

Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association

Executive Meeting

April 19, 2001

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was held in the Radisson Hotel, Saskatoon and was called to order by the Chair at approximately 4:00 p.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: Faye Cameron (incoming representative from Regina) and Joylene Campbell, Provincial Library.

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Motion to approve Minutes as circulated, with the correction that the motions relating to reimbursement of trustee expenses to attend CLTA in Winnipeg in June 2001 at the top of page 5 was not restricted to first-time attendees, and was intended to provide \$125 per person to a maximum of \$250 from each system. Reimbursement for attendance at SLTA IS limited to first-time attendees, at \$125 per person to a maximum of two persons from each system.

M/S Louise Cochrane/Judy Chuey. Carried.

History of Libraries Book Project

Judy Chuey provided a verbal update on the project. The Steering Committee, consisting of Judy Chuey, Don Kerr, Frances Morrison and Kitty Pope, met on February 16, 2001, in Saskatoon. Because of previous commitments, actual writing of the book will not commence until May 2002, and the Committee would like to target the SLA/SLTA Conference in 2004

for the book=s launch. The Committee estimates pre-publications costs at \$8,000 and publication costs (for 2000 copies) at \$11,000. The Committee is planning to meet again in June 2001.

On behalf of the Committee, Judy Chuey requested approval of draft letters to be sent to the Friends of the Saskatoon Public Library and others. After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was moved:

That the Steering Committee be requested to develop a funding plan or strategy to raise the estimated funds necessary for the library history book project that identifies:

- (a) potential or possible funding sources
- (b) amounts to be targeted from each source identified
- (c) information requirements of potential funders
- (d) whether formal application forms must be used to apply for funds and the information required in such forms by each potential funder.

M/S Merrilee Rasmussen/Allard Merasty. Carried.

The Secretary was requested to send a letter to the Steering Committee advising them of the Executive=s direction.

A further motion was moved:

That the Secretary send a letter to the Saskatoon Friends of the Library and the Saskatoon Foundation, substantially in the form of the draft prepared by the Steering Committee, requesting a contribution to the library history book project.

M/S Myra Sutter/Charlotte Thies. Carried.

Judy Chuey requested that all members of the Executive advise her of any potential funders of whom they are aware in their area and to forward this information to her as soon as possible.

Brief to the Opposition

Merrilee Rasmussen gave a verbal report on the joint brief to the Opposition that was made by Julie McKenna, SLA, Marilyn Eley, SALT, and Collette Fisher, SSLA, and Merrilee Rasmussen on behalf of SLTA. The comments of all were well-received and it appeared that the Opposition MLAs in attendance were supportive of all types of libraries. It was recommended that such a brief be presented on an annual basis. A copy of the briefs presented was tabled at the meeting.

Financial Statement

The Treasurer presented the financial report.

Motion to adopt the financial statements as presented.

M/S Karen Basky/Kae Campbell. Carried.

Communications

Libraries Advance Canada: The President reported the receipt of letter from Julie McKenna inviting a representative to attend the launch of ALibraries Advance Canada@ at the CLA/CLTA meeting in Winnipeg in June. The group is intended as a national lobby group for libraries. The President advised that she will be present at the conference and will attend the initial meeting. Others who may be in Winnipeg are welcome to attend also and should notify Isabelle Butters or Joy Campbell.

Saskatchewan Archives of SLTA Records: The President received a copy of the finding aid to the SLTA records contained in the Saskatchewan Archives, which she provided to Judy Chuey as it may be useful in the library history book project. Judy will return the document to the Secretary when she no longer needs it or has made copies. It was noted that the Provincial Library also has a number of records of SLTA and Joy Campbell indicated that she would explore with the Archives the turning over of the appropriate records to them.

Provincial Library Report

The Acting Provincial Librarian, Joylene Campbell, provided a verbal report and indicated that copies of the report would be made available at the AGM on Saturday. The report addressed library funding needs, library promotion,

and an update on the Minister=s Advisory Committee on Library Services to Aboriginal Peoples.

Nominations Committee Report

Kae Campbell reported that Allard Merasty had agreed to act as President, Mavis Bellisle as Vice-President and Karen Basky as Treasurer. Merrilee Rasmussen is willing to continue as Secretary, but will have to be appointed by the Executive after the AGM when she will no longer be the Regina representative on the Executive.

Resolutions Committee

Allard Merasty reported that he had received no resolutions as Chair of the resolutions Committee.

SLTA Newsletter

The President advised that it is the President's responsibility to see that a newsletter goes out. She indicated that last year the newsletter was sent only to members, which was a reduction in copies from about 3,000 to about 1,500. In general discussion, there was a consensus that it is probably time to put the newsletter on a website, as well as distribute it in print. The Secretary will follow up on this issue for the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive will be held on April 21, 2001, at the Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon, following the AG.

Adjournment

The meeting then adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.