

# **Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association**

## **Executive Meeting**

**January 28, 2001**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was held in the Boardroom, Sheraton Cavalier, Saskatoon and was called to order by the Chair at 9:00 a.m..

Members Present: Kae Campbell, Wheatland, Myra Sutter, Chinook, Allard Merasty, PNLs, Merrilee Rasmussen (Secretary), Regina, Karen Basky (Treasurer), Palliser, Mavis Bellisle, Wapiti, Louise Cochrane, Lakeland, Charlotte Thies, Parkland, Isabelle Butters (President), Southeast, Judith Chuey, Saskatoon.

Also Present: Joylene Campbell, Provincial Library.

#### **Minutes of September 16, 2000 and November 30, 2000 Executive Meetings**

Motion to approve Minutes as circulated, with the following corrections:

September 16: correction of the spelling of Melissa Bennett=s name and changing the next meeting date to January 28, 2001

November 30: correcting the name and region of Louise Cochrane and correcting the reference to the mover of the motion to Myra Sutter

M/S Louise Cochrane/Allard Merasty. Carried.

#### **Business arising from the Minutes**

The President reported that the meeting with the Minister on November 16, 2000 went very well. The meeting with the SLA on November 3, 2000 was less satisfactory. The SLA advised that the conference this April would not be a joint conference. The SLA also raised the issue of presenting a joint brief to the Opposition about libraries, and it was agreed that the SLTA, and specifically Merrilee Rasmussen, would work with Julie McKenna and

others to be determined to prepare and present the brief. The meeting discussed a number of issues that could be raised in the brief.

### **Financial Statement**

The Treasurer presented the financial report and advised that all membership notices had been sent. An audited financial statement will be prepared for the AGM in April.

Motion to adopt the financial statements as presented.

M/S Karen Basky/Kae Campbell. Carried.

### **Communications**

The letter from the Leader of the Opposition, Elwin Hermanson, was considered in conjunction with the report of the meeting with SLA and the discussion of preparing a brief to the Opposition.

Correspondence from Minister Hillson regarding the meeting with him held in November was discussed and the timing of the SLTA brief was considered. It was generally agreed that the brief should be presented earlier, by July, so that it can be taken into account in the budget planning cycle.

### **University Senate Reports**

The written report by Gloria Mehlman regarding the University of Regina Senate was received. The written report by Terry Harley regarding the University of Saskatchewan Senate was received and the recommendations in the report considered.

Motion to accept recommendation #1, that the SLTA continue to be represented on the University of Saskatchewan Senate as it provides an opportunity for the SLTA to make contact with other groups from across the province, and that Karen Basky be appointed as the SLTA representative for 2001.

M/S Charlotte Thies/Louise Cochrane. Carried.

Motion to receive the two University Senate reports.

M/S Kae Campbell/Charlotte Thies. Carried.

### **Conference Planning**

The Conference will be held April 19-21 at the Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon, at no cost to the SLTA.

Motion to cover two nights hotel for the executive and \$125 conference registration fee for two first-time conference attendees from each library system.

M/S Charlotte Thies/Louise Cochrane. Carried.

The meeting also discussed the advisability to raising the issue of the relationship between the SLTA and the SLA at the post-conference executive meeting.

### **Library System Reports**

Each of the representatives provided a brief update on each of the systems. Written reports were tabled by Chinook, Southeast, Wheatland, and Palliser.

Parkland's new Director commenced working on January 1, 2001. She was educated in Poland and is most recently from B.C. She will have many pressing issues to deal with quickly. An internal review has been completed, but was disappointing because it was lacking in recommended solutions to problems. The library levy was recently raised by 5 cents, but lack of money is the continuing problem.

Wapiti has completed a successful comprehensive review and evaluation of all its branches. Review and follow up will be undertaken for each branch with a failing grade. School house public library joint ventures do not appear to be working too well and will be re-evaluated in 2002. There has been a lot of interest in the evaluation process Wapiti developed and the region is looking at marketing it.

PNLS reported that the contract for the new library building in La Ronge has been tendered and awarded to Graham Construction. Fund-raising activities continue. Circulation is increasing.

Regina Public Library is consulting with the public in regard to a strategic plan to guide the library over the next three-five years. The plan is available on the RPL website and all comments are welcome.

Saskatoon has a new Board member, David Anderson, following Joan Champ's retirement from the board after reaching the Saskatoon six-year limit, and a new chair, Dale Kohlenberg. Saskatoon has a new computer lab and renovations are underway in the main branch. SPL's major fundraiser, "Forkfest" will be held near the end of April.

Lakeland's library director Alice Hartman gave birth to daughter recently and is now on maternity leave. A new three-year collective agreement was settled in the fall. New levels of service have been established for automated and non-automated branches, with a pay differential for branch librarian. The region is working to reduce the number of executive meetings. A long-term planning committee has been established. The region is continuing to evaluate participation by Indian bands located within the region.

### **Provincial Library Report**

The Acting Provincial Librarian, Joylene Campbell, spoke to her written report, which she tabled with the meeting.

### **President=s Report**

The President spoke to her written report, which she tabled with the meeting.

Motion to receive all reports listed on section 6 of the meeting agenda.

M/S Charlotte Thies/Myra Sutter. Carried.

### **Multitype Library Board**

The Chair of the Multitype Library Board, Merrilee Rasmussen, reported verbally that new appointments have finally been made to the Board so that it can carry on with its work. Audrey mark, from PNLs, replaces Michael Keaschuk as the public library representative, Bob Foley, from the University of Regina Library, replaces Colleen Warren representing academic libraries, and David Fox, from the University of Saskatchewan,

replaces Darlene Fichter, also representing academic libraries. The Board will be meeting February 5 and 6 and will be reviewing its workplan and setting priorities for the coming year. There will also be an updating session on multitype initiatives at the SLA conference in April.

### **Saskatchewan Library History**

The Executive met with Judy Chuey and Don Kerr to discuss the proposal for the development of a library history book. Ms Chuey and Mr. Kerr responded to the meeting=s many questions concerning the scope and nature of the project and exactly what the executive of the SLTA was being asked to do. Mr.Kerr then left the meeting and Ms Chuey, now the Saskatoon Public Library representative on the SLTA, declared her conflict and absented herself from the discussion of the proposal. After considerable discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SLTA establish a Steering Committee, consisting of no more than five persons, which shall include Judy Chuey and Don Kerr, to develop the Saskatchewan Library History Book project, including:

- the scope, content and nature of the book
- a development proposal for the project
- a specific funding application for grant moneys

all of which are to be approved by the Executive of the SLTA prior to any further action taken on the project, and that the Steering Committee provide an update on progress at each meeting of the Executive;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Treasurer be authorized to reimburse the members of the Steering Committee for their expenses to a cumulative maximum of \$1,000.00.

M/S Merrilee Rasmussen/Myra Sutter. Carried

### **SLTA Secretary**

The President reported that Merrilee Rasmussen remains the Secretary until her term expires after the AGM, even though no longer a member of the RPL board.

## **Annual Meeting**

Motion to confer an honorary life membership on Dorothy Saunderson.

M/S Kae Campbell/Louise Cochrane. Carried.

Nominating Committee will consist of Kae Campbell, Chair, and Mavis Bellisle.

Resolutions Committee will consist of Allard Merasty, Chair, and Louise Cochrane.

## **Budget 2001-2002**

Motion that SLTA reimburse each library system a maximum of \$250 (being two times the registration fee) to contribute to the support of attendance by a trustee or trustees to the Canadian Library Association Annual Meeting to be held in Winnipeg, June 14-17, 2001.

M/S Karen Basky/Charlotte Thies. Carried.

Motion to approve the budget as amended.

M/S Karen Basky/Judy Chuey. Carried.

**REMINDER: SEND SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORTS TO ISABELLE BUTTERS BY APRIL 1, 2001 FOR INCLUSION IN THE AGM PACKAGE.**

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the executive will be held on April 19, 2001, at 4:00 p.m. at the Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon.

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn.

M/S Mavis Bellisle/ Myra Sutter. Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.