

Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association

Pre and Post Conference Meetings

May 1 to 3, 2008
Queensbury Centre, Regina

Pre-Conference Meeting: May 1, 2008 2:30pm - Queensbury Executive Boardroom

Present: Carmen Pauls-Orthner (PNLS), Colleen Christopherson Cote (Palliser), Kae Campbell (Wheatland), Gail Beuhler (Chinook), Isabelle Butters (Multitype), Donna Hartley (Southeast), Dennis Taylor (Lakeland), Darryl Lucke (RPL), Bev Dubois (SPL), Ciara McIlwaine, Executive Director.

1. Call to Order

President Bev Dubois (SPL) called the meeting to order at 2:35pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Bev Dubois (SPL) proposed moving 5.1 to the top of the agenda.

Donna Hartley (Southeast) moved acceptance of the agenda. Seconded by Dennis Taylor (Lakeland). Carried.

5.1 Letter from Palliser Regional Library re: membership fees

Bev Dubois (SPL) reported that Colleen Christopherson-Cote cannot represent Palliser on the SLTA Executive until Palliser has paid their entire institutional membership. Colleen is therefore here as a guest in order to present the Palliser case.

Colleen Christopherson-Cote (Palliser) reported that the first three issues identified in the letter from Palliser Regional Library pertained directly to the use of the Provincial Library grant and that now that the grant was being used and the display unit has been purchased, these issues are now resolved. The only remaining issue is the perceived inequality of the fee structure.

There was a general discussion of the letter and the fee structure. Bev Dubois directed the fee structure to be placed on the Agenda for the September meeting.

Donna Hartley (Southeast) moved that the President and Executive Director draft a letter responding to Palliser Regional Library. The letter should be circulated to the SLTA executive for comment before being sent. Seconded by Carmen Pauls-Orthner. Carried.

4.1 \$10,000 Grant from Provincial Library

Bev Dubois (SPL) summarized the history of this grant and how the concept eventually was developed to use the grant to purchase a professional display unit. Bev reported that the unit would be set up at the trade show and asked that everyone stop and look at the display. It was unanimously agreed that discussion as to the content of the display will resume at the post-AGM meeting.

6.1 Bev Dubois (SPL) appointed Merrilee Rasmussen as Parliamentarian.

6.2 Nominating Committee (Maureen McGirr and Kae Campbell):

Someone will need to sit as Vice-President now that Colleen is unable to represent Palliser on the Executive. Darryl Lucke agreed to stand for Vice-President.

6.3 Resolutions Committee (Sharon Armstrong and Bev Dubois):

Bev Dubois reported that we haven't received any resolutions. Therefore we can only consider emergency resolutions from the floor. Typically this would be something coming out of the AGM.

4.3 Brochures

Bev Dubois (SPL) reported that there are still brochures left from the previous order so we have decided to use them at this conference and then after the AGM we will have new brochures printed.

5.2 Saskatchewan Library Week SLTA Representative

Bev Dubois (SPL) proposed that Ciara McIlwaine be the SLTA's representative for Saskatchewan Library Week. Kae Campbell (Wheatland) moved, seconded by Gail Beuhler (Chinook). Carried.

7.2 CLTA Representative

Isabelle Butters reported that the CLTA Representative is traditionally the President.

7.6 SLA Conference Exhibit - work schedule

Donna Hartley passed around a sign-up sheet for manning the booth.

7.8 Strategic Planning

Isabelle Butters reports that the Multitype Library Board is looking for input from the SLTA Executive on strategic planning.

8. Other Business

Bev Dubois (SPL) reported that the SLTA will be presenting Louise Cochran with the Life Member Award at the SLA Banquet on Friday May 2, 2008. The SLTA will be reserving tables at the Banquet. Also, the SLTA will be presenting Elaine Kivisto with a certificate thanking her for her past service as a member of the SLTA executive on Thursday May 1, 2008 at the President's Reception.

Donna Hartley (Southeast) reported that this will be Isabelle Butters' last SLTA meeting. She has now served two consecutive terms as the SLTA's representative to the Multitype Library Board. The Minister will now choose a successor. The SLTA will need to prepare a list of recommendations to provide to the Minister. The SLTA Executive said farewell to Isabelle.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be immediately following the SLTA AGM on Saturday May 3, 2008 in Conference Room 4 at the Queensbury Convention Centre in Regina.

10. Darryl moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Carmen Pauls-Orthner. Carried.

Post-Conference Meeting: May 3, 2008 2:30pm - Conference Room 4

Present: Carmen Pauls-Orthner (PNLS), Sharon Armstrong (Parkland), Kae Campbell (Wheatland), Maureen McGirr (Wapiti), Gail Beuhler (Chinook), Donna Hartley (Southeast), Dennis Taylor (Lakeland), Darryl Lucke (RPL), Bev Dubois (SPL), Ciara McIlwaine, Executive Director.

1. Call to Order

4.4 Newsletter

Maureen McGirr (Wapiti) moved that there be no newsletter put out following the AGM and that the information be instead circulated in the Meeting Communique. Seconded by Darryl Lucke (RPL). Carried.

4.5 Column in SLA Forum

Ciara McIlwaine will prepare the column for the SLA Forum. It should have a picture of the Life Member, summarize the two SLTA sessions, and mention the expo unit that is being created.

4.6 Meeting Communique

Ciara McIlwaine will prepare the Meeting Communique and circulate it with the Executive. It will then be posted on the SLTA website.

7.1 Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer

Dennis Taylor (Lakeland) nominated Donna Hartley (Southeast) as Secretary/Treasurer. Sharon Armstrong (Parkland) moved nominations cease. Seconded by Maureen McGirr (Wapiti). Carried. Donna Hartley is the Secretary/Treasurer.

Sharon Armstrong (Parkland) moved that signing authority be vested in the Secretary/Treasurer and one of the President and Vice-President. Defeated.

Maureen McGirr (Wapiti) moved that the Secretary/Treasurer, President, and Vice-President all have signing authority and two of the three will be required to sign each cheque. Seconded by Kae Campbell (Wheatland). Carried.

7.7 Updating the Trustee manual

A Committee was struck to review the Trustee manual. The Committee will consist of Maureen McGirr (Wapiti) and Ciara McIlwaine.

7.8 Strategic Planning

The Executive discussed updating the SLTA strategic plan at the fall Executive meeting. Bev Dubois (SPL) will look into finding a facilitator. The Executive agreed to have a longer meeting than usual in the fall to allow time to go through the strategic plan.

7.9 Multitype Library Board Representative

Bev Dubois (SPL) reported that Isabelle Butters' term as SLTA representative on the Multitype Library Board has come to an end and that the SLTA must now submit some names to the Minister of Education from which to choose a new representative.

Karen Basky and Louise Cochran's names were put forward. Donna Hartley (Southeast) will contact Ms. Basky and Ms. Cochran to ensure that they are happy with their names being put forward.

8.0 Other Business

Carmen Pauls-Orthner noted that she has concerns about the SLTA bylaws and specifically would like to consider changing bylaw 2.9 at the 2009 AGM. A Committee was struck to review the SLTA Bylaws. The Committee will consist of Carmen Pauls-Orthner (PNLS), Bev Dubois (SPL), Sharon Armstrong (Parkland), and Darryl Lucke (RPL).

Bev Dubois (SPL) noted that the SLTA will need to set up the meeting with the Minister of Education.

The Executive discussed who from the Executive should be attending the meeting with the Minister. It was agreed that the President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer should attend.

Carmen Pauls-Orthner (PNLS) suggested that the Executive consider re-evaluating its approach to lobbying. The direct approach the SLTA takes in meeting with the Minister has not met with success. We may need to have other ways to lobby, have a more fleshed out strategy. There are other indirect ways of lobbying the government.

Dennis Taylor (Lakeland) moved that the President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer will meet with the Minister. Seconded by Gail Beuhler (Chinook). Carried.

Bev Dubois (SPL) noted that the content for the expo system will need to be developed. As a first step, Bev suggested that she and Ciara McIlwaine prepare the material that the SLTA already has and take it to the design company to put together a prototype. Once a

prototype has been developed then the entire Executive can review it and make changes or suggestions.

Dennis Taylor (Lakeland) outlined his idea to include digital photo frames for each region that could be loaded with whatever photos or videos each region wanted. He suggested that the Executive send their specific ideas to Ciara McIlwaine via email.

Carmen Pauls-Orthner (PNLS) explained her concerns about not letting Palliser sit on the Executive. The Executive discussed the situation again and agreed that until the Palliser region has paid their membership dues in full, they are not a member in good standing and therefore not able to sit as a member of the Executive.

9. Next Meeting

The Executive determined that the first three weekends in September were available. Bev Dubois (SPL) will make arrangements with a hotel. The Executive will email their availability to Bev Dubois via email.

10. Darryl moved adjournment. Seconded by Gail Beuhler. Carried.