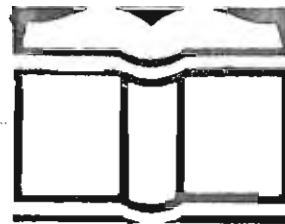


NETWORKS

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ANNUAL MEETING

Hurononia Regional Branch held its 4th Annual Meeting on March 5, 1983 at the Jozo Weider Information Centre in Collingwood. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. Ten people were present, including eight members and two visitors. Also present were Nancy Carlucci, Provincial Public Relations Coordinator and Pat Buczkowski, Provincial Treasurer.

Louise LaFleur reported an excellent and enthusiastic response to the Library Technicians course offered at Georgian College. The first course ended in December 1982. The second course, Communications, will begin on Saturday, April 16, 1983. (See details following)

Nancy Mack reported that, according to Joanne Rolland, the instructor of the first Library Techniques course, ten of the essays submitted for her course were above average. Nancy suggested that the students be invited to submit them to OALT/ABO's essay contest.

Nancy also reported that in the future the Provincial Public Relations Coordinator will also be OALT/ABO's representative to the Canadian Library Association. As the former CLA Representative she recommended that the outgoing Public Relations Coordinator attend the CLA Conference in lieu of the incoming coordinator.

Nancy also distributed new membership directories and membership forms. The directories will be in effect for two years, with addendum published in the Provincial Newsletter.

The 1983/84 Executive were elected as follows:

PRESIDENT: Nancy Mack
VICE-PRESIDENT: Irene Gelyk
SECRETARY: Janet Scheibler
TREASURER: Judy Koenig
ARCHIVIST: Irene Gelyk
NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Jackie Druery

Louise LaFleur, always hard working and a joy to have on the team, volunteered her services wherever help is needed.

Following are the reports of the 1982/83 Executive as presented at the meeting:

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I have very much enjoyed being part of the Huronia Regional Branch of OALT/ABO. Although I am not a good "team player", it has been a pleasure to be treasurer for one year and President for the past two years. During this time a hard working nucleus of members has continued to offer interesting workshops and meetings, have produced informative newsletters, minutes and notices of meetings and arranged social events. To top things off the long awaited Library Techniques course at Georgian College has begun.

For me it has been extremely rewarding to be part of this group. Out of this participation have come many memories of individuals who are part of the group. They include the cheerful enthusiasm of Louise LaFleur, who, as Vice-President, arranged for our attractive Huronia buttons, brought delicious goodies to meetings (who can forget her beautifully iced cakes!) Louise also re-opened the case for a library technicians course at Georgian College, and supported the effort all the way to a successful conclusion. One of Louise's delightful idiosyncrasies is a love of large and luxurious cars.

Janet Scheibler, the group's efficient secretary drove many miles to attend meetings from her fairly isolated corner of the region in Orangeville. She is the "hostess with the mostess" and entertained us at two pleasant gatherings at her home where good fellowship and food were enjoyed by those who attended. Janet and her family are still working on their new home and the group will look forward to a future invitation to see the finished product.

Our other Janet (Iles) has been a thrifty treasurer, always making sure the provincial organization got their fair share of the loot promptly. Janet was a source of support for me as she was the only member of the executive with whom I could chat without calling long distance. Not having access to the facilities available to those in the working world, she often offered the use of the photocopier, etc. at cost. I realized Janet's many talents in the field of children's programming while taking slides for our ill-fated slide project. It was wonderful to watch her use her skills to hold the attention of a large audience of pre-school children who participated in the Owen Sound Public Library French program. Janet's skills as a puppeteer are well known throughout our area and beyond.

Irene Gelyk, archivist and cataloguer "par excellence" has also been a great help and a pleasant companion on the way to meetings.

Of Jackie Druery - what can I say? Always cheerful, pleasant and efficient, she has produced newsletters (Provincial as well as regional) of quality and interest to the readers. We are happy that she is working in our area again and hope she continues to be tolerant of late or non-existent copy from the members of the group.

Lastly, I must mention my roommate and travelling companion of two conferences - Judith Koenig. Clever, fun, articulate, she has a lot to offer the association. Now that she is a student member she will be able to speak and be heard.

On the negative side, I must say that there have been a number of areas which have caused me some concern and for which I apologize for a job not all that well done. It has not been possible for me to help solve the problem of distance which seems to have cut off participation by the Barrie and Orillia members lately. Some good ideas to help solve this problem have been discussed but have not been followed up. Finances have always been a problem and long distance calls are costly.

My lack of push and participation in the Provincial organization has been a problem. Of necessity, many of the Provincial Director's and Executive functions are of a beaurocratic nature. As a person who abhors meetings of any kind but the most informal, I have found this part of the job to be extremely onerous. I have, despite some ideas to the contrary, always gone back to the executive with matters brought up at the Provincial meetings and have made sure that all important issues were commented on in some way at or prior to meetings in Toronto. Unfortunately, some of those whose opinions I would have valued due to their past experience and participation in Provincial matters have seldom been at our regional meetings to give their input so that my enthusiasm has waned.

I see a bright future ahead for the Huronia Regional Branch. An experienced and strong executive is in place for the coming year. The focus has once again shifted to the Barrie area. As this is the centre for all regional library activities as well as the Library Techniques course, I am sure that this will be a very good move. As the membership will certainly be augmented by students in the course, as well as by former Barrie members who will feel more enthusiasm, Huronia Regional Branch will surely prosper.

Your new President, Nancy Mack has already come up with some exciting ideas for the future and under her strong and capable leadership I am confident that you will have an interesting and stimulating year ahead.

Mary W. Davie

VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT

Arranged to have 25 buttons featuring the Huronia Regional Branch logo printed. Our Branch delegates at the Thunder Bay Conference wore them and were visible as a group.

Plans for the ordering of small lapel pins had to be postponed because of the cost.

Arranged the November General Meeting which was held at the Simcoe County Archives.

A profit of \$8.00 from our Tea Pot was released to the Treasurer at our Annual Meeting.

Louise LaFleur

TREASURERS REPORT

Hurononia Regional Branch Financial Statement
April 1, 1982 - March 5, 1983

INCOME

Balance forward	329.16
1982/83 Membership fees	154.00
1982 Spring Workshop	127.00
Bank interest	2.62
Pen sales	18.75
Buttons	8.00
TOTAL	<u>639.53</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Provincial fees	222.00
Workshop honorariums	20.00
Workshop food	28.00
President Conference	170.00
President Expenses	18.90
Secretary Expenses	24.71
Newsletter Expenses	33.13
Petty cash	10.00
Photocopying	10.40
Pens from OALT/ABO	13.00
Bank Service Charges	4.22
TOTAL	<u>554.36</u>

BALANCE ON HAND 85.17

Janet Iles

NEWSLETTER EDITORS REPORT

At the 1981 Annual Meeting of Huronia Regional Branch it was agreed that NETWORKS be published in March, August, November and January. In order to achieve this goal for 1983/84 I am implementing the following schedule:

Material to be submitted by:	Publication date:
March 1	March 15
August 1	August 15
November 1	November 15
January 1	January 15

Please note that the latest issue of NETWORKS, Numbered Vol. 3, no. 4 should have been numbered Vol. 4, no. 1. I am sorry for any confusion caused by this error.

Many thanks to all those members who have sent material for the newsletter. Your continued support will be appreciated.

Jackie Druery

ARCHIVISTS REPORT

The archives are slowly growing. Basically, the only additions to the archives has been the addition of our newsletters and any material from the Headquarters.

I have not received any clippings, etc. from any of the members of the region.

Irene Gelyk

Editors note: A list of the subject headings Irene is using for the archives will be published in the August issue of NETWORKS. This will give us all a better idea of the types of material Irene is collecting for the archives. Hopefully, we will all then be able to contribute by sending Irene material.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The first meeting of the 1983/84 Executive was held on Sunday, March 20th in Barrie. Nancy Mack, Irene Gelyk, Janet Scheibler, Louise LaFleur and Jackie Druery were present. Judy Koenig was not able to attend.

In her opening remarks Nancy Mack expressed her hopes that we could all work well together and present a successful, active program to our members.

Janet Scheibler reported that letters had been sent to the ten students, who had written the top essays for Joanne Rolland's class at Georgian College, asking them to submit them to OALT/ABO's essay contest.

A lengthy discussion on a membership drive resulted in the decision to undertake a vigorous membership campaign. Irene will check the archives for past members who have not renewed. Janet will send out letters to these people outlining our past activities and future plans. The students enrolled in the course at Georgian College will be sent a membership form with a covering letter outlining the benefits of belonging to OALT/ABO.

It was decided to limit our involvement in Career Week for this year. Brochures with a covering letter will be sent to school guidance departments. Next year we will try for a more active approach and visit the schools.

An indepth discussion on activities for the coming year was held. It was decided to hold a Spring workshop in Barrie and a Fall workshop in Owen Sound. Further details of these workshops will follow.

In an effort to promote library technicians in our area it was decided to obtain more newspaper coverage. Irene will put together a press release for the consideration of the executive at the next meeting.

The next executive meeting will be held in Collingwood on Sunday, April 10th.

OALT/ABO PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

The Provincial Executive have set up a three member Committee "to recognize outstanding contributions or major achievements of an OALT/ABO member in promoting and/or developing the Association"

The nominees must meet the following criteria:

1. Any full member in good standing of OALT/ABO, excluding the current Provincial President and members of the Awards Committee, is eligible for the Award.
2. Contributions or achievements may consist of: innovative approach in promoting and/or developing the Association; significant participation in the structure and development of the Association; initiating and implementing projects or programs that will raise the profile of Library Technicians and/or the Association.
3. Nominee should display active participation in the Association through attendance at Regional meetings and/or committee work.
4. Nominee should demonstrate a responsible attitude towards the Association and the profession of Library Technician.

The deadline for entries will be the end of February in the respective year. Nomination forms will be distributed with Newsletter/Nouvelles. The award will be presented by the Committee Chairperson at the annual business meeting.

LIBRARY TECHNIQUES COURSE - GEORGIAN COLLEGE

The second course in the Library Techniques Program begins at Georgian College in Barrie on April 26th. The course entitled "Communications" will develop the student's ability to read, write, listen and speak effectively. The course concentrates on research and writing assignments with a business focus and the development of oral skills through discussions, interviews and reports.

The course will run for ten Saturdays for a total of sixty hours. The fee is \$60.00 plus textbooks. For further information contact the Continuing Education Division at Georgian College in Barrie (705) 728-1951 x274.

COMING EVENTS

OALT/ABO 10TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

By this time we should all have received our registration kits for the Annual Conference in Sudbury. The conference hosted by Sudbury Regional Branch will be held at Laurentian University, May 15-17, 1983. The workshops to be presented look both interesting and informative. This is an excellent opportunity for all of us to celebrate "Decade 1" of OALT/ABO. Huronia Regional Branch had excellent representation at Thunder Bay last year. Let's continue the trend! See you there!

WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, April 20, 1983, 7:00 p.m.: Canadian Association of Special Libraries & Information Services, Toronto Chapter presents MICROCOMPUTERS AND THE SMALL SPECIAL LIBRARY. Speakers will be Don Kruger, Legislative Library and Gene Wilburn, Micromedia. This is a free meeting and is open to members and non-members alike. Coffee will be served. Location: Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge Street (at Bloor Subway) Meeting Room "D" (Main Floor). For further information contact Stephen Abram, Currie, Cooper & Lybrand Information Centre, (416) 366-1921.

Wednesday, April 6, 1983, 3:00-6:00 p.m.: Ontario Ministry of Labour will hold an Open House in the library. To include tours of the renovated facilities including the recently assembled MICROFORMS collection. Demonstrations will be given on OMLINE, the Library's new in-house data bases which have been created by the Ministry's staff. All are welcome. Location: 10th Floor, 400 University Avenue, Toronto.

THE "SAVE THE BEST NEWS FOR LAST" DEPARTMENT

Huronian Regional Branch upon receiving final approval at the Annual Business Meeting in Sudbury, will be hosting the 1984 OALT/ABO Annual Conference. The Conference will be held at Geneva Park YMCA Conference Centre in Orillia, May 30 - June 2, 1984. The Conference Centre is located on Lake Couchiching. In addition to comfortable rooms and excellent meals the centre offers a fitness trail with exercise stations, nature trails, sauna, tennis, gym, beach, canoes, water skiing, etc.

Hosting the Conference provides an opportunity for all members of Huronia to work together for the benefit of all OALT/ABO members. Several Huronia Regional Branch members have already volunteered their services to help with the organization of the conference. However, because of our limited membership, it is essential (and will be greatly appreciated) that as many Huronia Regional Branch members as possible participate. We all possess special talents that we can offer. Help will be needed with the organization of workshops, registration, printing and publicity, compiling kits, arranging for exhibitors and many other areas. If you would like to help, no matter how little time you think you have to offer please contact me at either of the numbers below.

Our major concern right now is to compile a list of possible workshop topics and workshop leaders. We hope to change the format of the workshops and offer more intensive courses rather than two or three hour workshops. Some ideas that have been discussed include puppetry, literacy, stress management, newspaper librarianship, etc. If you have any ideas for workshops we would be glad to hear from you.

This is an excellent opportunity for you, as library technicians, to gain the knowledge and experience required to plan an event of this magnitude. By working together we can host a memorable 11th Annual Conference for OALT/ABO.

Jackie Druery
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REMINDERS!

The next issue of NETWORKS will be published on August 15, 1983. Please send your submissions to me at RR#1 Stroud, Ont. L0L 2M0 by August 1. All contributions gratefully accepted! The next issue will have profiles of the 1983/84 executive members. We hope to publish profiles of all our members in future issues. Irene Gelyk will be contacting people for this purpose.

Watch for information in your mail about Huronia Regional Branch's Spring Workshop!

See you in Sudbury May 5-7!

Jackie Druery
Editor

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it"

from Boswell's Life of Johnson, 1775

"Only the more rugged mortals should attempt to keep up with current literature"

George Ade, 1866-1944

(courtesy of Louise LaFleur)