



President's Annual Report 1996-97

After our annual meeting in Owen Sound last March we moved into high gear and finished plans for the conference. Although, once again, our conference was not well attended, it was a hit, (and Elvis is now an honorary lifetime member of Hurononia region). Rain may have fallen on Collingwood, but it failed to dampen the spirits of the delegates who attended. WE DID A GREAT JOB!

Our first meeting of the year was the spring barbecue (and conference wrap-up), June 12, held at Janet Scheibler's home in Orangeville. We then took the summer off to rest and relax after a busy year of conference prep.

Our fall meeting, on October 5, took us to Orillia and the new Ontario Provincial Police Headquarters (the Lincoln Alexander Building). Sandra Saddy gave us a tour of the building and her library, as well as some background on both. WOW!

On December 3, 1996 most of us made the annual pilgrimage to Collingwood for the potluck social at Judy's home. In the true tradition of the event, one contingent was unable to attend due to weather. The remainder of the group made the best of it, and there were only a few crumbs left. Thanks again Judy. (Our \$50 Food Bank donation for this year went to the Barrie Food Bank).

The year has drawn to a close and we are here at our 1997 annual meeting, held this year in the new Barrie Public Library, which opened for (a lot of business) on November 30, 1996.

After the conference we all seemed to go into meltdown mode and kept things low key. Hopefully we can gear up again in 1997 and schedule a workshop or two (Pat Henry and I have plans) and work to attract a few new members, or reactivate some old ones!

Since I don't see a lot of names on the nomination committee report, I expect to have another great (and third) year as your president.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale Moreau
1996-97 President

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A Word from the Newsletter Editor

This newsletter is primarily the reports of your 1996-1997 executive. The Barrie Public Library's new facilities are quite impressive. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, June 17 in Owen Sound** at the home of Janet Iles. (Here's your chance to see the results of the bathroom renovations, that started today.) Details re the barbecue and maps will be sent out at the end of May. JI

Director's Annual Report 1996-97

During the past year as Director of the Huronia Regional Branch I was present at all scheduled Board of Directors meetings. With the exception of the teleconference in February, they were held at the offices of Weir & Foulds in Toronto which proved to be an effective environment. As usual, many housekeeping duties took up a considerable amount of our time. We are very close to having the Board Policies complete and will then be ready to tackle the next document "Duties of the Administration". We did do a little backsliding on the "Fact Sheet" but I think a professionally printed handout will serve us better in the end by providing consistent quality. Several issues still need some attention such as membership forms and creating and following a budget at the provincial level.

The Internet Task Force have done a commendable job and will have results to show us at the upcoming conference. I think everyone will be impressed.

The problems with the membership database and lack of consistency in reporting of the Association's financial position have been a concern of mine. I am a firm believer that you shouldn't complain about something unless you are prepared to do something about it. So ... I have convinced Janet Iles that as a team we can get things back on track. Wish us luck!

I have enjoyed the challenge the position of director has given me both on a professional and a personal level and would like to thank Huronia Regional members for the confidence and support over the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Carmichael

Director, Huronia Regional Branch
OALT/ABO

Secretary's Annual Report 1996-97

Again this past year, I have endeavoured to circulate the minutes of meetings in a timely fashion along with notices of upcoming meetings. This appears to be working well.

This year I began to include the complete Director's Report with each set of minutes. As this report is usually quite detailed and sometimes long, I felt it was necessary to reproduce the complete report rather than precis it in the meeting minutes. I trust this meets with the members approval.

If anyone has any suggestions on how the minutes could or should be changed or has any enhancement suggestions, please feel free to let me know. I am open to all suggestions.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Henry
Secretary

Newsletter Editor's Annual Report 1996-1997

In 1996-97 three issues of volume 17 of *Networks* were published. Last year's annual reports were scanned in and that proved to be a time saver. Since then, I have upgraded the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) programme and I was able to scan in the article by Bill Land and very little clean up was required. Accompanying that article, I included a scanned photo, cropping out others in the picture. With more experience, I will be able to include more photos and the quality will improve.

Thanks to Bill for his biography. Now who will be next?

A new feature in issue three was the section "Internet Connections". Your suggestions of sites to be included would be appreciated. They don't all have to be serious or work related.

I would be willing to continue on as editor for another year.

Respectfully submitted by,
Janet Iles

Archivist's Annual Report 1996-97

With the addition of our 1996 conference material the archives now fills two banker boxes. In addition we have several photograph albums. The pictures from the conference are now in the album but labelling still needs to be done. Help will be needed with getting all the names.

If you still have any materials that should be in the archives it would be appreciated. Thank you to all who have provided materials for the archives.

I would be willing to be archivist for another year.

Respectfully submitted by,

Janet Iles

Treasurer's Annual Report 1996-97

I respectfully submit my annual report for the year 1996/97. Our membership is at 17 Technicians.

Due to receiving \$1002.37 from the annual conference held in May 1996 and our local association repaying the \$2000.00 conference loan we are in a very healthy financial situation this year. I would like to suggest that we invest \$1000.00 in another G.I.C. I reinvested our \$2000.00 in December at a preferred customer rate of 3% and could probably get the same (or more?) rate again.

Respectfully,

Pat Frook

OALT/ABO HURONIA BRANCH — FINAL STATEMENT — MARCH 1997

INCOME

Starting balance			+\$1759.09
	Membership Fees	800.00	
	Food Bank	50.00	
	G. I. C.	2000.00	
	Conference refund	1002.37	
	TOTAL INCOME	\$3852.37	+\$5611.46

EXPENSES

	Provincial fees	640.00	
	Travel	35.00	
	Postage	13.09	
	Honorarium (S. Saddy)	29.77	
	J. Koenig (Xmas dinner)	18.00	
	Donation - food bank	50.00	
	OSPL - photocopying	25.00	
	P. Henry (gift)	90.00	
	G. I. C. (reinvestment)	2500.00	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3400.86	-3400.86
BALANCE ON HAND			+2210.60
G.I.C INVESTMENT		\$2500.00	



Internet connections

In *Canadian Money Management Online : Personal Finance on the Net* by Jim Carroll and Rick Broadhead, the authors give "Ten Risks of Using the Internet for Personal Financial Planning". These reasons also apply to other areas of interest: The ten risks are: (p.13-14)

- Information you access might be incorrect.
- Information might be out of date.
- You might become lost in the details.
- You might not find what you are looking for.
- You might use the wrong information.
- Some decisions are made to seem all too easy.
- You might get ripped off.
- You might make bad decisions.
- You might get bored.
- You might forget about life.

The book is well presented with side bars of "Tidbytes" about financial matters. Different

chapters talk about different aspects of financial planning and suggestions of websites are given that might prove helpful to the reader. Check your local library to see if they have it.

There are lots of books and a few magazines out there about the World Wide Web (www) and the other aspects of the Internet. Stephen Nelson's *The World Wide Web for Busy People* has an easy to read presentation and liberal sample of screen shots of some of the sites. Although the title specifies the world wide web there is also information included on electronic mail, newsgroups, mailing lists, FTP (File Transfer Protocol), Gophers, and Telnet..

The world wide web is the fancier, graphical side of the Internet and where you will likely spend most of your time.

Tuesday mornings, between

7:30 am and 8:00 am there is about an 8 minute segment about the Internet. on Canada AM. There is now a site that you can use as a stepping stone to sites mentioned on the programme. Check it out at www.ictv.net/surfcity. That led me to The Children's Literature Web Guide (actually I went to the University of Calgary's site first) www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/index.html. Lots of good links there. Did you know that *Cat in the Hat* is 40 years old? Visit the site to honour this special book character at www.randomhouse.com/seussville/birthday. Favourite sites of Gale are: www.wordsworth.com - Wordsworth Books Store or // lcweb.loc.gov - Lib. of Congress. I also cruise the Amazon site and the Gumshoe site for mystery readers.

*Thank you, Chris
for your contributions
as Director of Huronia Region. Good luck on
your bid for a position on the provincial executive.
Thank you to all who served on the executive this
past year and have agreed to serve for another year.
Welcome back Lynda.*

Your 1997-1998 Executive

President	Gale Moreau
Vice-President	Lynda Reid
Secretary	Pat Henry
Treasurer	Pat Frook
Director	Carol MacDonald
Newsletter Editor/ Archivist	Janet Iles