



# **President's Report 2017 / Rapport du Présidente 2017**

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On Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Association of Library Technicians/Association des bibliotechniciens de l'Ontario ("the Association") was called to order having obtained quorum through a combination of proxy holders and members present.

Most Board positions were filled, but President Elect remained vacant.

The Board met for the first time on Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>, through online meeting software. At this meeting the Board accepted the appointment of Jillann Rothwell as Membership Coordinator.

In August Carolin Toppan stepped down as President. At the August 31, 2016 Board meeting, her resignation was accepted and Jessica Reeve was approved as Interim President.

Over the course of the year the Board had nine (9) meetings. At one of these meetings quorum was not achieved (October 26, 2016). The meetings were held online, except the December 3, 2016 meeting was held at the Bloor/Gladstone branch of the Toronto Public Library. It was held in conjunction with the meeting arranged to discuss the Toronto Chapter and the Holiday Social.

Lori O'Connor continues to work diligently to sort and digitize material with the assistance of Katie Schedlich, who was appointed Archivist at the December 3, 2016 Board meeting.

Student Meet & Greets were held at Algonquin College, Seneca College and Durham College. Deepest thanks to the members of the Ottawa Chapter/Section d'Ottawa for their work on the Algonquin College Meet & Greet and Kelly Sobie for her work on the Mohawk, Seneca, and Durham events.

Mohawk College - Google Hangout took place on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the evening (7:30-9:00 pm). Well attended - 13 people dropped in. There were some very good questions. Kelly asked attendees if the Google Hangout was a good idea and the feedback received was positive.

Seneca College - took place at Seneca College, Newnham Campus on November 15<sup>th</sup> as a classroom style event. OALT/ABO member Sharon Doyle accompanied Kelly Sobie to this event. This was held in a classroom and Kelly presented a 10 minute PowerPoint presentation, followed by a 30- 45 minute question period. There was interest for the upcoming conference. Three people approached us afterwards and were asking more about the Toronto Chapter – they were invited to the meeting on December 3, 2016.

Durham College - took place at Durham College's Oshawa Campus on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Vincent Eilt accompanied Kelly Sobie. This event coincided with the Student Placement/Employer Celebration - students had set up displays from their first placement and were available to talk about their experiences. There were refreshments set up. Following this we joined the students and faculty in a circle. A couple of engagement games were played and then Kelly and Rose-Mary O'Connor from OLA presented on each of our Associations.

A meeting on the Toronto Chapter was arranged for discussion with Chapter members at the Bloor/Gladstone branch of the Toronto Public Library on December 3, 2016, which two Chapter members attended, with a further two members submitting comment via email.

The Board held the Holiday Social in Toronto on December 3, 2016 at Hurricanes Roadhouse in Toronto.

The Association had a great success at OLA Super Conference 2017, with much interest at the booth in the Expo and fantastic sessions. Great thanks are due to Deborah Kay, Dolores Harms Penner, Helena Merriam and Susan Pratt for their work on the shared booth and to Elizabeth Obermeyer-Kotash for her work on the planning committee.

The new website is up and running and we continue to look at improvements and efficiencies available through the platform.

We have submitted applications and been approved for membership in Google for Nonprofits which allows us access to various Google suites. We plan to take advantage of these options in the coming year.

I would like to extend my deepest thanks to the members of the Board for their excellent work this year.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Jessica Reeve

Interim President, Board of Directors