

Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association

Executive Meeting

February 9, 2002

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was held at the Harvest House in Saskatoon and was called to order by the President at 9:15 am.

Members present: Mavis Bellisle (President), Wapeti, Isabelle Butters (Vice-President) Southeast, Karen Basky (Treasurer), Palliser, Myra Sutter, Chinook, Brian Suetta, PLNS, Kae Campbell, Wheatland, Charlotte Thies, Parkland, Judith Chuey, Saskatoon and Kathy Evans, who will be the member from Saskatoon, after the annual meeting.

Regrets: Louise Cochran, Lakeland, Faye Cameron, Regina and Merrilee Rasmussen, Secretary.

A motion was made by Mavis Bellisle, seconded by Charlotte Theis, that the agenda be accepted as presented without any additions. CARRIED.

2. Minutes

The Draft Minutes of the September 22, 2001 meeting were corrected by adding under Reports:

"The provincial librarian, the systems, and the University of Saskatchewan, reported to the meeting."

A motion was made by Myra Sutter, seconded by Charlotte Theis, that the corrected minutes of the September 22, 2001 executive meeting be accepted. CARRIED.

3. Business Arising From Minutes

Discussion: A contract has not been signed with SLA re. 2003 SLA -SLTA Conference content and Location.

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4. Financial Statement

Printed financial statements were presented to the executive members present by Karen Basky, Treasurer. The financial statement is ready to send to the auditor in order to produce a report for the annual meeting. Karen noted in her report that the monies that had been budgeted for first-timers to the annual conference had not been utilized.

A motion was made by Karen Basky, seconded by Isabelle Butters, to accept the financial report for the year 2001 as presented. CARRIED.

A motion was made by Karen Basky, seconded by Brian Suetta, to accept the January 31, 2002 financial statement as presented. CARRIED.

A motion was made by Brian Suetta, seconded by Kae Campbell, to accept the financial report of the History Book Committee. CARRIED.

5. Communications

A letter was received from the provincial librarian stated that Merrilee Rasmussen had been appointed to the Multi-Type Library Board for a two year term.

The members present were informed about CLA Merit Awards These have not been applied for by Saskatchewan libraries for some time. There are two awards, one is presented to a public library board that demonstrates leadership in promoting literacy and another for distinguished service as a public trustee. The deadline for applying for these is March 1st , 2002.

A copy of how to be an effective member of a board from the magazine "Association" was given to the members by the President.

Resolution #19 on the agenda of the SARM Convention reads, "Be it resolved that the Library Act be amended to read that municipalities be

allowed to withdraw from participation in the Regional library system, submitted by Peter Foga.

Discussion: People need to speak to this, should be dealt with at the Regional level, talk to RM councils, make them aware of what is happening in the library, worth taking time to do. SARM meets March 4-7, 2002.

A draft copy of the proposed Urban Legislation for Cities which the cities of Saskatchewan have prepared and sent to Ron Osika, Municipal Minister, was presented to the meeting. SLTA needs to find out what the implications these changes will have for *The Public Libraries Act*.

Plan of Action Information: Mavis to ask Merrilee what the implications of the proposed urban legislation are for libraries. Send this to all executive members.

Send to every RM representative on our board.

Put together a plan and share this ASAP, before Friday.

A motion was made by Judy Chuey, seconded by Brian Suetta, that all correspondence be received and filed. CARRIED.

6. Reports

6.1 University of Saskatchewan Senate

Karen Basky reported the fall meeting held at Wanuskewin which included a lab on aboriginal concerns. Some of this concern appears to be coming from the business sector. Businesses are realizing that there is a significant problem that when the boom generation retires, young people will be needed to replace these people, and as more young people are aboriginal, the private sector is becoming concerned with attracting the best and brightest of these young people. As the U of S depends on the private sector for dollars, and is competing for this funding, the senate has spent two sessions concerning aboriginal programming, cultural values and how to attract and retain bright aboriginal young people. The report was handed out to all members present.

6.2 *University of Regina Senate* - no report

6.3 *SLA Conference Planning* - no report.

E-mail received by Isabelle Butters that the 2002 Conference is available on line to be printed out. Print-outs obtained for each executive member.

6.4 *Ten Library Systems*

Written reports from Wheatland, Chinook, Southeast, Palliser, Saskatoon, and Wapiti are attached to minutes and copies given to each executive member.

Parkland - The former Chairman did not attend SLTA meetings due to lack of time, but things have improved since January 1st, as they now have a new Regional director. They've given their staff a 2% increase. They were a victim of vandalism to the library car and van. Parkland is recognizing its long term employees with a Grimshaw picture. Parkland is trying not to reduce hours or services. Trustees are feeling much better with the new director and recent improvements.

PNLS - have moved into the new headquarters. Brian Suetta reports it was a lot of work but well worth it. Their first executive meeting was held in the new premises in January. The library building is beautiful, has an indoor loading bay, tons of space, high ceilings, is airy, roomy and has lots of light. There are security screens in the windows, and special air entry on windows. The building cost \$750,000.00 was completed on budget and on time.

Regina and Lakeland - no report.

6.5 *Provincial Report* - Written report given to each member.

Important: The Board Chairs need the authority to sign the Agreements with the province that permit the library system to order the new computers under the sustainability funding from Industry Canada. Only libraries who accepted the original Gateway offer can apply for assistance this time.

6.6 *Multi-type Library Report*

Gateway : Last payment withheld.

Sask. Libraries Conference is being held at 10:30am on Wednesday February 15.

Community Net - No official announcement yet from municipal affairs. Ralph Goodale is supportive. Federal Treasury Board.

A motion by Brian Suetta, seconded by Kae Campbell that all reports be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

7. New Business

7.1 Annual Meeting

Concern was expressed that the money set aside to encourage first-timers to attend the annual conference had not been utilized. Suggestion that every trustee be subsidized.

A motion was made by Isabelle Butters, seconded by Charlotte Thies, that SLTA subsidize each trustee who attends the annual conference the amount of \$60.00, provided they attend the annual meeting. This amount is to be pro-rated for one day. CARRIED.

A motion was made by Charlotte Thies, seconded by Judy Chuey, that each executive member be reimbursed for 2 nights' accommodation while attending the annual SLA-SLTA Conference. CARRIED.

A motion was made by Karen Basky, seconded by Kae Campbell, that the nominating committee approach Merrilee Rasmussen to continue acting as Secretary to the SLTA. CARRIED.

Conference Planning: The 2003 SLA-SLTA Conference will be held at the Sheraton Cavalier April 10-12, 2003 and planning is to start in the spring of 2002.

A motion was made by Isabelle Butters, seconded by Kae Campbell that we appoint Kathy Evans as the SLTA representative to the Saskatoon SLA - SLTA 2003 Planning Committee. CARRIED.

Reminder to all executive. Confirmation of paid up memberships in SLTA and letter of appointment to executive be sent to SLTA.

7.2 SLTA Life Membership

One application was sent before December 31st, 2001. Problem - we do not know who sent in the nomination.

7.3 Nominating Committee

Brian Suetta and Kae Campbell were appointed to the SLTA Nominating Committee.

7.4 Resolutions Committee

Brian Suetta and Isabelle Butters were appointed to the Resolutions Committee.

This Resolution Committee is to create a resolutions on provincial government funding (based on some information given in the Southeast reports). These will be presented at the 2002 SLTA Annual General Meeting.

7.5 Budget

The 2002 Budget was presented to the executive by Karen Basky.

A motion was made by Karen Basky, seconded by Brian Suetta to accept the 2002 budget.

7.6 Systems reports

Reports from each library system for the annual meeting should be sent to Wapiti Headquarters on 8 ½ x 11 pages by March 25, 2002. Label these "SLTA" and send to:

mbellisle@panet.pa.sk.ca

7.7 Newsletter

Send to Mavis Bellisle ASAP as above..

Discussion: Due to the fact that there have and will be many changes in the SLTA Executive Board, we agreed to each come to the next meeting with a list of what we believe we are responsible for, as the first step in creating an orientation package for the use of new Executive Committee members.

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8 Library History Book Project

The History Book Committee has provided the SLTA with a mission statement and a report on the progress of their committee. Many possible sources of funds could not donate to this project as it is not a registered charity. Donations could be made to special charity funds such as the Mary Donaldson Memorial Fund.

Isabelle Butters asked we record that she questioned the Steering Committees plan to have 2,000 copies printed, and asked the steering committee to procure prices from the publisher for smaller quantities.

A motion was made by Charlotte Thies, seconded by Karen Basky, to accept the History Book Steering Committee Report. CARRIED.

A motion was made by Charlotte Theis, seconded by Karen Basky, to allow the History Book Steering Committee to include SLTA in their letterhead on correspondence. CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mavis Bellisle, seconded by Brian Suetta that all proceeds from the sale of the library history books should be donated towards funding of speakers for future SLA- SLTA Conferences or special Educational Seminars for Librarians and Trustees across the province. CARRIED.

9 Next Meeting

Next meeting is at 3:00 pm Thursday, April 11, 2002. At the April 12, 2002 executive meeting following the annual meeting we will brainstorm for the brief to the minister. The tentative date for the September meeting is September 6 or 7 perhaps at the new PNLs Headquarters if this can be arranged.

10 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Isabelle Butters, seconded by Charlotte Thies.
CARRIED