



Huronia Regional Branch OALT/ABO April 1999 Vol. 20 No. 1

Words from the President

Hi, it's me again ... your President, ad nauseum.

We had a very good annual meeting again this year. Unfortunately our numbers were a little low because of illness, but I know everyone was there in spirit. Thank you to all those members who remained in their executive positions, and a warm welcome to our new Treasury Officer Cindy Watson. Thanks to Pat Froom for minding our money over the past three years.

Several issues were tabled as "new business" at the annual meeting, and we have several projects for the next year.

As of this writing we have TWO new members. A warm welcome to Marion Warburton from Newmarket, and Katrina Montgomery from Orillia. We hope to see our "rookies" at a meeting sometime soon.

Last year I "wished" for one new member and I got two. That worked out so well I think I'll make another. I can't tell you what I wish for, because then it won't come true, but those at the meeting could probably make a wild guess! ;)

See you at the June meeting!

Gale

Congratulations to Cindy Watson for being hired to catalogue some of the Adult Learning Centre material at OSNG, on a short term contract. This is in addition to her part-time hours.

Proposed Mission Statement for OALT/ABO

The mission of OALT/ABO is to advance our profession through active membership, education and professional development, promotion and marketing, partnership and advocacy.

If you have any comments, re above, please let Pat Henry, or any of the others attending the conference know.

The development of the mission statement is the first stage of strategic planning. Four Huronia members were present for this planning session. It went much better than we anticipated. The first part of the morning was spent in small groups looking at the "Vision for the organization in 2005". When the groups got together there were many common elements. Some of the thoughts were: more membership participation, existing library related organizations brought together under an umbrella organization provincially first than nationally, ageing members, establish a mentoring system, paid staff, 1000 plus members, new name to reflect changing role and membership, proactive re education, enhanced employer awareness, centralized association to avoid duplication, etc.

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See Page 3 for Internet Connections.

Have you sent in yet your salary survey to Pam Casey ?

President's Annual Report 1998-1999

The 1998-99 year was a quiet one once again, although much to my delight ☺, we have a new member, Marion Warburton, who is employed at the Newmarket Public Library.

The 1998-99 year began with our annual meeting at the L. E. Shore Public Library in Thornbury. We were all very "taken" with this lovely little library. June found us in Collingwood where "Knees" Koenig hosted the annual barbecue, with thanks to Lynda for doing the "running around". We did something a little different for the fall meeting and did a mini, fall-colours tour of the Stayner and Creemore Public Libraries. The Christmas Social was at Judy's (as always) and was again a catered event. The weather co-operated again this year, and there were no absences due to weather.

I expressed my wish to have one new member this, year, and my wish was granted. We also sent membership information to a staff member at Georgian College in Orillia. I'm keeping my fingers crossed for more growth in our membership.

It has become apparent in the last year that Huronia Region is turning into something of a "rebel" region. Our vision for the future of OALT/ABO is not in line with the rest of the association. As you will see from some new business to be discussed, we are not alone in our thinking. I hope we can continue to grow and evolve, and still maintain our close Huronia "family".

This is my fourth year as your President, and I think I'm Y2K compatible, so if you wish I will remain as your president into the year 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale Moreau

March 13, 1999

Vice-President's Annual Report 1998-1999

This year, with lots of assistance and co-operation from the secretary, I arranged meetings and meeting notices.

Annual reports are a wonderful opportunity for reflection. These are challenging times, in the world around us, in our communities, in the workplace, and indeed with OALT/ABO. I hazard to say that it is healthy to ask questions for it illustrates concern for the future and strength of Library Technicians in the Library world and an interest in change and progression.

I look forward to the upcoming year in Huronia. Huronia may be a small region in numbers but large in heart and spirit. We have an impressive percentage of our total membership who have worked very hard throughout the years at the provincial level. Our members have served in a number of capacities and have worked on a number of special projects including organizing provincial archives, revamping provincial membership forms and database, refurbishing the treasurer's financial reports and statements, etc. I applaud these dedicated members and their efforts and commitment to the Ontario Association of Library Technicians.

Respectfully submitted

Lynda Reid

March 13, 1999

Archivist's Annual Report 1998-1999

One corner of my upstairs hallway holds the archival items of the branch. All filing is up to date. I need to receive a copy of all minutes of meetings not only the e-mail version but an official typed version. If you have pictures of branch activities that could be added to our archives they would be appreciated.

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

Respectfully submitted.

Janet Iles

March 13, 1999

Secretary's Annual Report 1998-1999

Minutes and upcoming meeting notices were sent to all members. A new method of routing minutes and notices was used in the second half of the year. E-mail is now being used wherever possible, and standard mailing for the remainder of our members.

In co-operation with the vice-president, I assisted in the planning of the Christmas meeting/dinner. We have already booked the same caterer for next year.

It is my hope that we will be able to communicate via e-mail with most of our members in the coming year. (However, you do miss all my "cute" graphics when being notified via e-mail.)

At this time I would like to echo the comments of our Vice-President and encourage our members to ask questions and seek responsible answers when they have concerns about the future of our association and its role in the library world.

Respectfully submitted

Judith Koenig

March 13, 1999

Newsletter Editor's Annual Report 1998-1999

During 1998-1999 three issues of volume 19 of *Networks* were produced. A regular column "Internet Connections" begun in volume 17 continued. Thanks to all who contributed suggestions of sites.

The April issue included the reports of the 1997-1998 executive. The August issue was only two pages long. Thanks to Janet Scheibler's interesting article on her travels, complete with pictures, the January 1999 issue was six pages. Thanks Janet for your story. It was really interesting hearing about your adventures. Glad to see that you still enjoy checking out libraries.

As always more contributions from members are requested — Internet sites, what is happening in your library, your biography, etc. How about an article about your impression of other libraries you've visited?

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 Gles

March 13, 1999



Internet connections

Gale found a neat DDC site complete with screen saver and wallpaper. The address is www.oclc.org/oclc/fp/products/fp_frameset.htm For those who catalogue, there are some updates at www.oclc.org/oclc/fp/ddc/newnchg.htm They post new and changed entries there on a monthly basis. The home site is www.oclc.org/oclc/fp/index.htm and then she went to products. I haven't tested it out yet. My hard drive is getting full. Do you find it hard to come up with a method of organization? This site was suggested by a library patron: www.davidco.com. Check this site to read some of his thoughts on goal setting, management etc. David Allen states: "The value of goals is not in the future they describe, but the change in perception of reality they foster." — Some food for thought.

Director's Annual Report 1998-1999

This year as Huronia Regional Branch Director has been one of learning, interest and challenges. I attended the meetings in September and November and took part in the teleconference in February. I plan on attending the March 27 meeting also.

A few things either dealt with or still being worked on by the board include a draft Email policy [re voting] for the March meeting, discussion and creation of a PR display which was much less expensive than the original quote and was very successful at OLA; updating the statement of standards and ethics, clarification of rights and privileges of institutional members, centralized memberships and at the March meeting we will be drafting a mission statement with the help of a facilitator.

During the teleconference, I brought up the idea of informally investigating the structure of OLA and the possibility of some kind of merger down the road. This was certainly less than well received. Nanci stated in no uncertain terms that it had been voted down at Brainstorming/Roundtable (I question how it was presented and what kind of discussion took place.) Nanci also stated that the idea had already been thoroughly investigated and documented and also informally discussed by her and Pam at the OLA Think Tank last fall. I asked Nanci to forward to me all the detailed investigative documentation so that I could present it to our members. Many of you received the email response to my request. I personally am very dissatisfied with her response. I have also included a copy of her Nov. 14 President Report which she makes reference to. This is not documentation. Nanci however said that if Huronia would like to informally investigate the OLA structure etc., we may do so — just make sure everyone knows it is not an initiative of the Provincial Association. Time will tell on this issue.

I look forward to continuing to serve as Director and thank all of our members for your continued support.
Respectfully submitted,

Pat Henry

March 13, 1999

Financial Statement OALT/ABO 1998-1999

| INCOME | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Starting Balance | | +1496.04 |
| Membership Fees | 617.00 | |
| Food Bank | 45.00 | |
| Interest | 87.50 | |
| Christmas Dinner | 100.00 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | 849.50 | +2345.54 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Provincial Fees | 502.00 | |
| L. Shore Library (Donation) | 50.00 | |
| Gifts | 43.13 | |
| Postage | 7.22 | |
| Caterer (Christmas Dinner) | 178.00 | |
| L. Reid (June meeting food) | 37.28 | |
| GIC (top up) | 12.50 | |
| Donation – Food Bank | 45.00 | |
| Bank Charges | 38.50 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 913.63 | -913.63 |
| BALANCE | | +1431.91 |

GIC reinvested December 1998 \$2600.