

Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association Meeting



February 3rd and 4th, 2012
Travelodge, Regina

Present: Kae Campbell, Lorna Black (PNLS), Barbara Bulat (Director, Library Accountability & Administration, Provincial Library), Gerald Kleisinger (RPL), Vice-President Dennis Taylor (Lakeland), Donna Hartley (Southeast), Maureen McGirr (Wapiti), President Bev Dubois (SLP), Nancy Kennedy (Executive Director).

Regrets/Absent: Gail Beuhler (Chinook), Karen Basky (Multitype Library Board).

1. Call to Order

President Bev Dubois called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Friday, February 3rd.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: Moved by Dennis Taylor, seconded by Donna Hartley that the agenda be adopted.

Motion carried.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: Moved by Gerald Kleisinger, seconded by Maureen McGirr that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.

Motion carried.

4. Business Arising From the Minutes

Strategic Plan -

The short term goals for the SLTA were reviewed.

Column 1 – There are adequate resources for libraries to provide high quality services

Bullet 1 – There are no resources at this time.

Bullet 2 – The SLTA has researched a lottery. There was discussion around fund-raising and the difficulties with it. The SLTA will continue to pursue funds for trustee development.

Column 2 – Saskatchewan libraries are cooperative and collegial and share

Information and best practices

Bullets 1 to 6 – The SLTA needs to bring opportunities for trustees to this board. There are issues getting trustees together and the SLTA will look into providing information electronically.

Column 3 – The SLTA is relevant to its membership and representative of all libraries

Bullet 1 – The mailing list is up to date. SLTA will encourage members to provide email addresses.

Bullets 2 to 4 – ***Motion: Moved by Sharon Armstrong, seconded by Donna Hartley that Bullet 2 to 4 – Administered an electronic survey measuring member satisfaction, issues and needs... – be removed from the Strategic Plan.***

Motion carried.

Bullet 5 – To generate more interest in the AGM it was suggested that SLTA make it separate from the SLA conference.

Column 4 – All Saskatchewan library trustees are knowledgeable about their role as Trustees

Bullets 1 to 3 – The Provincial Library is working on board development – information will be forwarded to board members. It was suggested that governance and board development training can be done electronically at regional annual meetings. There are many materials available. The Executive Director will research what is available for SLTA trustees re governance and libraries of the 21st century, and report back to the board. Bev asked Barbara to provide information on the Trustee Development Grant.

Minister's Brief -

The meeting with Minister Harpauer is scheduled for March 15th.

The RPL letter was discussed.

Motion: Moved by Lorna Black, seconded by Sharon Armstrong that an acknowledgement letter be sent to RPL.

Motion carried.

Motion: Moved by Sharon Armstrong, seconded by Dennis Taylor that, due to time constraints, further discussion of the RPL acknowledgement letter be moved to the end of the agenda.

Motion carried.

Education Minister Harpauer approached Bev at SUMA, and she is aware that SLTA has a meeting scheduled with her.

Following much discussion on the 2011 Minister's Brief, including content and the importance of the document, amendments were agreed upon, corrections will be made, and a final copy of the document will be forwarded to the Minister. Regions will provide the Executive Director with lists of what they are doing to help the government achieve its mandate. This information will not be included with the brief but will be verbalized to the Minister by Bev, Dennis and Nancy at the meeting.

Motion: Moved by Dennis Taylor, seconded by Maureen McGirr that “The SLTA proposes that the Government of Saskatchewan commit exponential increases in grants to support libraries” be changed to read “The SLTA proposes that the Government of Saskatchewan commit to a defined funding formula of inflationary increase plus 2%.”

Motion defeated.

Motion: Moved by Lorna Black, seconded by Gerald Kleisinger that the 2011 Minister’s Brief be approved with changes and formatting.

Motion carried.

Motion: Moved by Kae Campbell, seconded by Donna Hartley that the meeting be recessed until Saturday, February 4th, 2012.

Motion carried.

Saturday, February 4th, 2012

Call to Order

President Bev Dubois reconvened the meeting at 8:45 a.m. The presentation of Literacy and Lifelong Learning (Item 5) was postponed due to presenters being unable to attend at the last minute.

4. Business Arising From the Minutes

SLA Conference -

The SLA conference is May 4th and 5th, 2012 at the Ramada Hotel in Regina. The SLTA session is scheduled from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Saturday 5th. Donna will check with James Richards to see if he is available to present a session on Social Media Pertaining to Libraries. If James cannot commit, Gerald will check for a possible presenter from RPL (on social media pertaining to libraries). Regional libraries will provide gifts. Regions that have mascots will check to see if they are available to be at the conference.

The SLTA Pre-AGM meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 4th (5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.). It will be a dinner meeting. The location is yet to be determined. The SLTA AGM will take place on Saturday, May 5th (9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.) in the Pine Room, Ramada Hotel. The SLTA Post-AGM meeting is scheduled to follow the AGM (10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) in the Pine Room, Ramada Hotel.

Website -

The Executive Director’s report to SLTA re the website was presented and discussed.

Motion: Moved by Gerald Kleisinger, seconded by Dennis Taylor that the SLTA allocate \$3,000.00 in the 2012 budget to update the current website and that the Executive Director investigate options.

Motion carried.

6. New Business

Newsletter -

The spring newsletter will include: a President's message; highlights from the Spring meeting; regional updates; information on individual memberships; a "plea" for email addresses; information on the SLA conference, the SLTA session at the conference, and the display and draw for a Kobo eReader; a report from the Provincial Library; a notice of the AGM and call for resolutions, and board contact information with new board picture.

Budget –

The draft 2012 budget was discussed.

Motion: Moved by Gerald Kleisinger, seconded by Lorna Black that the 2012 Budget be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

Life Member Award –

It was a very difficult decision, but the recipient of the 2012 Life Member was chosen. The recipient is Gwen Collee of Prince Albert. The Executive Director will send a letter to Gwen, in addition, letters will be sent to the nominators of the non-winners encouraging them to reapply. **Please note that this information is confidential until the award is presented at the SLA Conference Brunch on Saturday, May 5th (11:30 a.m.).**

Nominations Committee –

Kae and Maureen will co-chair the Nominations Committee.

Resolutions Committee –

Sharon and Donna will co-chair the Resolutions Committee. Trustees will check with their boards for resolutions.

7. Reports

President -

Bev attended SUMA. The SLTA received quite a bit of attention. The banner was there. Libraries are on the radar.

Treasurer –

The financial statements from September 1, 2011 to January 31, 2012 were discussed. It was noted that individual memberships are down.

Motion: Moved by Maureen McGirr, seconded by Gerald Kleisinger that the SLTA purchase a \$10,000.00 redeemable GIC.

Motion carried.

Motion: Moved by Dennis Taylor, seconded by Lorna Black that the financial statements to December 31, 2011 be approved.

Motion carried.

There was discussion about the promotion portion of the budget. Donna, Bev, and Maureen will form a Promotion Committee. A report with suggestions for the 2013 budget will be presented at the September 2012 meeting.

Motion: Moved by Donna Hartley, seconded by Dennis Taylor that the Executive Director purchases a Kobo with case and have the case engraved to give away at the SLA conference.

Motion carried.

The 2011 Financial Statements as prepared by accountant Ross Johnston were reviewed. Errors were noted.

Motion: Moved by Donna Hartley, seconded by Dennis Taylor that the SLTA receive the financial statements as amended to be presented at the pre-AGM meeting for final approval.

Motion carried.

Executive Director -

The Executive Director's report was presented. It was noted that the SLTA book *A Book in Every Hand* is now out of print. The Executive Director has the remaining copies in storage.

System Reports -

A brief synopsis of member's written reports were given. It was noted that the government spends \$30,000.00 a month on shipping books within the province.

Provincial Library -

Barbara provided a brief overview of the Provincial Library report.

Multitype Library Board –

No report.

Senate (U of R/U of S) –

The Senate meets twice a year. At the last U of S Senate meeting the Occupy Saskatoon movement infiltrated the meeting. The U of R Senate is meeting today. The Senate is a good public relations tool.

8. Correspondence

Recent correspondence was circulated to board members.

9. Trustee in Camera Session

Motion: Moved by Lorna Black, seconded by Sharon Armstrong that the meeting move in-camera.

Motion carried.

Motion: Moved by Maureen McGirr, seconded by Donna Hartley that the meeting move out-of-camera.

Motion carried.

10. Other Business – Response to RPL

An acknowledgement letter will be sent to RPL.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for May 4th and 5th, 2012 during the SLA conference in Regina. (Pre-AGM – Friday, May 4 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., location to be determined/AGM – Saturday, May 5 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Pine Room, Ramada Hotel/Post-AGM – Saturday, May 5 from 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Pine Room, Ramada Hotel).

12. Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Kae Campbell, seconded by Donna Hartley that the meeting adjourn at 12:15.

Motion carried.