



Words from the President

This year's Annual Meeting was great! Thank you Lynda for arranging our visit. The L.E. Shore Library in Thornbury was wonderful, but since none of us won the Super 7 lottery, we won't be moving to Thornbury and volunteering there. Ken Haigh gave us a tour of the entire building, and related the story of how the library came to be.

We are hoping to do something similar during the year. Maybe a tour of Creemore, Stayner and Wasaga Beach libraries, since they are so close together...just a thought. It would get us out into other libraries (since we have seen all of our members' libraries) and we might even rustle up a new member or two!

The election of a new executive went smoothly, after making an amendment to our constitution to remove the time limit on how long one can serve in any executive position. The vacancy created by Carol MacDonald stepping down as Director, was filled by Pat Henry, and Judy Koenig is our new secretary. Thanks to both for agreeing to serve in these positions, and thank you to Carol for serving as Director. All other positions were filled by the incumbents. Thanks everyone.

Times and dates for the 1998-99 meetings have not been set. The BBQ is tentative at Judy's in June, if she has had her second surgery and is house-bound. The fall meeting may be the "library tour", with the Christmas social at Judy's (of course) if she'll agree. The 1999-2000 (WOW) Annual meeting is up for grabs. Volunteers? Ideas?

Gale Moreau
President

Thank you to Carol MacDonald for your work as our Director. Welcome back to the executive Judy Koenig as Secretary and Pat Henry as Director.

The 1998-1999 executive for Huronia are:

Gale Moreau	President
Lynda Reid	Vice-President
Judy Koenig	Secretary
Pat Frook	Treasurer
Pat Henry	Director
Janet Iles	Archivist & Newsletter

Bill Land has transferred his membership to TALTA. He sends his greetings to all Huronia members. He is housesitting while he looks for more permanent accommodation. Bill is working for InfoAbility/ARCH. His new mailing address is: Yonge/Eglinton Postal Outlet, 2300 Yonge Street Box 67029 Toronto ON M4P 1E0 All the best Bill, in your new endeavours!

1997-1998 Annual Reports

President

The 1997-1998 year was a very quiet one. We seem to have evolved into a small, comfortable, core group of about 12 members, and our meetings are as much social, as job-related.

Our annual meeting last year was held at Barrie Public Library. In June we moved on to Owen Sound for the annual barbecue at Janet Iles' home, where we enjoyed dinner and toured Janet's latest home improvement. The fall meeting was a workshop at the Simcoe County Law Library, where Pat Henry gave us a CD-ROM demonstration. And then it was time for the tenth annual Christmas Social at Judy's home in Collingwood. The weather was perfect this year and everyone who RSVP'd made it to the event. We had a lovely catered dinner, which closed to rave reviews. We took this opportunity to recognise Judy's tenth year as Christmas hostess, and Janet Iles for her five years as our newsletter editor.

There were some changes within the regional membership this year as two members moved on and a third retired. William Land left Orillia for a new job at Infoability in Toronto; Carol MacDonald left the library field for wholesale, and Janet Scheibler left the library for the open road. We wish William and Carol all the best and hope they'll keep in touch. We know we'll see Janet when she finally comes home.

Chris Carmichael and Janet Iles took on the provincial this year. As a team they are treasurer/memberships, and doing a fine job (I have my first membership card since 1995!!)

This is my third year as your President and it may or may not be the end of the road...
Respectfully submitted,

Gale Moreau
March 28 1998

Director

During this past year I have attended all of the Board of Directors and Executive meetings as the representative of Huronia Region. I hope that I have relayed enough details to our members to keep them informed about our association. I have kept the Provincial Executive aware of the activities in our region. We may be a small group but we are dedicated.

This was not a year of policy making or contentious issues. The biggest concerns were the resignation of Bill Land as Public Relations Coordinator and the lack of a newsletter editor for the first issue. The present focus is the Public Relations Campaign to promote Library Technicians.

I will attend the next meeting on Saturday April 4, 1998. This will be my last meeting as the Director of Huronia. I am not able to attend the conference and would appreciate a substitute for the Annual Business Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol MacDonald

Secretary

March 28 1998

As in the past, I have endeavoured to circulate the minutes of meetings in a timely fashion along with the notices of upcoming meetings. It was not possible to send out the minutes and the notice prior to the December meeting due to the mail strike so the minutes were handed out at the meeting. Those not in attendance received theirs after the mail strike.

I have continued to include the full Director's Report with each set of minutes as they are detailed and important.

If anyone has suggestions as to how the minutes could be changed or improved please feel free to let me know.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Henry

Archivist

One corner of my upstairs hallway holds the archival items of the branch. The director's binders have been deposited there. The director has the most recent material in her possession.

I have prepared three lists of the executive members of Huronia who have held offices since our inception — one is in order by year, one is order by position and the other is in order by person. Copies of this information have been given to the President and the Secretary for their respective binders. In addition, I went through the minutes of meetings checking on policies that have been established by this region. A copy of these have been given to the secretary. Unfortunately the original secretary's book went missing so I am not sure if any of our policies have been missed.

If it is the desire of the group, I would be willing to be archivist for another year.
Respectfully submitted by

Janet Iles

Newsletter Editor

During 1997-1998 three issues of *Networks* were produced. The first issue of volume 18 included the reports of the 1996-1997 executive. A regular column "Internet Connections" begun in volume 17 continued. This is a fun column to prepare. After I find sites, either through referrals from books, magazines, newspaper columns or from television programmes, or from my own surfing I check them out. In each issue I try to include some that are fun sites, or ones of a more personal nature and of course, those that may help in the workplace.

As always more contributions from members are requested. — Internet sites, what is happening in your library, your biography, etc. Yes I know you are all busy, but this is your chance to shine. A copy of the newsletter goes to each director of the other regions.

If it is the desire of the group, I would be willing to continue as newsletter editor (writer and publisher) for another year.

Respectfully submitted by

Janet Iles

Treasurer

The financial statement follows on page 4. In addition to the \$1,496.04 in the bank, the branch also has a GIC reinvested December 1997 for \$2,500.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pat Frook

Provincial Internet Committee

I am the representative for Huronia on the provincial Internet committee. Since I became a member of this committee, there have been two teleconferences. The one for this past week was cancelled since not all necessary information was available.

The 15th of the month has been set as the deadline for information to be submitted to the content webmaster for coding and then after that to the technical webmaster for uploading to the site. For regional events, the information will be posted on the site in the language of submission. I have submitted information about our events to Angela.

At last year's round table, a few people expressed an interest in a listserv for library technicians. Currently, this option is being investigated — costs and what would be involved. Since this is the 25th anniversary of OALT/ABO the committee would like to see a special focus on this milestone. This requires information to be prepared and then coded in html. Some committee members were investigating the possibility of having library technician students assist with this coding.

If it is the wish of the group, I would be willing to serve on this committee for one more year.
Respectfully submitted by

Janet Iles

Who is planning on attending the OALT/ABO conference in London? Janet I. and Chris have already registered.

INCOME		
Starting Balance		+\$1887.18
Membership Fees	800.00	
Food Bank	60.00	
Conference Account	27.59	
Interest	75.00	
Christmas Dinner	130.00	
TOTAL INCOME	1092.59	+\$2979.77
EXPENSES		
Provincial Fees	640.00	
Gifts	78.71	
Postage	14.44	
Caterer (Christmas dinner)	226.50	
J. Koenig (Christmas dinner)	30.35	
Donation Food Bank	60.00	
Copying	38.85	
Provincial Public Relations	200.00	
C. Carmichael (conference)	152.88	
Bank Charges	42.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	1483.73	-\$1,483.73
BALANCE		+\$1,496.04



Internet connections

Gale Moreau is wondering if anyone knows of a site to search for ISBN assignments, (which prefix is assigned to what publisher... i.e 0-590 is Scholastic). I haven't found one so if anyone can answer this request please let us know. If you or your patrons are searching for information on El niño check out this site: <http://pmel.noaa.gov/toga-tao/el-nino>. There is a lot being written about the year 2000. This includes the computer bug. Are you ready? Did you know that there are 636 days left as of April 4 until we turn our calendars to the year 2000? One interesting site is *Everything 2000* at www.everything2000.com. This site has links to millineum countdown clocks that give the time to the second, jokes, events, and the computer bug. Check out the Y2K handbook at www.ntgi.net/ntg/y2k/info/index.html. For information ont eh Y2K bug check the Information, FAQs. At www.compinfo.co.uk/index.htm there are links to manufacturers' pages where they give some idea of their Year 2000 compliance position. Check out these sites and see if you are Y2K ready.