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At last, another issue of APROPOS is in your hands. The Sudbury Regional Branch has kept its nose to the grindstone since September, working to bring our members an opportunity to socialize with fellow library workers and to learn something new. Read on...

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since the new executive was formed, one meeting was held July 15th at Cambrian College to discuss issues which were raised at the provincial executive meeting on June 19, 1982.

a) OALT/ABO's executive wished to know how the regions felt about forming a national organization, or becoming a CLA division. Sudbury preferred affiliating with library technician associations throughout Canada, meeting once a year to familiarize ourselves with common issues, changes and projects.

b) A suggestion was also made to offer an award to members for an outstanding contribution or service to OALT/ABO. In this case Sudbury agreed that a plaque, and possibly a monetary gift could be offered once every three to five years.

c) OALT/ABO has asked school boards in the various regions to allow library technicians to speak to students during career weeks. Some of our members have volunteered to visit any interested secondary schools in Sudbury, even though the library technician program is no longer offered at Cambrian College.

In addition to addressing these questions raised by the provincial body, the local executive has met regularly as part of the conference committee, working on plans for "Decade 1 Décennie."

Monique Fuchs

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors & Provincial Executive Meeting--June 19, 1982.

Addiction Research Foundation, Toronto.

This meeting, being the first after the May conference in Thunder Bay, began with a proposal from the provincial executive for aims and objectives to follow this fiscal year. The board approved the following plans:

- a) Job survey--finish work already begun
- b) Career week--vice-president would set up visits to high schools interested in library technician programs
- c) Visit to first year library technician students by the president
- d) Hopefully publish 3 issues of the newsletter
- e) Send letters of congratulations to LT graduates
- f) Compile a list of resource people and set up guidelines for provincial workshops.

Discussion followed on other matters from the agenda.

Only 40 membership renewals had been received at this time (primarily from Sudbury!) Because of this delay, the directory will not be published in October.

Surprisingly enough, OALT/ABO has no written reciprocal agreement for publications with CLA and CLA. Nancy Carlucci will look into this matter.

REED Vocational Centre has no video or other information about library technicians. The provincial body has sent pamphlets, etc. to make them aware of the library technician field.

The B.C. association is now called the Library Technician Association of British Columbia (LTBC).

There were some problems with the essays received for the essay contest, i.e. they did

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT cont.

not conform to the guidelines set by the committee. These guidelines will need to be altered slightly to be more specific.

CLA is looking into the library technician correspondence course offered through the Granton Institute. The Ministry of Colleges & Universities does list it in the Directory of Private & Vocational Schools.

Sudbury Branch suggested that a calendar of events be created for the benefit of all regions. The Board agreed to publish one in each newsletter. It will include workshop topics & dates, provincial meetings & other events of interest.

Thunder Bay announced a profit of approximately \$4000 from the 1982 conference.

Sudbury's request for a \$500 loan was discouraged. We were directed instead to ask Niagara & Thunder Bay Regions for a loan. (A letter from Sudbury regarding this refusal will appear in the next issue of Newsletter/Nouvelles. In the meantime, both regions contacted have graciously provided us with money to be repaid later)

Mary Davie (Huron) reported that Georgian College is in the process of preparing an LT program to be offered evenings.

Judy Laplante agreed to attend the next meeting as Sudbury's director.

Monique Fuchs

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Meeting--Sept.18, 1982. Addiction Research Foundation, Toronto.

I attended this meeting as the Sudbury Director and it was the first such meeting I have participated in. It was interesting and, at times, frustrating--but a worthwhile experience.

A number of items were discussed. These included rental storage for our files and archival material; the possibility of having the archives put on microfilm; the essay contest results; the job survey; and the 1982 conference proceedings.

Helen Luoma (Toronto) will investigate the cost of renting a storage vault in the Toronto area. She also volunteered to microfilm much of our archival material. Andrew Porteus (Niagara) will review the files and decide which material will be microfilmed.

The essay contest winners were announced. They were: 1st prize--none awarded

1st runner-up--Virginia Wilson, Ryerson
2nd runners-up--Mike Bernard & Catherine Kirk, Seneca College

A contest is planned for next year and all entries must be postmarked by March 31, 1983.

A discussion was held regarding the logo to be used for the job survey. Suggestions are to be submitted to Nancy Carlucci (Toronto).

The work on "A New View in '82" continues--slowly. Many Thunder Bay organizers took a summer rest but hope to be back in full swing very soon.

Sudbury reported on "Decade I", the 1983 conference. Thunder Bay promised to lend us some money as soon as their books are settled. Halton/Peel Region is also willing to provide a loan if money is needed.

Helen Luoma will continue to send the agenda & minutes of the meetings to Monique Fuchs. Linda Davis will attend the next meeting on Nov.20th.

Judy Laplante

CONFERENCE UPDATE

Plans for "DECADE 1 DECENNIE", our 10th annual conference, are on schedule. The planning committee met Sept.9 & Nov.2 to report on our progress to date.

The keynote speaker for the banquet on May 7th will be Stephen Lewis. The entertainment committee is to be congratulated for its efforts in obtaining such an articulate and well-known speaker to address us.

Six workshop conveners have confirmed their intentions to participate and several others have been contacted. A full slate of workshops should be in place by January.

Two committee members toured facilities at Laurentian University. The residences appear to be bright and comfortable. Meals will be provided in the Science II cafeteria.

Mailing lists are being compiled for our first mass mailing which will take place in January. Potential exhibitors will soon be contacted along with advertisers and donors of free items for the kits.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a \$150 loan from Thunder Bay Region.

Our next meeting of the conference committee will be held December 6th at the Ontario Government Building (7th floor conference room).

WORKSHOPS A SUCCESS

On Saturday, October 23, Sudbury Regional Branch hosted a day of computer related workshops for library personnel.

During the morning, representatives from Radio Shack, MPM Business Products and North Star Computers demonstrated micro-computers and talked about how they might be used in libraries. Registrants had the opportunity to take in two of the three available sessions. Printed information on software packages was also distributed by the workshop leaders.

Following lunch, Alan Orr from Ontario Educational Communications Authority explained the Telidon system to those in attendance. He outlined the origins and uses of this videotex system and demonstrated many of the listings available on the VISTA data base. Participants were able to use the terminal themselves in a hands-on session following Mr. Orr's presentation.

Aside from the practical knowledge gained, these workshops gave area library people the opportunity to get to know one another. Libraries were well-represented with people attending from Laurentian University, Cambrian College, Sudbury Public Library Reference Dept., North Central Regional Library, Walden Public Library, Chelmsford Public Library, Sudbury Board of Education, North Shore Board of Education, Ministry of Education and Sudbury General Hospital.

We found it particularly encouraging that the response from the library community in general was so positive. More than half of those attending were not members of OALT/ABO. It is our hope to arrange similar sessions during our next fiscal year.

Linda Davis

RELEVANT READING

The June issue of Canadian Library Journal includes an article by Margot Montgomery, convener of the CLA Committee on Library Technicians (Role and Evaluation). In "New Guidelines Developed for Library Technician Programs" (p.159), she outlines the history and role of the committee, as well as addressing several current concerns of technicians, including recognition, lack of opportunities for career advancement and the importance of involvement in professional associations.

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