

INFOTECH

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT: PROVINCIAL ABM BY: VICKY LYNHAM

As a brief introduction to those not at the OALT/ABO ABM in Merrickville in May, I have volunteered to replace Sean Crowe as Director of the Halton-Peel Region while temporarily retaining my position on the regional executive as Treasurer/Membership Coordinator.



Established: The task force for change

The conference and ABM hosted by the Ottawa region, "Turning the Page/Tournez la Page" lived up to its name as a conference where many of the previous executives stepped down and new faces were elected. Some of the issues that challenge the new executive are the reports of declining membership in OALT/ABO and the closure of Library and Information Technician programs across the province.

Membership

At the ABM an amendment was passed to redefine membership to include retired and unemployed library technicians with a corresponding adjustment to the fee schedule. Institutional Membership fees

have officially been reduced, and coverage limited to two members with a small fee for each additional member. Centralized membership has now been in place for one year and was reported to be a positive move both financially and ad-

ministratively. An updated membership directory was produced this year with the financial assistance of Lexis-Nexus. This is a great tool for networking and contacting other members working in a particular type of library.

Task Force Reports

The task force for change, established at the strategic planning session in April 2000, reported to the ABM, allowing for the formation of the 2001 Committee for change.

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Special points of interest:

- Sheridan College 30 Year Celebration and awards ceremony
- Calendar of Events
- The new Halton-Peel Executive Committee of 2000-2001

JUNE EVENT AT WOODBINE RACETRACK!

On Tuesday June 20th we had our yearly June social event at Woodbine Racetrack and Casino. Twenty-six people turned out for the evening of dinner and horseracing. We enjoyed an all you can eat buffet that had a wide variety of tasty food, I noticed quite a few people going back for seconds and thirds! Myself included! We were able to watch and bet on ten standardbred races. Everyone had a

clear view of the track, as well as the convenience of tabletop televisions for those photo finishes! Several people took their luck downstairs to the Casino to exercise the one armed bandits, I hope they were Lucky! A fun evening was had by all! I invite those who attended to share their comments!

Karen Bray, Vice-President HP

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY: SUE SALHIA

Hello Everyone!

You may notice something new about this newsletter. This is because we have found a new editor. Erin MacIntyre has volunteered to take on the project and on behalf of Halton-Peel I would like to say a very big thank you!

The Executive has had a few meetings and we would like to extend an invitation to any and all members that would like to come to a meeting. We would appreciate any suggestions that you have. Keep an eye on the Web site for upcoming dates. Our next meeting is Monday August 28th, contact me directly for more details.

As you are aware, Halton-Peel will be hosting the 2001 OALT/ABO Annual conference. This is an exciting event for us. Diane



Come on out to the Executive meetings.

Baksa and the conference committee are already hard at work. I look forward to October when Diane has scheduled an update on the Conference. I hope to see everyone there to offer our support to the committee.

This September's Shop Talk is currently a work in progress, so we will be sending details out at a later date. The date is September 28th and it will be held at the Ramada Inn. Last year's event was an overwhelming success! Many members attended, and enjoyed themselves and we hope for the same this year.

I would like to wish everyone a happy, safe and relaxing summer, see you in the fall!

Susan Salhia
President

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONT.

Sue Calloway, Provincial newsletter Editor, made some suggestions for change for the coming year. As a cost saving feature she suggested the use of E-mail format. She is also looking for profiles of technicians employed in various positions, for inclusion in future newsletters. Provincial Newsletter submissions can be sent to Sue at scallaw@sympatico.ca.

Sean Crowe is the new chairman of the Corporate Support Committee. Pam Casey, who has worked very hard at increasing corporate sponsorships over the past years, asked for committee volunteers to work with Sean and Diana Brown, the PR Coordinator.

Although I have attended provincial meetings as a guest over the past year, assuming the position of Director is a new challenge for me and I am glad that Sean will be around as Vice President to offer support. Sean initiated and supported many changes in the organization during his time as director, particularly changes that promoted OALT/ABO as a more professional and accessible organization to potential members and employers – Conference displays, phone and fax lines and Web presence. As the organization moves toward a time of discussion and change, my goal is to keep members as informed as possible about decisions made at the regional and provincial levels and to take the Suggestions and concerns of the Halton-Peel membership to the Executive.

"My goal is to keep members as informed as possible"

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A DIARY OF "TURNING THE PAGE" 27TH ANNUAL OALT/ABO CONFERENCE

SAM JAKES INN, MERRICKVILLE, MAY 3-7, 2000
HOSTED BY OTTAWA REGION



Sam Jakes Inn, Merrickville, On. A quaint Country Inn

Wednesday May 3, 2000

After a few wrong turns I arrived at Sam Jakes Inn in Merrickville, only to find that there is no room at the Inn and that we are all spending the night at the Best Western in Smiths Falls. Oh well that gives me a reason to go to Smiths Falls and take a tour of the Hershey chocolate factory.

We all danced until the last song was played. We then went back to the Inn (the library was made available to us night owls, mostly the "Rowdy Girls") and we stayed up until the wee hours of the night (this is a conference, you're not supposed to get any sleep).

Saturday May 6

Thursday May 4

I finally get settled at Sam Jakes Inn (what a lovely place for a conference).

My room was very comfortable and roomy with high ceilings. I went on a tour that was offered. What a great time I had. We visited the National Archives of Canada, what a place! We were taken in the various vaults that they are preserving items of a Canadian historical value including paintings, tapes and films etc. I could have spent all day there. We had a terrific lunch at a park overlooking the Ottawa River before taking a tour of the Parliament buildings and the Library of Parliament (I was 8 years old the last time I was here). The House of Commons was session in so I decided to see our public officials in action. Boy are they rude! As spectators in the public galleries we are not allowed to talk, but the politicians can talk whenever they feel the need. Our final stop was the Governor General's residence, it is such a lovely place it is hard to put into words, you really should go and see it for yourself.

Friday May 5

I attended 2 workshops, the first was on financial planning, and the second was called Electrifying your Library. In the evening we had a very enjoyable dinner at the Baldachin (which is right next door to the Inn) and then we were entertained with several musical type games, including a version of "Name that Tune". My table, the "Rowdy Girls" came in second place.

Unfortunately my workshop was cancelled, so I decided to check out the shops! Merrickville is a tiny place but it has a number of crafty type shops (I know, I was there for the conference but I couldn't resist, I had to shop)

On Saturday afternoon the Annual Meeting was held, there were not any surprises until it was time to elect the new executive. We ended up voting twice, it was very exciting.

We closed our conference with our banquet. The speaker that was to entertain us had to cancel for personal reasons, so we had our delicious meal and gave out our awards and numerous door prizes.

As most of us "Rowdy Girls" closed the place down, we said good-bye and see you next year in Oakville at "Branching Out to the Future" to be held from May 2-6, 2001.

Thank you Ottawa,
and See you next year!

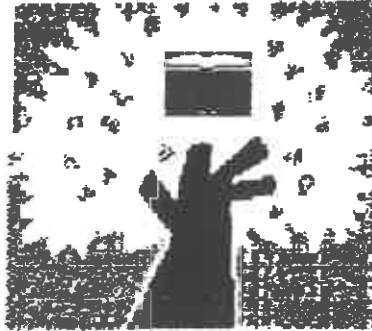
Diane Baksa, Ex Officio HP

Thank you Diane for sharing your experiences with those of us who were unable to attend, I do look forward to the conference being close to my home next year!

Erin MacIntyre, Publicist HP

BRANCHING OUT TO THE FUTURE

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Halton-Peel
Regional Branch

2001 CONFERENCE

May 2-6, 2001

Sheridan College Residence and Conference Centre
Oakville, Ontario

If you would like to help with conference planning or would like more information please contact:
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SHERIDAN COLLEGE 30 YEAR CELEBRATION

On Sunday May 7, 2000, Sheridan College hosted their 30 year celebration of the Library and Information Technician Program. Graduates of the program were invited to join together to reminisce about their own experiences at Sheridan and to rekindle old friendships. Awards were presented to the graduating class of 2000 and a special honor was bestowed upon the Continuing Education class, the *Eva Schmurr Memorial Award* was presented to the entire Con-Ed Class for all their hard work and determination. Congratulations to all recipients!

A message from Marion Wilburn:

Thanks to all who were able to make it to our Open House. We were honored to have Geraldine Hughes with us along with

over 120 grads and friends. It was great to see and talk with so many grads and colleagues. Your successes in the field are a testament to your spirit and dedication to continuous learning.

I was especially touched by your kind thoughts and wishes recorded in my special memories book, I will cherish them.

Thanks also to the OALT/ABO for the lovely golf shirt! I will wear it with pride – even when I'm searching through the rough for my golf ball ;-)

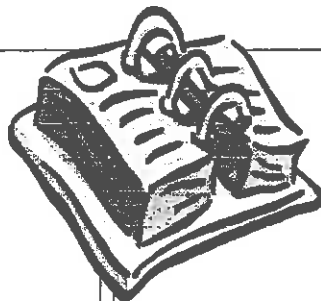
It was a great event shared with a great group! Please keep in touch, you know where I am.

Cheers, Marion

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar of events has been revised and now includes tentative dates as follows :

September 28, 2000	Shop Talk
October (third Week)	Conference Update
December 1, 2000	Christmas Gala
January 27, 2001	Super Saturday



Plan ahead for a great year of network-

March	Regional ABM and Elections
May 2-6, 2001	Conference 2001 Hosted by Halton-Peel region

Changes will be announced as necessary.

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OALT/ABO is a non-profit organization established in 1973, with membership open to institutions and individuals interested in the library field. OALT's role is to promote a wider understanding, acceptance and advancement of Library Technician graduates and students, and to further the cause of Library Technicians in the work force. There are approximately 500 members province wide in this organization.

Submissions to the newsletter are always welcome!! If you would like to share knowledge, experiences, stories, announcements, comments or just general good cheer, please contact Erin MacIntyre, Publicist and Newsletter Editor.
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HALTON-PEEL 2000-2001 EXECUTIVE

President Sue Salhia

Sue is a 1999 graduate of the Sheridan College LIT program, and has been working at AECL as a library technician since graduation, has been a Halton-Peel member since 1997 and has been a member of the executive since 1998. Sue leaves behind the position of newsletter editor to take on the position of president, and she looks forward to a positive and exciting year.

Vice-President Karen Bray

Karen is a 2000 graduate from the Sheridan College LIT program. Karen has been a member since 1998 and has gladly volunteered for the position of vice-president. Karen has previous executive experience having served as secretary to the board of directors for the literacy council of Burlington. Karen hopes to see HP membership increase so as to strengthen our association and allow us to be of benefit to our members for many years to come.

Director/Treasurer/membership

Vicky Lynham

Vicky has been a member since 1995. She was elected treasurer in 1998 and treasurer/membership coordinator in 1999.

In light of Vicky's new position as director, anyone interested in taking over the treasurer/membership can contact Vicky for more information.

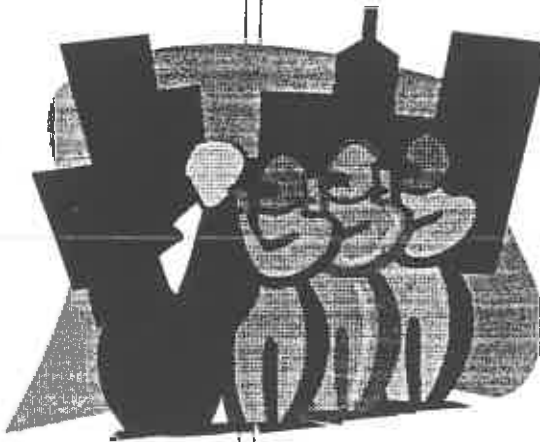
Secretary Terry Stone

Terry, like Sue, is a 1999 Graduate the Sheridan College LIT program, and has been working at AECL as a library technician since graduation. As a member of the executive since 1999 Terry recently volunteered to continue on as secretary.

Publicist Erin MacIntyre

Erin is a 2000 graduate from the Sheridan College LIT program, and has been working on contract at INCO Technical Services. Erin became a member at the annual meeting in 1999, she also became the publicist that same evening.

Erin has enjoyed creating publicity flyers and now the newsletter, and hopes for more contributions from the membership.



The 2000-2001 Executive committee looks forward to keeping the