



# newsletter

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## Annual Dinner Meeting

Remember.....the Annual Dinner Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 30, 1983 at 7:00 p.m. in the Barcelona Room of the Airplane Motor Hotel.

Tickets (\$15.00) will be sold in advance of the dinner and are available up to March 23, 1983 from any of the following:

Karen Chivers, Lakehead University  
Donna Fossum, Waverley Resource Library  
Corinne Symons, Brodie Resource Library  
Marjorie Coleman, Tech. Services, Thunder Bay Public Library  
Judy Sennett, Confederation College  
LaRea Moody, School of Library Technology, Lakehead U.

## Agenda for the Annual Meeting

Minutes of the last general meeting  
Treasurer's report  
Director's report  
Correspondence  
Reports of Committees - (a) Archives  
Unfinished business  
New business - Proposed change in the Constitution -  
Addition - Article 4 - Organization, Item (e) -  
"The Executive shall consist of members in good standing."  
Speaker - Fred McIntosh, Director, School of Library  
Technology, Lakehead University.  
Nominations and elections

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## Library Technology Course

During the Spring Session at Lakehead University, the School of Library Technology is offering the following course:

REFERENCE - Monday to Thursday, at 6:30 p.m.  
May 2 to June 16, 1983 with  
Fred McIntosh instructing.

For further information, please call the School of Library Technology Lakehead University at 345-2121.

## Workshop Brief

On February 12, 1983 two Provincial Workshops were held at Lakehead University. Two sessions of each workshop were originally scheduled, but with only fifteen members in attendance one workshop was held in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The day was opened with remarks from Danielle Amat, President OALT/ABO and Karen Chivers, President Thunder Bay Branch.

The morning workshop, led by Gerry Meek, Librarian at University of Waterloo, was excellent. He gave us a detailed explanation of the iNet Gateway Trial, which is a new telecommunications system geared to information retrieval. This system has been developed by CCG in conjunction with Bell Northern Research and is aiming at the business community as their potential market. A group of libraries, including National Library and University of Waterloo, are involved in this project to test it's applications to library and information services. This was a very informative look at what the future may hold for libraries and an indication of the need for all library workers to have basic computer knowledge!

The afternoon workshop on CODOC was led by Susan Lamana, Library Technician at Transport Canada. She gave a thorough explanation of the CODOC system for classifying government publications. All participants had an opportunity to try and master the art of coding with examples she handed out.

Many thanks to the workshop leaders, to Provincial, and the regional members who helped for making the workshops a success. It is hoped that Provincial will continue to sponsor workshops in the regions on a yearly basis. ....Helen Heerema

## Director's Report

1982-83 has been a busy year for the Provincial Executive and Board of Directors. All projects started by this executive will be wrapped up before the ABM in Sudbury, so that the new executive can start with a fresh slate!

In the fall of 1982, OALT/ABO was involved in a Career Week Project with Barbara Cope, Vice-President as co-ordinator. Despite setbacks, seven schools were visited and pamphlets on Library Technicians were put in guidance offices.

A major project completed this past year was the Job Survey. It was conducted across the province to monitor the opportunities for LT graduates, mainly in the private business sector. To date, over 250 replies have been received of the 500 questionnaires sent out. Danielle Amat will be submitting a written report shortly.

Three areas had Provincial Workshops this year, being Thunder Bay, Ottawa and a Tri-Regional effort between Niagara, Halton-Peel and Talta. A recommendation to next year's executive will be to continue this effort.

The Essay Contest is again in full swing and has been advertised in provincial and regional newsletters. Deadline for submissions this year is March 31, 1983 and Andrew Porteus, Niagara Region is the contact.

Membership forms, cards and a new directory were all produced this year. This entailed much work because of the improvements made in all three. Many thanks to Nancy Carlucci, Public Relations for all her efforts.

The provincial bank balance as of February 28, 1983 was \$ 3,535.20, but the cost of printing the directory has not yet been paid and there are still two more provincial meetings to attend plus two issues of the provincial newsletter to be paid. Also, due to some complaints about high membership fees, Danielle Amat and Pat Buczkowski drew up a memo explaining how the membership fees are spent. It will be published in the provincial newsletter and I also have copies of it for those who wish to see it sooner. This is the time of year to consider taking an active part in OALT/ABO. As Regional Director for Thunder Bay for the last two years I can say it has been a very rewarding and educational experience! How about you!

Submitted by *Helen Heerema* Helen Heerema / Regional Director

## The Price is Right!

It has come to my attention that a lot of members are not and/or will not be renewing their memberships to OALT/ABO - Thunder Bay Regional Branch for the 1983/84 year. The reason most cited being that the new fee structure is a very high increase from those of previous years. The proposal of a new fee structure was brought up for the membership's vote at a General Meeting. At this meeting, no members voted against the proposal. Some members have stated that they did not vote against the proposal because of the way it was put to the membership by the Executive -- as if there was no other choice. However, at this meeting, none of those members present even questioned the reasoning behind the proposed fee hike.

Many of our membership may not be aware of the fact that the regional branches do not keep 100 % of the fees for each of the five member groups. The region as well as the Provincial receives a share of the fee. Here is the fee structure breakdown:

Graduate members - Fee: \$45.00 : Provincial receives \$25.00 and Thunder Bay Regional Branch receives \$20.00.  
Associate members - Fee: \$40.00 : Provincial receives \$20.00 and Thunder Bay Regional Branch receives \$20.00.  
Student members - Fee: \$12.00 : Provincial receives \$10.00 and Thunder Bay Regional Branch receives \$2.00.  
Senior Citizen members - Fee: \$12.00 : Provincial receives \$10.00 and Thunder Bay Regional Branch receives \$2.00.  
Institutional members - Fee: \$60.00 : Provincial receives \$40.00 and Thunder Bay Regional Branch receives \$20.00.

Provincial's share was voted upon by the whole association at the Annual Business Meeting after their original motion of an across-the-board set fee structure was defeated. If you think that our present fee structure is too high, the proposed motion was even higher. Our region was opposed to this motion because it was thought that such a fee structure would result in a decrease in the numbers of our membership.

Now I realize that OALT/ABO is a non-profit organization but we do have an overhead. There are many little items to consider, though as is often the case the little things end up costing the most. Mailing plays a large part in our overhead but we try to keep it lower than it is. For example, the Executive hand-delivers as many newsletters, membership forms, etc. as we possibly can. There are still out-of-town members and those members in-town to whom the only way to get their newsletters, etc. to them is through the mail. At the past price of 30 cents per stamp and at the recent price of 32 cents, mailing items are still costly. Printing is also costly. Thunder Bay Regional Branch has their constitution printed. The cost difference between printing and photocopying is relatively nil with the big difference being the look of the printed material. Another cost that cuts in our monies is honorariums which are given to speakers or workshop leaders. When you consider that our regional branch holds at least three General Meetings (one being the Annual Dinner Meeting) and at least two workshops per year, the honorariums add up. Each region also pays half the cost of travel for their own Director to travel to the monthly Directors' meetings. These are just a few of a region's expenses.

So what do you get for your money? From the Provincial, you receive newsletters and a membership directory. From the region, you receive regional newsletters and no fee to attend workshops.

What would you like from OALT/ABO - Thunder Bay Regional Branch? What would it take for you to get more involved in the Association? At present, the Executive consists of 7 people who are trying to act on behalf of the membership with very few suggestions from the membership.

I'll finish off with something I tell the Library Technology students at the occasional talks I give. The Association can only work for you, if you work for it.

*Karen Chivers  
President*

### Is It Worth The Effort?

With the Annual Dinner Meeting less than a month away, another OALT/ABO year is drawing to a close. Your Executive has worked very hard this year arranging meetings and workshops, but WHERE WERE YOU?

Here is a list of the events which you missed this year:

May - Conference

Sept. 29 - The new developments at Chancellor Paterson Library, L.U.

Dec. 4 - Search Services Workshop

Jan. 25 - Union List of Serials for Thunder Bay

Feb. 12 - CODOC and INET Workshops (Sponsored by Provincial)

The future will see many changes in the area of automation and these changes will affect our jobs. Are we preparing ourselves sufficiently to be able to take on the new challenges and opportunities with which we will be presented? Your Association is doing its best to see that you have the opportunity to develop your understanding of and skills in these new areas. A look at the changes which have already occurred at Ryerson with their new Informatics programme shows that we need to adapt quickly or we will find ourselves ill-equipped to work in to-morrow's world.

To learn where Library Technology is headed, come to the Annual Dinner Meeting where Mr. Fred McIntosh of Lakehead University's School of Library Technology will explain the new developments in their programme.

You have many opportunities to express your wishes. Executive meetings are held once a month, general meetings at least three times a year, as well as the workshops which are offered. Without your input your Executive is left to guess your interests.

Please let us hear from you.

Judy Sennett  
Past President.