

Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association

Executive Meeting

September 22, 2001

DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was held at the Provincial Library board room in Regina and was called to order by the Vice- President who acted as Chair at approximately 9:10 a.m.

Members Present: Mavis Bellisle (Vice-President), Wapiti, Isabelle Butters (Past President), Southeast, Karen Basky (Treasurer), Palliser, Myra Sutter, Chinook, Brian Suetta, PNLs, Louise Cochrane, Lakeland, Merrilee Rasmussen (Secretary).

Regrets: Judith Chuey, Saskatoon, Faye Cameron, Regina, Kae Campbell, Wheatland.

Brian Suetta reported that Allard Merasty is now attending a two-year course in Saskatoon and has therefore moved out of the PNLs region. He is thus unable to continue as a representative to the SLTA Executive and, at a board meeting held September 8, 2001, the PNLs Board appointed Brian Suetta as its representative to the SLTA.

Isabelle Butters, Past President, reported that the Constitution and Bylaws of the SLTA require that its President be elected from among the representatives named to the executive by the various library systems.

A motion was moved by Isabelle Butters, seconded by Louise Cochran that Mavis Bellisle be appointed President for the unexpired portion of the term of office of Allard Merasty. The motion was carried.

A motion was moved by Isabelle Butters, seconded by Karen Basky, that Mavis Bellisle be appointed as the SLTA's representative to the CLTA executive. The motion was carried.

A motion was moved by Karen Basky, seconded by Brian Suetta, that Isabelle Butters be appointed Vice President for the unexpired portion of the term of office of Mavis Bellisle. The motion was carried.

A motion was moved by Brian Suetta, seconded by Charlotte Thies, that the Agenda for the meeting be approved as presented. The motion was carried.

Minutes of April 19 and 21 Meetings of the SLTA Executive

A motion was moved by Isabelle Butters, seconded by Brian Suetta, that the Minutes of the meetings of April 19 and 21, 2001 be approved as circulated, with the correction of the spelling of the names of Louise Cochran and Karen Basky. The motion was carried.

Financial Statement to August 31, 2001

A motion was moved by Karen Basky, seconded by Myra Sutter, that the financial statement ending August 31, 2001 be approved as presented. The motion was carried.

Brief to the Minister

A discussion was held concerning the need to continue to lobby provincial politicians in support of the e-library funding request contained in the SLTA's brief to the Minister. Various methods were suggested.

A motion was moved by Karen Basky, seconded by Charlotte Thies, that the Secretary send a copy of the brief to the Minister to each of the library board Chairs together with a letter asking Boards to work together to press government to support the e-library funding request contained in the brief, pointing out that the \$1 million that has been requested is only a small portion of the total cost. The motion was carried.

Library History Book Project

A discussion was held concerning the project and the request received from the Steering Committee to approve the sending of letters requesting funding to various groups and organizations.

A motion was moved by Karen Basky, seconded by Brian Suetta, to acknowledge the hard work of the Steering Committee and the advances it has made, and to direct the Secretary to contact Judy Chuey to request the Steering Committee to redraft its proposed letter requesting funding to respond to the following questions:

- the letter should contain an introduction to explain to the recipient who the Steering Committee is and what they're doing, and, in particular, why they are asking for donations
- the sentence regarding company logos should be deleted because a decision in this regard has not been made
- only ONE person should be listed as a contact to whom funds can be sent; listing so many is confusing B also note that Allard Merasty is no longer President of the SLTA, should direct funds to be sent to Karen Basky as Treasurer.
- each letter should identify how much the recipient is being asked to contribute; suggest the amount should be in the \$1,000 to \$2,000 range at least
- are we going to have ranking for contributions, such as gold, platinum etc.?
- the attached information concerning the project should identify the project as a Centennial project, be written in the third person (there is an "our" under "Goals") and the sentence about appealing to a wide audience under "Audience" should be deleted because it is not accurate; the detail of meeting expenses in the attached budget is too fine and should be collapsed into one line: "Meeting expenses - \$1,200"

and to authorize the President and the Secretary to review the revised materials and approve them to be forwarded. The motion was carried.

CLTA report

Isabelle Butters tabled a written report concerning her attendance at the CLTA as the representative of the SLTA.

SLTA website

Merrilee Rasmussen reported on the general costs of setting up a website. Provincial Library is prepared to host the website.

A motion was moved by Charlotte Thies, seconded by Louise Cochran, that the Secretary be authorized to spend up to \$3,000 to set up an SLTA website hosted by Provincial Library. The motion was carried.

SLA

A discussion was held concerning the offer to hold a joint 2002 conference between SLA and SLTA. The Secretary was directed to seek clarification regarding item 7 and 8.8 and to request the addition of SLTA invitees under item 11.

A motion was moved by Charlotte Thies, seconded by Louise Cochran, that Mavis Beliisle be authorized to execute the SLA contract on behalf of the SLTA. The motion was carried.

A motion was moved by Karen Basky, seconded by Isabelle Butters, that Faye Cameron be appointed as the SLTA representative to the Conference Program Planning Committee. The motion was carried.

A discussion was held concerning the June 4, 2001 letter from the President of the SLA to Allard Merasty as President of the SLTA. The letter advised that SLTA has been designated as an organization whose members are entitled to apply for membership in the SLA.

A motion was moved by Myra Sutter, seconded by Charlotte Thies, thanking the SLA for this designation and also advising that SLA members are eligible to become members of the SLTA. The motion was carried.

SLTA Newsletter

Brian Suetta agreed to continue to act as editor of the newsletter. A February newsletter was discussed and it was agreed that information should be forwarded to Brian Suetta by email to bws@sk.sympatico.ca by January 15, 2002 to be dealt with at the next meeting of the SLTA on February 9, 2002.

Reports

[AWAITING FURTHER INFORMATION AS I WAS NOT PRESENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING]

Other Business

A motion was moved by Louise Cochran, seconded by Myra Sutter, to authorize Mavis Bellisle to act as a signing authority for the SLTA.

Next meeting

FEBRUARY 9, 2002

MAKE SURE YOU MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THIS DATE. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN SASKATOON AT THE HARVEST HOUSE IF POSSIBLE. MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.