

## Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association Meeting



**September 23 and 24, 2011  
Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon**

**Present:** Lorna Black (PNLS), Brett Waytuck (Provincial Library), Gerald Kleisinger (RPL), Vice-President Dennis Taylor (Lakeland), Karen Basky (Multitype Library Board), Gail Beuhler (Chinook), Donna Hartley (Southeast), Maureen McGirr (Wapiti), President Bev Dubois (SLP), Executive Director Nancy Kennedy.

**Regrets:** Treasurer Kae Campbell (Wheatland), Sharon Armstrong (Parkland).

### 1. Call to Order

Vice President Dennis Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. September 23.

### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with the following amendments:

4. Business Arising From the Minutes was amended to the following:
  - Lottery Proposal
  - Minister's Brief
  - Strategic Plan
  - Videoconferencing
  - Staffing and Compensation Committee.
  
5. New Business was amended to the following:
  - Newsletter
  - Nominations Committee
  - Resolutions Committee
  - SLA Conference
  - Senate (U of R/U of S)
  - Website
  - SLTA Profile
  - Harper Collins

***Moved by Gerald Kleisinger, seconded by Donna Hartley that the agenda be adopted as amended. Carried.***

### **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

*Moved by Lorna Black, seconded by Gail Beuhler that the minutes be adopted. Carried.*

### **4. Business Arising From the Minutes**

#### **Lottery Proposal -**

The lottery proposal received a negative response. However, trustees believe there might be another more palatable option for discussion in the future.

#### **Minister's Brief -**

There was discussion about the format and content of the draft document. The format will stay as is. The document will ask for a government commitment to a funding formula - cost of living plus 2%. This will make budget process a more rational process, and enable libraries to do longer term planning. The issue of a MLIS program will be addressed in the brief. The beginning of the document will include appreciation of the 2011 funding. It was also suggested that regions provide data on what is happening in their libraries to help the government achieve its mandate which would then be attached as an appendices.

#### **Strategic Plan -**

The strategic plan was discussed. At this time it was decided that contracting the services of a researcher is not viable.

Directors are very interested in board education. Brett Waytuck will report back from the Provincial Library when he has information on the Trustee Development Grant.

The database has been completely updated. It was noted that Isabel Butters commented on how pleased she was to have received a copy of the newsletter after years of not receiving one. She is a life member.

There was discussion about sending a survey to all members after the 2012 AGM. President Bev Dubois and Nancy Kennedy will put together a skeleton version for members.

Trustees would like to see attendance at the AGM increased. Perhaps an email to board members who have email addresses could be sent prior to the meeting advising of the AGM, and stressing that there is no fee to attend. SLTA will bring their concerns to the attention of SLA. It was suggested that the SLA conference have a one day only conference fee for members not interested in attending both days. We need to make it clear to members that there is no fee for attending the AGM.

#### **Videoconferencing -**

The use of videoconferencing for meetings was discussed. It was decided that trustees prefer face to face meetings.

### **Staffing and Compensation Committee -**

There was discussion about the role the SLTA was to play. Karen Basky will have the item added to the agenda of the next Multitype Library Board meeting and report back to the SLTA.

Meeting was recessed until Saturday, September 24, 2011.

### **Saturday, September 24, 2011**

#### **Call to Order**

President Bev Dubois called the meeting back to order at 8:30 a.m., and resume control of the meeting after the Business Arising From the Minutes.

#### **5. New Business**

##### **Newsletter -**

The fall newsletter will include:

- more pictures
- the date and place of the SLA conference (Ramada, Regina, May 4 and 5, 2011)
- "Highlights" of past meeting section
- no "Meeting Communiqué" section – information will be included under "Highlights"
- a call for honorary life member nominations
- if room permits, a list of past life member recipients
- a "Did You Know Section" with information about car rental
- a "Did You Know Section" with information about bequeathing money to your library.

Please have all newsletter items in to Nancy Kennedy by October 10.

##### **Nomination Committee -**

Deferred to the February meeting.

##### **Resolutions Committee -**

Deferred to the February meeting.

##### **SLA Conference -**

The conference is May 4 and 5 in Regina.

***Moved by Dennis Taylor, seconded by Gerald Kleisinger that the SLTA sponsor one or two sessions for the conference. Carried.***

Suggestions for sessions included alternate sources of funding for libraries, an in-service for library trustees on libraries of the future, how trustees can access social media to access libraries and connect trustees, a round table session, and a session on teaching trustees how to find and write grants.

Nancy Kennedy and President Bev Dubois will talk to Kirsten about possibly pooling resources to host a session. In addition, the idea of video-taping the session(s) and putting on the website was discussed. A booth for the SLTA will be booked. President Bev Dubois asked that each trustee supply a door prize.

#### **Senate -**

***Moved by Donna Hartley, seconded by Gerald Kleisinger that President Bev Dubois remain the SLTA's U of S Senate Representative and that Gerald Kleisinger remain the SLTA's U of R Senate Representative. Carried.***

#### **Website -**

Discussion was held regarding the website. Suggestions were made. Nancy Kennedy will contact SLA about their updated system.

***Moved by Gerald Kleisinger, seconded by Donna Hartley that Nancy Kennedy and President Bev Dubois will investigate options and email results to trustees. Carried.***

#### **SLTA Profile -**

Discussion was held as to building the SLTA's profile that would provide direction for the Board.

***Moved by Gerald Kleisinger, seconded by Lorna Black that the SLTA make First Nations and early childhood literacy their goal for promotion in the coming year. Carried.***

#### **Harper Collins -**

The board expressed its disapproval of practices used by Harper Collins. After an eBook purchased from Harper Collins has had 26 users, the book must be purchased again. Trustees will take this issue back to their boards.

***Moved by Donna Hartley, seconded by Maureen McGirr that the Executive Director writes a letter on behalf of the SLTA expressing their displeasure with the practice. Carried.***

### **6. Reports**

#### **President -**

President Bev Dubois has been going to U of S Senate meetings and work on updating mailing addresses.

#### **Treasurer -**

The percentage of budget expenditure and "year to date" will be added to the Statement of Expenses.

***Moved by Maureen McGirr, seconded by Gerald Kleisinger that President Bev Dubois, Vice-President Dennis Taylor, and Treasurer Kae Campbell have signing authority for the SLTA. Carried.***

**Executive Director -**

Nancy Kennedy thanked all trustees for their warm welcome and support.

**6. System Reports**

A brief synopsis of member's written reports were given. There were no reports from the Provincial Library, Parkland, or Wheatland.

**7. Correspondence**

Recent correspondence was circulated to board members.

**8. Trustee in Camera Session**

***Moved by Lorna Black, seconded by Maureen McGirr that the meeting move in-camera. Carried.***

***Moved by Donna Hartley, seconded by Gerald Kleisinger that the meeting move out-of-camera. Carried.***

**9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is tentatively set for February 3 and 4, 2012.

**10. Adjournment**

***Moved by Maureen McGirr, seconded by Gerald Kleisinger that the meeting adjourn at 11:45. Carried.***