

Ontario Association of Library Technicians/  
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# newsletter

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## COMMENT

by Annemarie Florian

Once again OALT/TBRB is presently gearing up for a busy year. Our annual dinner meeting was, appropriately or not, held on April 1 of this year, and a new executive was then elected. They are as follows:

Chairperson:

Judy Sennett, B.A., Dip.Lib.Tech.

Judy is currently employed with the city of Thunder Bay indexing by-laws and minutes and preparing them for microfilming and binding. For 1979-80 Judy held the position of co-ordinator in OALT/TBRB.

Co-ordinator:

Marjorie Coleman, B.A., Dip.Lib.Tech.

Presently Marjorie is employed as a library technician with the Technical Services Division of the Thunder Bay Public Library.

Regional Director:

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This post has recently been vacated by Hilke Grunys who, unfortunately, is leaving town. Anita Muncaster has expressed some willingness to take over. Anyone else willing to let their name stand for this position is welcome to express this at the next general meeting, when a by-election will be held.

Secretary-Treasurer:

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Alas, alack, another by-election. Eve Johnson was voted into this position, but circumstances are such that she is now unable to devote her time to it. Takers, please?!!

Membership/Mailing Person: Don Shuttleworth, Dip.Lib.Tech.

Don is currently and furiously pursuing employment relevant to his field.

Past Chairperson:

Mary McKinstry, Dip.Lib.Tech., B.A.

Newsletter Editor:

Annemarie Florian, B.A., Dip.Lib.Tech.

Both Mary and I are employed part-time in the Resource Centre at Confederation College.

There you have it! The new executive will be hard pressed to follow in the last executive's footsteps. In the 1979-80 year OALT/TBRB held workshops on the following topics: Statistics Canada; Effective use of A.V. equipment; Serials -- from scratch to fiche. Many thanks to last year's executive for the work accomplished in 1979-80.

## FROM THE CHAIR

As your new Chairperson I would like to invite all members, as well as prospective and former members to our first general meeting of the 1980-81 season.

We have begun plans for workshops that we hope will be of interest to all and would welcome any suggestions that you may have. We have tentatively set the 2nd Tuesday of each month for Executive meetings. They are open to any member who has ideas, complaints or suggestions to share with us. To attend an Executive meeting just call me to confirm the date and location of the meeting.

Judy Sennett  
Chairperson (577-4003)

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## 1982 CONFERENCE

It has been brought to our attention that by the time 1982 rolls around, it will again be our turn to host the Provincial Conference. Although we would be willing, the executive feels that we could not undertake this without a broader base of support. Therefore, if the membership is in favour, volunteers would be required to make up a committee, as well as someone to chair that committee. The decision must be taken now, so that we can start organizing if it be a positive one.

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## GENERAL MEETING

The first General meeting for the 1980-81 season will be held Tuesday, September 23 at 7:30p.m. in the lab on the fifth floor of the Lakehead University library building. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Call to Order

Minutes of Annual Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Director's Report (Ottawa Conference & June 7 meeting; Directory Supplement; By-Law Change -- Balloting at Annual Conference)

Correspondence

Reports of Committees (Fundraising; Archives)

Unfinished Business (Workshops)

New Business ('82 Conference here?)

Nominations and Elections (Sec./Treas. & Director)

Adjournment

Speaker: John Berry: How to cope with sexual deviance in the library.

Refreshments

We need your HELP! SUGGESTIONS! IDEAS!

Think about fundraising ideas and workshop topics and bring your suggestions to the General meeting. This is your organization, help us to make it better than ever.

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## NEW MEMBERS

A copy of our constitution accompanies this newsletter, as does also a membership form for the attention of prospective new members, who may not know about our organization.

In brief, OALT/ABO is a bilingual association of library technicians, including students in library technology programmes, graduate library technicians, and associate members working in the library field. OALT/ABO currently consists of eight regional branches of which Thunder Bay is one. Each branch has its own executive and appoints a representative to the provincial Board of Directors. The Board of Directors meets several times a year and directs policy for the association and supervises the actions of the provincial executive.

The objectives of the association are to publicize the value of the library technician and promote a wider understanding and acceptance of their status.

Each year, members of OALT/ABO receive three newsletters from provincial OALT as well as a directory of members. OALT Provincial sponsors an annual conference. A variety of useful workshops are included in the conference. At the provincial level OALT/ABO is in liason with the Canadian Library Association and the Ontario Library Association. Information on job openings and salary survey results are available through Provincial.

At the Thunder Bay Regional level, we too publish newsletters, hold workshops, and present speakers at meetings throughout the year. Also, we usually have a wine-and-cheese get-together for members plus an annual dinner meeting with the election of officers.

Membership fees are as follows:

Full member: any graduate library technician

Fee \$20.00. Full voting privileges.

Associate member: anyone working in a library but not a technician.

Fee \$15.00. No voting privileges.

Institutional member: any institution interested in joining.

Fee \$25.00. Voting privileges to one designate.

Student member: any student currently enrolled in a library technology programme.

Fee \$5.00. Full voting privileges.

Enclosed is a membership form. Please join! It's a good way to keep in touch with others in your field.

Don Shuttleworth  
Membership/Mailing Person

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