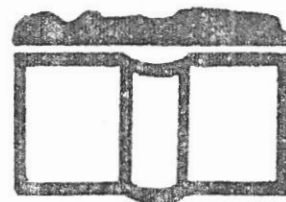


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COMMENT

Well, here it is! A Summer Newsletter (just what you've always wanted) to add to your pile of reading for these warm summer evenings.

First on the agenda, may we offer heartiest congratulations to all new graduates of the Library Technology program at Lakehead University. Pauline Doiron, Pat Folk, Mary Jane Park, Roxanne Wilson, Man Ying Wong, Gail Zablotny, Deborah Andrychuk, Lynn Brohman, Corinne Symons and Catherine Jean Maclean -- welcome to the ranks.

Secondly, this summer newsletter seeks to introduce the 1981-82 executive for OALT/ABO-TBRB. Please feel free to contact any one of us if you have ideas/complaints/suggestions to share.

President:	Judy Sennett
Co-ordinator:	Kathy Deguns
Regional Director:	Helen Heerema
Secretary/Treasurer:	Madeleine Landry
Membership/Mailing Person:	Karen Chivers
Newsletter Editor:	Annemarie Florian

Executive meetings for 1981 are tentatively scheduled as follows:
August 4; September 8; October 13; November 10; December 8.
Check with any executive member to confirm time and place when planning to attend.

The new fee structure was published in the last newsletter (vol. 6, no. 4), and one hates to dwell on such depressing topics. However, for those among us who find special difficulty in adjusting to ever-increasing prices, -- once again, loud and clear, and with conviction, -- the new fee structure is as follows:

Graduate member:	\$25.00
Associate member:	\$25.00
Student member:	\$ 7.00
Senior citizen member:	\$ 7.00
Institutional member:	\$45.00

Included with this newsletter, members will find a copy of the constitution for 1981-82. Many thanks to Gerry Maki at Confederation College for underwriting the cost of the printing. It might also be noted here that if anyone requires a copy of the OALT/ABO publications list, they should contact any member of the executive.

It has recently been brought to our attention that a very good friend and associate member of OALT/ABO-TBRB, Mr. Sam Alexander, has left this vicinity for greener pastures, namely those of the Geological Survey of Canada in Ottawa. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Sam for all the professional support he has lent us in the past and also send our best wishes with him into the future.

- Annemarie Florian

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the "Convention Year" for the Thunder Bay Region. LaRea and Donna have begun to make arrangements for the convention and with help from ALL of us I am certain that we can not only maintain our status as the Region to which most people want to return, but even surpass our past excellence.

Naturally, the convention is going to require a great deal of our time, but your executive is already planning workshops and speakers for the coming year. Because of the anticipated number of convention planning meetings, we intend to limit the number of regular meetings and workshops this year. It is our hope that you will devote as much of your free time as is possible to one of the convention committees. The convention's success will depend upon your efforts.

As well, if any of you have slides depicting the work of a library technician, I would appreciate hearing from you, so that we can contribute to the Provincial slide/tape presentation to be prepared this fall. Also, we may be calling upon you to allow us to take some photographs of you at work, in order to depict a current view of the many and varied duties a technician can be called upon to perform.

As always, we welcome your suggestions and complaints. If you have either, please feel free to contact me or any member of the executive at any time.

With your help we can make this our best year ever.

- Judy Sennett

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

First on the list of Provincial news, Thunder Bay Region will be hosting the 9th Annual Convention in May, 1982. I hope all members will be ready and willing to volunteer some time to this task.

The first meeting I attended as Director was held in Toronto on May 2, 1981. At that time a number of issues were discussed. Paulette Thibault will complete the "Convention Procedures Manual" by September, 1981. A slide-tape presentation on library technicians is being prepared by Nancy Mack for the 1982 convention. Regional submissions should be made by September, 1981. Dorothy Kew will attend the CLA convention as OALT/ABO's official representative, and serve as a group leader at a Salaries workshop. The theme for the LT workshop at the CLA convention is: "Raising the Profile of the Library Technician".

On May 15, at OALT/ABO's convention held at Brock University, the Board of Directors met -(a meeting continued from May 14) -to discuss some more interesting issues. Sue Weaver reported on the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of Colleges and Universities, regarding the guidelines for the education of LT's in OCAAT. She distributed a list of general program objectives and performance levels expected of a LT graduate. I have a copy of this if anyone wishes to read it.

Also at this meeting, it was decided to allow OLA to send their flyers with our newsletter and that they would pay Provincial for the extra postage. Reciprocally, we can send flyers in OLA newsletter mailings.

Regarding the "Proposal for Change", our region must submit a point-by-point discussion of the proposal to the Board of Directors by the fall of 1981. All regional submissions will then be given to a committee to collate and prepare a report for the 1982 convention. Hopefully, changes to the constitution will be voted on next Spring. As a region, we will be holding another meeting to discuss the "Proposal for Change" in September.

For your information, the Provincial Treasurer's bank balance as of May 15, 1981, was \$1,692.09.

As your new Director for the coming year, I request that you please come forward with any questions or concerns you may have about OALT/ABO on the Provincial or Regional level. I can be reached at home, 623-9560, or at work, Confederation College Resource Centre, Circulation Department, 475-6219.

Have a pleasant summer!

- Helen Heerema