

# **Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association**

## **Executive Meeting**

**November 30, 2000**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting held via conference call and was called to order by the Chair.

Members Present: Kae Campbell, Wheatland, Myra Sutter, Chinook, Audrey Mark for PNLs, Merrilee Rasmussen, Regina, Karen Basky, Palliser, Mavis Bellisle, Wapiti, Louise ?, Parkland, Isabelle Butters, Southeast, Terry Harley, Saskatoon.

Also Present: Joylene Campbell and Marilyn Jenkins, Provincial Library.

#### **Highspeed Telecommunications Infrastructure**

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the involvement of the SLTA as an applicant for highspeed telecommunications infrastructure, in order to meet the December 1 deadline for applications.

Joylene Campbell and Marilyn Jenkins described the proposed infrastructure application as building on Community Net (a proposal to put high speed lines in communities in Saskatchewan for education, health and municipal government). While work has been ongoing to include libraries, there has been difficulty in accessing sufficient funds. The infrastructure application is complementary to Community Net. Community Net will provide high speed lines to 150 libraries in Saskatchewan; the infrastructure proposal will provide those lines to the other 150 or so libraries in the province. Since libraries are already paying for all their connection costs, the application will lever existing funds.

In order to deal with the problem, it is necessary to devise a way in which libraries can become "one customer" for SaskTel, thus, the idea of applying through SLTA.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Mavis Sutter/seconded by Karen Basky that the President be authorized to make an infrastructure application on behalf of the SLTA. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the executive will be held on January 28, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. at the Sheraton in Saskatoon.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was then adjourned.