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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to 1991. OALT/ABO has a number of interesting activities planned for members this year. Please make a note of the date of the annual conference which will take place in Toronto. It promises to be an exciting event with the excellent resources Toronto has to offer. This issue also brings you up to date on regional workshops

and the nomination process for the Presidential Award.

There were many positive comments about the previous newsletter and I do appreciate the feedback. Suggestions are being considered and some new ideas will be incorporated into the layout of Newsletter/Nouvelles when volume 16 gets underway.

If you would be interested in writing an article for our publication at some future date, please get in touch with me. Contributions from all regions will ensure we remain a vital part of the library scene in Ontario. The deadline for submissions to volume 15, number 3 is March 8, 1990.

Linda Davis  
Editor

## 1990-1991 OALT/ABO Executive

### Susan Morley

#### President

Susan graduated from Sheridan College in 1978 and has been an OALT/ABO member since student days. She works at the Canadian Standards Association's Information Centre where she specializes in research and technical services. Susan also enjoys genealogical research, the theatre and she recently had an article accepted for publication in a popular travel magazine.

### Bette Gore

#### Vice-President

Bette is a dedicated member of OALT/ABO. This is her sixth year as a member of the provincial executive and her third term as Vice-President. Since graduating from Cambrian College in 1973, her work experience has been with elementary and secondary schools. Bette is presently employed in a one-person library at Capreol High School (Sudbury Board of Education).

### Diana Doxtador

#### Secretary

Diana is a graduate of Sheridan College and worked in several libraries in southern Ontario before moving to Moosonee where she currently resides. She is employed in the library at the James Bay Education Centre, a campus of Northern College.

### Christine Davy

#### Treasurer

In 1984, following in her mother's footsteps, Christine graduated from Seneca College as a library technician. Since the summer of 1983, she has been employed by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business in the Research Library. When she's not counting money, Christine is out kayaking with her husband.

### Marsha Hunt

#### Public Relations Co-ordinator

Marsha is a recent graduate of Sheridan College, and is returning for a second term in her capacity as Public Relations Co-ordinator. She also has a degree from McMaster University, and works as a Library Resources Technician for the Peel Board of Education.

## INFOWAVE

### 18th Annual OALT/ABO Conference

Hosted by the Toronto Area Library Technicians' Association  
May 22-25, 1991

Ryerson Polytechnical Institute  
Accommodation: Bond Place Hotel

Come one, come all to /INFOWAVE, OALT/ABO's 1991 conference sponsored by TALTA. The Conference Committee has planned an exciting four days of workshops, panel discussions, tours and entertainment.

*Workshops:* designing library space, online indexing systems, video disc technology, online bibliographical searching and more...

*Tours:* several well-known library and information centres around Toronto...

This is just the beginning! So pen us in your Filofax for four stimulating days at /INFOWAVE.

#### Estimated cost:

Full conference without accommodation	(members) \$214.00	(non-members) \$321.00
One day	\$107.00	\$140.00
Half day	\$55.00	\$81.00
Accommodation	(single or double) \$69.00	
Banquet only	\$50.00	

(If you register for the full conference, the banquet is included)

For further details, please contact: Pat Petruga W(416) 593-5211 H(416) 691-5440  
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# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As many of you are aware, Carolyn Boardman has held the appointment of Membership Chairperson for several years. Carolyn has decided that it is time to hand over these duties to someone else, and has resigned from the position. On behalf of OALT/ABO, I wish to express sincere thanks to Carolyn for all her efforts over the years. We shall miss her diligent attention to detail, a quality that this position requires. It was agreed, at the November Executive/Board of Directors' meeting, that, as an interim measure, the duties will be shared by the Treasurer (C. Davy), Public Relations Coordinator (M. Hunt), and Label Contractor (B. Gore). The procedures followed by the regions are still in effect.

At the September Executive/Board meeting, a decision was made to postpone the publication of the 1991 membership directory. The primary reason for this is financial constraint. At the November meeting, we considered ways in which the production and distribution costs could be offset. We agreed to approach a select list of potential corporate sponsors who might be interested in advertising in the directory.

Obtaining external funding is one way of getting the project underway, but the membership can help by letting us know how useful the directory is. How many of you actually use, or need, your directory? Personally, I find it a very useful tool. However, not all members may feel the same. Each director will be posing this question at the next available regional meeting—please let your representative know whether you consider this publication worthwhile or not. Once we have a realistic idea of how many copies are required, we can proceed with production.

Associations face the same financial situations as individuals and OALT/ABO is no different from most others. Though we have been managing well, within the budget we have set for ourselves, we have to admit that costs are increasing and we may have to increase our membership fees in order to meet future needs. Please talk to your Directors about this, so that they will be prepared to discuss a proposed increase at the February Board meeting.

Recently, Gary Wilson, a former library technician at Queen's University Library, made the news when he was

elected MPP for Kingston. Although OALT/ABO members are well aware of the usefulness of the skills attributed to our profession, it's interesting to see someone find yet another alternative occupation.

Happy 15th anniversary to the Halton/Peel Region of OALT/ABO. I was pleased to attend their party, on November 23, in Brampton. When I first joined the Association, I was a member of this region, and as a Sheridan College alumnus, I have kept in touch with many fellow grads and Halton/Peel members. Celebrations of this nature help us to appreciate the efforts of earlier members and to inspire newcomers to continue the valuable work of our Association.

On a final note, I would like to leave you with this thought. Job security and further education complement one another. An employer can recognize the efforts an employee makes to keep skills up to date and maintain professional awareness. It may be the deciding factor in obtaining that new job or promotion, or simply keeping the position you have.

The bottom line is "it pays to be a member!"

Regards,  
Susan Morley,  
President, OALT/ABO

## Notes and News

- The Canadian Library Association recently announced the appointment of Karen Adams as its new Executive Director. She has served on provincial and national library committees and has been a Councillor on the CLA Board. She commences her duties January 1, 1991.

- The Madcap Players Cabaret will be held in Barrie April 11-13, and 18-20, 1991. Huronia Region members plan to attend the final night performance. If you are interested in joining them for a pre-show dinner and the event itself, please contact **Pat Henry** at (705) 728-3480 before January 7. Tickets are \$15 each. Delegates to the 1990 conference at Geneva Park will attest to the fine entertainment provided by this group.

- Oxbridge Communications has announced the publication of *National Directory of Magazines*, listing over 24,000 U.S. and Canadian titles. The fourth edition of NDM is available from Oxbridge Communications, 150 Fifth Avenue, #636, New York 10011 (\$295).

- Ron Cheney (Halton/Peel) recently starred in the Brampton Musical Society's production of *Kiss Me Kate*. Future productions of this group will include *Damn Yankees* and *Evita*. For more information, call (416) 793-1729.

- EBSCO Publishing has announced a February 1, 1991 release date for the fifth edition of *The Serials Directory: An International Reference Book*. Available from EBSCO, Box 1943, Birmingham, AL, 35201-1943 (\$369 including shipping and cumulative updates).



## Congrats!

The "new" *Newsletter/Nouvelles* is spectacular...The new layout makes it a "want to hear more" publication. Huronia will be storing a copy in our "conference file" because of the articles on Pathways/Sentiers...I like your choice of colour for the printing. It is a welcome change from black and white. Once again, my compliments to you (and The Signature Group Inc.) for the new *Newsletter/Nouvelles*. Encore!

Gale Moreau  
Huronia

## And More!

Congratulations on a fabulous first issue...It's so nice to finally see a professional product...OALT/ABO needs to put forth a professional image and what better way than through *Newsletter/Nouvelles*.

Pat Kitley  
Ottawa





## To All Regions!

Once again, I've been to an excellent workshop and once again, I've been appalled at the lack of attendance. What the devil's the matter with you? You have a professional organization that offers you an excellent conference each year, a quality newsletter, extremely good workshops, and support and advice from your region... I know you frequently have valid reasons for not participating, but you have a full year of events in your region—can you not manage one? Your regional and provincial executives believe in OALT/ABO and do their damndest for you... I'm dumping on you because I feel I have the right—I've been involved in the organization since its beginnings. Wake up people, or you'll lose the organization some of us have worked long and hard to sustain. Get involved, show us how, participate!!

Pat Graham  
Ottawa



*This column informs readers about meetings and special events sponsored by regional branches of OALT/ABO. Please forward all regional information to the editor for future publication.*

### Halton-Peel

**January 26, 1991**  
Super Saturday Workshop  
-sponsored by Sheridan College Alumni to be held at the Oakville campus

**February 8, 9, 10, 1991**  
Cross-country ski weekend  
-Geneva Park, Orillia

**Mid-February, 1991**  
Get rid of February Blahs Evening  
-program to be announced

**Late March, 1991**  
Annual Business Meeting and Dinner  
-details to be announced

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### Huronion

**March 9, 1991**  
Annual Business Meeting and Tour  
-10:00 am Orangeville Public Library

**April 20, 1991**  
Madcap Players Cabaret  
-see *Notes and News* for details

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Pat Henry  
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(705) 728-1221 X-54 (mornings)

### Lohanion

**February 23, 1991**  
Workshop  
-Marie Wiley (Fanshawe College) will present a session on AACR2

**March 24, 1991**  
Annual Business Meeting and Tour  
-Woodland Cultural Centre (Brantford)

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Liz Aldrey  
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(416) 575-2508 (work)

### Ottawa

**January, 1991**  
Workshop  
-Computers (details to be announced)

**February, 1991**  
Fashion Shopping Spree  
Annual Business Meeting  
-details to be announced

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### Sudbury

**January 19, 1991**  
Conference Planning Committee Meeting  
-details to be announced

**March 2, 1991**  
Annual Business Meeting and Tour  
-Laurentian University Library

**April 13, 1991**  
Workshop  
-Government Documents (tentative)

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Paulette Burton  
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(705) 675-3028 x-13

### Thunder Bay

**January 24, 1991**  
General Meeting  
-at the home of Cathy Walsh where Carol Christie will speak on her job as a consultant at Ontario Library Service

**February 16, 1991**  
Workshop  
-CD ROM and Online with Valerie Gibbons to be held at Lakehead University

**February 28, 1991**  
Executive Meeting  
-at the home of Mary Lou Warren

**March 21, 1991**  
Annual Business Meeting and Dinner  
-The Pagoda Gardens

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LaRea Moody  
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### TALTA

**January, 1991**  
Workshop  
-Censorship

**February, 1991**  
Workshop  
-Pay Equity

**March, 1991**  
Annual Business Meeting

-details for all the above to be announced

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Linda Yareema  
(416) 259-0480

## Professional Reading

Johnson, Douglas A. "Weeding a Neglected Collection." *School Library Journal*. (November 1990) p.48

The author provides practical advice on weeding a neglected school library collection. A three month commitment reduced the size of his cramped and outdated collection by almost half. Some great ideas are found in this concise one page article.

"Libraries and Literacy: Exploring the Possibilities." *Wilson Library Bulletin*. (November 1990) p. 21+

This is an introduction to the four articles on library involvement in the literacy movement which are featured in this issue of WLB. Addressing the issues of policy making, technology, parents and community, and evaluation, the articles expand on important trends affecting library support for literacy.



## Get Ready for INFOWAVE

TALTA is working full steam ahead in organizing and hosting the 18th annual OALT/ABO Conference. Conference committee members promise an event that will be informative, educational and fun.

Today the information field is part of an exciting and vibrating time. Technology offers us new challenges, frustration and hope as we strive to provide the best possible service to our clients.

As library workers with diverse roles throughout Ontario, we face a shifting present and an interesting future. Our attitudes, our preparation and our skills will enable us to meet these challenges with a minimum of upheaval.

In planning this conference, we considered the great diversity of jobs that technicians currently perform. We also looked at the many challenges facing us today and tomorrow.

*Infowave*, the name of the conference, was creatively juxtaposed by the

committee to create a particular image. The components reflect a movement towards the new, yet with roots in the past.

The conference has been designed to discuss and test the current state-of-the-art technology and future applications; the political and economic situation and its effect on libraries and information; and the burden on the professional to cope with the technical, as well as the personal and personnel issues.

In Toronto, we are fortunate to have at our disposal many types of information/resource centres. Delegates to *Infowave* will enjoy the opportunity to visit some of these centres by taking part in our organized tours.

We, at TALTA, are very happy and excited to be hosting the 18th annual conference. We welcome you to a conference packed with topics of interest and good fun! We want to see you all here May 22-26, 1991.

Rita Piazza  
TALTA

## Professional Development

*This column highlights courses and other professional development opportunities for library technicians. Please send all pertinent information about such programs to the editor.*

### Canadian Library Association Seminars

#### Information: How to Find Out What People Really Want to Know

Instructors:  
Catherine Ross and/  
or Patricia Dewdney

Intended for  
all library staff who  
work with the public  
at inquiry, reference  
and reader advisory  
desks.

April 26, 1991  
in Ottawa.

#### Plateauing in Librarianship

Instructor:  
Susan Jurow

A presenta-  
tion on how to keep  
your career on track  
and your motivation  
high when you've  
reached a plateau.

February 19, 1991  
in Ottawa  
April 9, 1991  
in Toronto.

For more informa-  
tion, contact Terri  
Tomchyshyn at CLA  
(613) 232-9625.

### Ontario Library Association School Division

#### Ideashop '91

January 31-  
February 2, 1991  
Toronto Harbour  
Castle  
"Global Issues:  
Actions and Respon-  
sibilities"

### Ontario Library Association Colleges & Universities Division

Winter Break '91  
February 21-22, 1991  
Toronto Chelsea Inn

Contact OLA at  
(416) 363-3388

## OALT/ABO Presidential Award

The Presidential Award is intended to recognize outstanding contributions or major achievements of an OALT/ABO member in promoting and/or developing the Association. The 1991 award will be presented at the annual banquet on May 24, 1991 at *Infowave '91* in Toronto.

Previous Presidential Award recipients are:  
1984 Danielle Amat (Ottawa)  
1985 Liz Aldrey (Lohania)  
1986 Sue Weaver (Halton-Peel)  
1987 Paulette Burton (Sudbury)  
1988 LaRea Moody (Thunder Bay)  
1989 Pat Graham (Ottawa)  
1990 Bette Gore (Sudbury)

Additional nomination forms are available from members of the Executive and Board of Directors or Bette Gore, Chairperson of the Presidential Award Committee.

Nominees from previous years must be resubmitted for consideration this year. Please send fully completed forms to:

Bette Gore  
3272 Maple Street  
RR2, Site 32, Box 530  
Val Caron, Ontario  
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The deadline date for submissions is February 28, 1991.

## Information to Contributors

The editor welcomes any articles or news items of interest to the Library Technicians of Ontario. Contributions should be typed on one side of the paper only. Include your full name, telephone number, and regional affiliation. French translation of official executive business is provided. Otherwise, publication will be in the language of submission.

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