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PORT'S LAST WORDS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people that I have worked with this year. Phyllis Wright, Barb Shannon, Terri Smith, Mary-Louise Gregotski, and Sue Pullan deserve special thanks for taking on the responsibilities of their offices, and for carrying them out so well. Without these people, the Association would have remained just an idea in someone's head. Mr. Bowman and Mrs. Hewitt deserve a vote of thanks from the whole organization for the support and help that they have given us. When I have talked to technicians in other parts of the province, they are continually amazed at how much help we are getting from these two people, from advice to printing our booklets, financial support with enrolling students in the Association, and for introducing Chris Campbell to us that first time. Mr. Bowman and Mrs. Hewitt have been enthusiastic and supportive of our Association. Thank you very much.

ELECTIONS

Elections will be held at the February 28th meeting. Positions available are: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Publicity Co-Ordinator, and Newsletter Editor. New blood is needed to keep the Association active and fresh. We would like to see an entirely new executive elected at this meeting.

DUES

Membership fees are due at the end of February. Despite inflation, our dues remain steady at \$20 for graduate membership, \$6 for student membership, \$16 for associate membership, and \$35 for institutional membership. These dues entitle a member to hold office in OALT/ABO at a regional and provincial level, to vote at the annual conference and at regional business meetings, to receive the regional and provincial newsletters, to receive the membership directories, and to attend workshops and meetings designed to upgrade and inform technicians. Prompt payment of dues will ensure that everyone gets all relevant publications and notices in good time. Please send membership fees to: NALT, P.O. Box 611, Niagara Falls, Ontario. along with the enclosed membership form.

TREASURER

Congratulations to Sue Pullan on her new job at Sir Sanford Fleming College in Peterborough. Our thanks to her for taking up the position of treasurer.

RAFFLE

The following are the winners of our Mystery Draw held at the Christmas dinner December 14, 1978.

1st prize: Sylvia Mauti
2nd prize: Scott Smith
3rd prize: Audrey Nicolson

Thank you to all who showed their support of our Association through this draw.

BOOKLET

The booklet made up by Niagara region, entitled "The Library Technician", has been distributed to employers in the area, and was presented at the November 4th Provincial Executive and Board of Directors meeting. It was enthusiastically received, and it was decided that the Provincial would adapt this booklet for its own use at display booths and for promoting the Association and the hiring of technicians. Final draft of this booklet is ready, and will be printed in the near future.

CHANGE OF NAME

In order to conform with other regions, and to reduce confusion, the Niagara Association of Library Technicians has been requested to change its name from "NALT" to "Niagara Regional Branch, Ontario Association of Library Technicians".

CONFERENCE

The sixth annual OALT/ABO conference will be from May 24-26, 1979 at New College, University of Toronto. Mr. John Colombo will be a guest speaker at the luncheon. On Thursday May 24, 1979 Pauline McGibbon (Lieutenant Governor of Ontario) will be hostessing an afternoon tea. Topics for workshops range from community information services to automation and from government documents to alternatives for Library Technicians (freelancing, etc.). Registration forms will be available within two weeks. For more information contact :

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PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE

The Provincial executive will be elected at the conference. Anyone interested in seeking a position in the executive should contact Andrew Porteus c/o NALT for a registration form. Nominations may also be made from the floor of the conference. Positions available are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Public Relations Co-Ordinator.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on February 28, 1979, at 8:00 pm. The meeting will be held at St. Cahtarines Collegiate, on Catherine St. in room 201. Elections will be held, there will be a raffle for a door prize, and two slide tape presentations will be shown, one entitled: "The Library Technician in the Community College", and the other: "The Library Technician in the Public Library".