

June 1985

from the President

Another year is now well underway for Huronia Regional Branch. After my year of hibernation following the 11th Annual Conference, I am looking forward to once again being involved. The presence of 12 members at the annual meeting in Wasaga Beach proves that our Regional is very strong.

I hope that this year will be as successful for the Region as the last two under Nancy Bradley's leadership. I know that my job will be made very easy working with personable, competent people like Janet Scheibler, Judy Koenig, Janet Iles and Jane Thompson.

For those of you who don't know my background I graduated from Seneca College in 1974. My first job was at Richmond Hill Public Library where I held several different positions in my five and a half years there. I then worked at Georgian College in Reference Services for a year and a half, before spending a year and a half as Systems Librarian at the data centre of Noranda Mines in Toronto. I returned to Georgian College to work in the Tourist Documentation Centre in October 1982, a position which I find both interesting and challenging. My past work with OALT/ABO includes being editor of both the provincial and regional newsletter for a time and Chairperson of the 11th Annual OALT/ABO Conference Planning Committee.

I am currently studying to obtain my degree with the Continuing Education Programme of Wilfred Laurier University. In my spare time I like to read, hike, ski (both cross country and alpine) and travel.

If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see the Region accomplish in 1985/86 please contact any of the Executive.

We are still in need of an Archivist. If you are interested in this position (which Irene Gelyk, our past archivist, assures me is not that time consuming) please contact me as soon as possible.

I hope to see all of you at the June 17th meeting in Owen Sound. We don't often get the chance to visit a special library in our Region, so let's all take advantage of this opportunity. See you there!

Jackie Druery

Have a read

Associations – Why Belong?

by John Kennedy, CTC

Many people often ask the questions, "Why join an Association?... what can it do for me?... why pay hard-earned dollars towards membership fees?... why devote time to help others as an industry? Let's talk about it.

First of all, let's start off with the question of why *join* an Association. Membership in an organization demonstrates your goals and aspirations as a professional. Many professionals in the community are *required* to join associations just to be in business. Doctors, lawyers, accountants, dentists, architects and others must pass rigid examinations created by their colleagues in order to practice their chosen profession. They pay an annual membership fee and regularly attend seminars and conferences to update their skills. You never hear a doctor say, "I already know it all." Instead they say, "What's new? What's changed? How can I help my patients with new skills?" They rely to a great extent on their professional organizations to guide them into the future.

What can an Association do for you? Plenty. Most organizations provide professional operating criteria for their members as a guideline to professionalism. They act as a political lobby to ensure continuity in the industry and as a liaison with government to represent the members' best interests. Associations also become a showcase to the general public to gain favourable credibility and acceptance in the community. They become the 'image' of that industry, be it nurses, realtors, engineers or teachers. Organizations also provide the vital 'networking' link within one's own profession.

Here's your real opportunity to increase your much needed contacts within your own industry and at the same time establish a reputation as a 'professional.'

Is membership worth the cost? Of course it is! When you consider all you can get from an Association, the membership fee is small. Fees usually cover only administrative costs of running the organization, which are most often 'non-profit.' Many of the membership services are subsidized by the Association or by corporations in the community who wish to gain favour with that group. As an individual, you could never come close to the combined power of an Association with its clout in the industry or in the services it provides.

Why devote time to an organization? Since an Association is only as strong as its members, it is essential that membership provide input at regular meetings, be part of committees and provide the skills to sustain the level of competence that will provide the leadership for the future. Time is that precious commodity that will bring results when devoted to one's professional organization. Instant contacts! Instant industry recognition! Instant acceptance as a 'professional.' Belong, participate and get into your professional association... you have so much to gain!

CITC members please note – membership is NOT mandatory for our profession. You have to join and stay active because you WANT to for all the reasons any true professional would. Remember that membership is your way of declaring your professionalism to your colleagues and to consumers.

from the Editors

During 1985/86 four issues of Networks will be published - June, August, November and March. Your editors are Bette Hutton, Pat Froom, and Janet Iles. We invite and welcome your contributions - cartoons, interesting articles, news about yourself, etc. A thank you to Jackie Druery and Irene Gelyk for their submissions for this issue.

NOTE: Lapsed members of Huronia Region should hurry and renew their memberships in order to take advantage of the forthcoming season's programmes and to ensure that you do not miss any issues of Networks.

Know of anyone who might be interested in joining our Region? Let Judy Koenig know. Bring someone new to a meeting.

1985/86 fees: Full members(graduates) \$35 Associates \$30 and Students (2 years only) \$15.

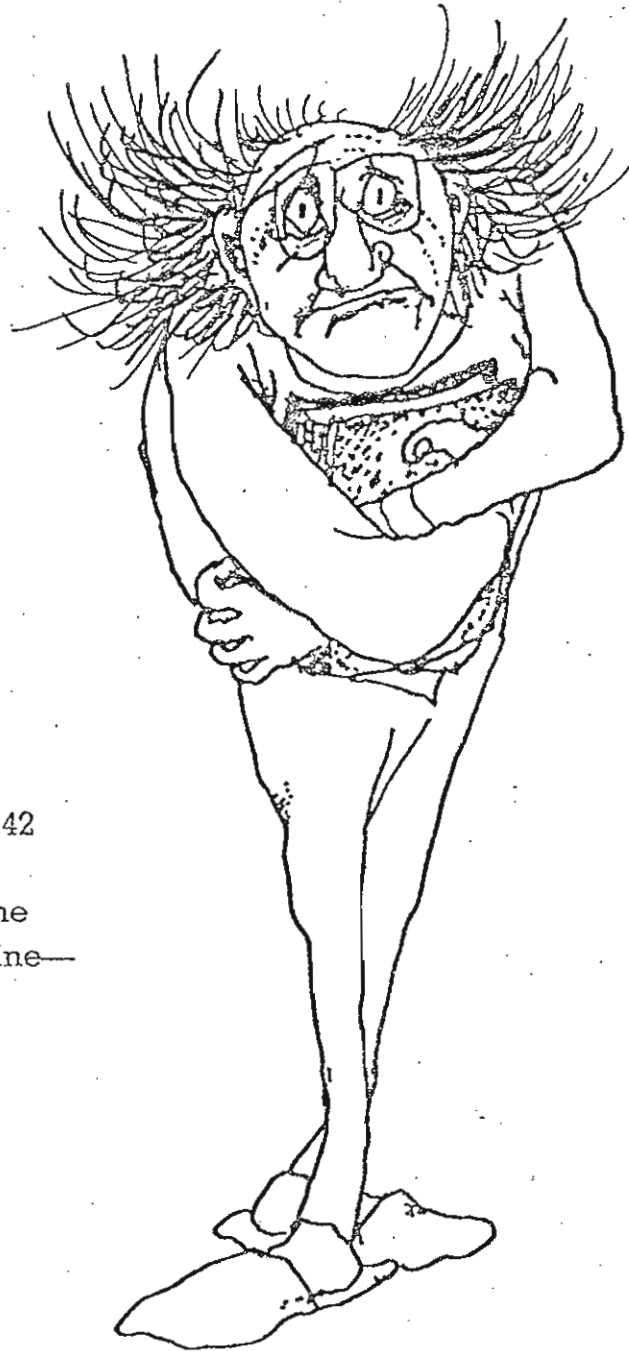
The following article is taken from Canadian Institutes of Travel Counsellors' newsletter UPDATE. As you read it substitute OALT/ABO for CTIC. Thanks to Jackie for sending this along. It succinctly expresses why it is to our advantage to be a member of an association (for us OALT/ABO) and an active member at that.

Jobs

Looking for a job?? or Know of any jobs??

As Vice President Janet Iles is the job liason person for Huronia. Let her know about job openings or if you are looking for a job. Contact Janet at the Owen Sound Public Library.

on the lighter side



OVERDUES

What do I do?
What do I do?
This library book is 42
Years overdue.
I admit that it's mine
But I can't pay the fine—
Should I turn it in
Or hide it again?
What do I do?
What do I do?

CONFERENCE NEWS

NEXUS '85 - MAY 1 to 4 1985. Toronto

Huronian members able to attend all or part of the conference were: Sue Boshart, Louise Campbell, Cherry Downer, Irene Gelyk, Janet Iles, Rosemary Marchand, Carol Anne McNabb, Gale Moreau, Adrienne Price, Janet Scheibler, Anita Skima, and Susan West. For those unable to attend, contact anyone of the above to learn more about the workshops, etc.

The business meeting went very smoothly. Guidelines were given to streamline procedures. The following motion passed:

Associate membership will be given to an individual interested in the objectives of the organization. At the end of (5) consecutive years, if he/she wishes to pay graduate fees, he/she will be granted full membership. This is to be effective retroactively as of May 3, 1985.

The new Provincial executive is:

President: Janna Munkittrick
Vice-President: Roberta Tripp (President-Elect)
Secretary: Otto Sillius
Treasurer: Ron Cheney
Public Relations: Carolyn Boardman

The provincial newsletter has been suspended. A committee will be formed to redesign it and to find ways to produce a first-rate newsletter at a low cost.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Janet Scheibler new provincial archivist!

NEWS FROM

ADVENTURES OF IRENE GELYK (Missing person?)

HI !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Well, whether you want to know or not, I am going to try and account for what has been happening in my career since November 1984. In that eventful month, I sadly ended my three year career with the Owen Sound Public Library as Technical Services Co-ordinator, to accept a position with Holman Production Services in Toronto. HPS is an audio-visual production house which produces slide/tape presentation, videotapes, films, computer graphics and stages conferences for clients across Canada and points beyond.

So what am I doing here, you ask? I was hired to set-up and maintain a resource centre which will bring together in-house materials used in various productions, the finished productions themselves, audition and prop materials, sound recordings and audiotapes, a picture and slide file, magazines, client dossiers, artwork, research and development, materials of archival value, etc. It is hoped that access to these materials will be automated. In addition I have had the opportunity to help in wordprocessing million dollar proposals and helped to stage a conference for Coca-Cola.

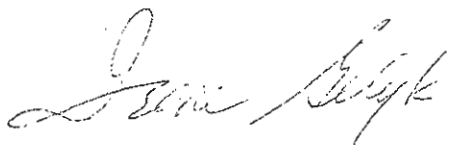
Living in Toronto has given me the opportunity to participate in the Information Studies Certificate program at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, and starting in the fall, I will continue working on my degree at York University. I hope to remain as active as possible in what is happening in the Huronia Region and hope to participate on a more regular basis.

I must say a sincere thank you to all the members in the Huronia Region who, unfortunately had to take over most of the executive duties which I had to resign from. The following is my work address and phone number as well as my new and hopefully permanent home address and phone number.

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Sincere best wishes to all,



Irene Gelyk

UP AND COMING

Monday June 17th. 6:30 p.m. (supper at 7)
barbecue at Pat Frook's
550 3rd. Avenue East
OWEN SOUND

tour of Health Sciences Library at the
General and Marine Hospital

Business Meeting

Saturday, October 16th.
Plans are being made for a day of work-
shops in Bradford

Keep this day open!

If you have any suggestions for work-
shops and/or speakers let Janet
Iles know right away

Membership Update

A complete list will appear in August issue

Patricia Richards

Elaine Wallis