the Chair.

Nominations Committee Report

Brian Suetta of PNLs reported that Isabelle Butters, Southeast, had agreed to let her name stand for President. The Chair called three times for further nominations from the floor. It was moved by Sharon Armstrong, Parkland, seconded by Karen Basky, Palliser, that nominations cease. Carried.

Isabelle Butters was declared elected as President.

Brian Suetta of PNLs reported that Kathy Evans, Saskatoon, had agreed to let her name stand for Vice-President. The Chair called three times for further nominations from the floor. It was moved by Kae Campbell, Wheatland, seconded by Charlotte Thies, Parkland, that nominations cease. Carried.

Kathy Evans was declared elected as Vice-President.

Other appointees to the Executive Committee

Other members of the Executive as appointed by their library systems include: Kae Campbell, Wheatland, Myra Sutter, Chinook, Karen Basky, Palliser, Louise Cochran, Lakeland, Charlotte Thies, Parkland, Cindy Smith, Regina, Brian Suetta, PNLs. No representative has yet been named by Wapiti.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

APPENDIX 1: RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1

Whereas the provincial financial support for public libraries in Saskatchewan is rooted in the ever increasing need to share information resources between the public libraries that serve the residents of Saskatchewan, and;

Whereas the public library system is an essential component in providing an opportunity for the residents of Saskatchewan to engage in a process of life long learning, and;

Whereas the provincial financial support for public libraries in Saskatchewan has not kept up with the increasing costs of providing public library services with the province's share of public library funding consistently falling over the last decade, and;

Whereas public libraries have added a full range of e-library services in response to user demands and encouragement from provincial and federal governments without on-going sustainable funding to maintain these services, and;

Whereas public libraries have had to absorb changes to provincial employee legislations such as changes to the Municipal Employees Pension Plan and recent changes to minimum wage levels without financial assistance from the province, and;

Whereas public library employee compensation levels are typically well below those of similar jobs in related occupations, and;

Whereas public library systems are receiving provincial financial support that is close to, or below the level that they received a decade ago, and;

Whereas the loss of adequate provincial public library funding over the last decade has resulted in a de facto offloading of provincial financial support for public libraries to municipalities, and;

Whereas many public library systems are finding it extremely difficult to prepare balanced budgets that will maintain basic public library services,

Be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association ask the Government of Saskatchewan to make it a priority to improve public library funding, and;

Be it further resolved that the Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association ask the Government of Saskatchewan to provide an ongoing funding mechanism that would support the public libraries continued provision of electronic library services to the residents of Saskatchewan.

Resolution 2

Whereas Saskatchewan public libraries provide computers in their branches for the general public to use in accessing the Internet, and;

Whereas the costs of maintaining and replacing these public access computers are beyond the financial resources of Saskatchewan public libraries, and;

Whereas the Federal Government, through Industry Canada's Library CAP program, has once again provided one-time funding to sustain public access to the Internet in Saskatchewan's public libraries, and;

Whereas the Provincial Government, through Provincial Library, has coordinated Saskatchewan's Library CAP project,

Be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association express appreciation for the Library CAP funding to the Federal Government, Industry Canada and the Ministers involved in securing this funding and that the Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association continue to make the case for continued on-going funding to sustain public access to electronic library services and access to the Internet through Saskatchewan's public library branches, and;

Be it further resolved that the Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association express appreciation for the coordination of the Library CAP initiative to the Provincial Government, Provincial Library and the Ministers involved in supporting this initiative and that the Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association continue to make the case for continued on-going funding to sustain public access to electronic library services and access to the Internet through Saskatchewan's public library branches.

Resolution 3

Whereas the increasing demand for public library services in Saskatchewan exceeds the financial resources of any one public library in the province, and;

Whereas the residents of Saskatchewan continue to demand access to public library services without having to deal with public library service boundaries, and;

Whereas Saskatchewan's public libraries and Provincial Library have worked together to establish a one-province public library system,

Be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association support a seamless public library system in the province of Saskatchewan, and;

Be it further resolved that Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association support the development and introduction of a provincial public library card, and;

Be it further resolved that Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association support the development of procedures and policies that would allow a resident of Saskatchewan to be issued their Saskatchewan Public Library Card at any public library branch in the province.

Resolution 4

Whereas the First Nations community is an important and significant part of the fabric of Saskatchewan, and;

Whereas the First Nations community often finds it difficult to take advantage of the services provided by public libraries in the province, and;

Whereas the *Minister's Advisory Committee on Library Services for Aboriginal People* has completed its work and issued its report,

Be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association supports the recommendations of the *Minister's Advisory Committee on Library Services for Aboriginal People* in principle, and;

Be it further resolved that Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association encourage the Government of Saskatchewan to support the recommendations of the *Minister's Advisory Committee on Library Services for Aboriginal People* and provide the funding that is necessary to fully implement the report's recommendations, and;

Be it further resolved that Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association encourage the Government of Saskatchewan to extend access to existing public library services to all Aboriginal people living on First Nations' reserves and make the necessary adjustments to the regional library funding arrangements so no regional library is financially disadvantaged by the inclusion of the Aboriginal population numbers in the funding calculations.

Resolution 5

Whereas the issues and concerns that the Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association deals with are increasingly more complex and demanding, and;

Whereas the demands on volunteer public library trustees are continuing to increase and are more and more time sensitive, and;

Whereas the need for improved trustee communications is now greater than at any time in the past,

Be it resolved that the Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association Executive explore the possibility of a part-time position to manage the operation of the association and speak on behalf of the association.

Resolution 6

Be it resolved that the SLTA work with tribal councils to develop partnerships to secure adequate funding to implement the recommendations of the *Minister's Advisory Committee on Library Services for Aboriginal People*.

Trustees and Visitors Attending the 2002 AGM

Sharon Armstrong, Parkland
Karen Basky, Palliser
Etiennette Binette, Chinook
Isabelle Butters, Southeast
Faye Cameron, Regina
Kae Campbell, Wheatland
Louise Cochran, Lakeland
Arnold Cornea, Palliser
Theresa Dery, PNL
Don Digby?, Palliser
Kathy Evans, Saskatoon
Clifford Finstad, Southeast
Myrna Foster, Wheatland

Les Haaland, Southeast
Donna Hartley, Southeast
Gerry Hiebert, Palliser
Caroll Hildebrandt, Chinook
Brian Johnson, Southeast
Elaine Kvisto, Regina
Betty Leslie, Lakeland
Linda Linnen, Chinook
Gloria Mehlman, Regina
Stephanie Merkowsky, Lakeland
Jean Nelson, Southeast
Ann Norgan, Southeast
Carmen? Orthner, PNL
Marla Potts, PNL
Marlynne Samson, Lakeland
Barb Saylor, Regina
Siegrid Schergel, Palliser
Cindy Smith, Regina
Brian Suetta, PNL
Ken Sutherland, Southeast
Myra Sutter, Chinook
Charlotte Thies, Parkland
Joyce B. Vandall, Regina
Mark Williment, PNL
Ian Wilson, Saskatoon
Merrilee Rasmussen, SLTA Secretary

Visitors

Allan Johnson, Southeast
Kevin Phillip, Wapiti
Joylene Campbell, Provincial Library