

# OALT/ABO

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ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY TECHNICIANS/ASSOCIATION DES BIBLIOTECHNICIENS DE L'ONTARIO

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## NOTICE OF MEETINGS

### DINNER MEETING

#### CONFEDERATION COLLEGE

Conference Dining Room

Wednesday, 23 November, 1977 at 6:30 p.m.

- informally gather, meet the new executive, latest happenings
- dinner served by Confederation College
- film - Your Place in Time
- tour of Resource Centre, A/V Department, College
  
- Cost \$5.00 for dinner. Members and non-members welcome.
- To confirm your attendance, you will receive a phone call before November 16. The college needs prior notification of our numbers.

J. ROSS HOTSON  
Chief, Division of Services to the  
Physically and Visually Handicapped  
National Library of Canada

#### LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

Library, Room 5005

Thursday, 8 December, 1977 at 7:30 p.m.

- Division's work
  - Liaison work and locating material
  - Objective to create Union Catalogue of Canadian locations
  - Goal of integrating material into full library systems
  - Co-operation with libraries to establish regional access
- Audio library at Lakehead established by D. Wilkinson
  
- Wine and Cheese to be served in Aesthetics Lounge

From the Chair

Dear Technician:

Greetings, and the wish that you will join us in our series of meetings and workshops for the year, a schedule of which I hope that you already have.

An informal dinner and a tour of the Confederation College library and film centre is the next event on our schedule. This will be an excellent chance for some of us to introduce ourselves to each other and to the facilities and services of one of Northwestern Ontario's major educational centres.

Memberships in OALT will also be available, and for those whose finances are not as flexible as their stomachs, our treasurer has assured that terms are available. It is important to have a solid basis of membership within OALT to support our local workshops and the expertise to conduct them, and to provide support for those behind the scenes at the provincial level working to further our profession; developing standards for courses, consulting employers, or visiting graduate library schools. The report from our regional director high lights some of the current activities.

Also, please remember our forthcoming meeting, this time on Thursday, 8 December, with J. R. Hotson, Chief of the Division of Services to the Physically and Visually Handicapped at the National Library. Like the highly successful visit last year by Dr. Rita Blocher, this meeting will be interdisciplinary, involving the Social Work and Education Departments, and others of the general community providing these vital services.

Cheers,

Peter Morgan.

Report of Meeting, 13 October, 1977

Our postponed general meeting and 1977/78 elections were held. The new executive includes Chairman, Peter Morgan; Secretary/Treasurer, Lesley Prior; Director, LaRea Moody.

The finances from the conference (remember May '76) are complete and the balance divided between the OALT provincial and our bank account. The summary report is included later.

Mr. Alan Pepper, Chief, Northwestern Regional Library, was our guest speaker for the evening. His topic was: The future of the Regional Library. Mr. Pepper centred his approach on the need for any library to examine the needs of the total of its community rather than just the present clientele. He reminded us of the danger within any organization of its members serving their own needs or confusing their perspective with the purpose supposed to be served.

One of the major problems for the Northwestern Regional is identifying these needs of its widely scattered population and the diversity of backgrounds, interests and abilities to handle various types of material. Several of the ways which the library does this and also attempts to serve these needs both for the present and for the future were further discussed by Mr. Pepper and his interested audience.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Things are really humming on the provincial level, and Thunder Bay members might be interested in the following decisions and activities:

1. Gail Darby, Provincial Secretary, will coordinate all job openings throughout the province. If you plan a move to another part of Ontario, Gail will be the person to contact for job information.
2. The Standards Committee, which has been meeting regularly for the past two years, has finalized its definition of a Library Technician, and has prepared a form letter to be sent to all advertisers who show a lack of clarity in their ads for technicians.
3. Eleanor Irwin, our hard-working Provincial Planning and Publicity Coordinator, has been doing a super job of letting the library world know that technicians have a very special role to play. She, along with some of our members from London, Halton-Peel, and TALTA, gave presentations at the U. of Toronto Faculty of Library Science and at SLIS, U. of Western Ontario. Included were two slide-tape presentations made by our very own L.U. graduates--Rosemarie Boucher, Sandra Kratt, Debby Nelson, and Debbie Staber. The overall feedback was very positive. Lenora Aedy, our associate member who is on sabbatical at U of T, finishing off her MLS, reports that the discussion was lively, and that the technicians fielded every question thrown at them with answers that cleared up a lot of misunderstanding.
4. OALT/ABO is sponsoring a booth at the November joint conference of OLA and NYLA at Niagara Falls. Chris Campbell, Provincial Treasurer, will be our official rep, and Eleanor Irwin will look after the booth. A most attractive display has been prepared, along with folder hand-outs.
5. The sale of the Bibliography of Library Technology, compiled by Inge Rakovszky, has been so brisk that it is almost all sold out. Orders have come from all over the U.S., and even Australia!!
6. The 5th annual Conference, to be held at Erindale College in Mississauga, is well under preparation. The theme is ONWARD AND UPWARD: ONGOING COMMUNICATION AND PROFESSIONAL UPGRADING, and the date is May 25 - 28, 1978. So start saving your pennies now. Those of you who went to the London conference know how stimulating and informative the conferences can be---not to mention the benefits derived from meeting other techs and comparing notes. TALTA is so excited about hosting the Conference in 1979 that they have already formed committees to start making plans!
7. Jennifer Singh, TALTA member, has prepared a survey of salaries of technicians in the Toronto area which OALT/ABO is publishing. Copies should be ready soon, and will cost around \$1-1.50.

A further report on the provincial state of affairs will be published in our own next newsletter. Hope to see you all at the November dinner at Con College.

LaRea Moody

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## 1976 OALT/ABO Third Annual Conference, Thunder Bay

### Financial Statement

#### RECEIPTS:

Registration	\$3772.00	
Advertisement	8.00	
Tour	<u>140.00</u>	
Total	3920.00	\$3920.00

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Travelling Expenses	97.20	
Residence Accommodations	50.55	
Buttons	62.06	
Lakehead Univ. Media Services	15.60	
Photographs	24.88	
Tours (Buses, Fort William)	125.50	
Social Functions (Banquet, Wine & Cheese)	1318.38	
Lakehead Univ. Printing and Postage	351.89	
Office Services	57.75	
Honoraria	<u>225.00</u>	
Total	2328.81	<u>2328.81</u>

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements

\$1591.19

Provincial Share of Profits (1/3) 530.40

Reimbursement of Provincial Loan 200.00

\$730.40

Total Amount Due Provincial OALT/ABO \$730.40