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# newsletter

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Hello everybody in Northwestern Ontario and beyond. This issue should reach you (hopefully) before the summer doldrums set in.

This Fall starts a new season for OALT/ABO TBRB, with a new executive, a new calendar of events, and a renewed vigor.

For those of you who have not renewed your membership, this will be the last issue you receive. You are urged and encouraged to renew soon, and show support for your colleagues in the field.

There is lots to report, with a busy and productive year in store.

## ANNOUNCING

### 1984/85 EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT: HELEN HEEREMA

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## REMINDER



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Keep handy for future reference)

August 27: Executive Meeting 8 p.m.  
 Gina Rawson  
 197 Essex Court  
 767-7446

September 26: First General Meeting  
 L.U. Lab - 7:30 p.m.

October 13: Provincial Workshop  
 "Word Processors in the  
 Library"  
 TBA

November 24: Workshop  
 "Records Management"  
 TBA

February 9: Workshop  
 "Creative Job Search"  
 TBA

Additional meetings and social events  
 will be announced in future issues.



## FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

Technological change, computers, word processors, words that can and will change the tasks of a Library Technician in every job situation. We are being challenged to meet these new tasks and we can only succeed through educating ourselves in this new technology.

As president, my main goal is to steer the Regional Branch in a positive and growing direction, through educational needs.

The new executive has been planning workshops, meetings and activities for the coming year. If you have suggestions for the executive, please don't hesitate to contact me. (We all paid a membership fee!) Hopefully, we can encourage greater participation in OALT/ABO from past, present and future members!

Helen Heerema



## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Since our last newsletter in March, there have been two Provincial and Board of Directors' meetings, and of course, the 11th annual OALT/ABO Conference.

At the conference this year, Pat Graham, Ottawa Director and myself had the honour of making the presentations to the outgoing provincial executive and provincial newsletter editors.

The meeting in June was scheduled to coincide with the CLA conference. This arrangement allowed the executive and the directors to attend CLA's Committee on Library Technicians (Role & Education). Some of the topics covered were Granton Institute of Technology, Library Technician Interest Group, and accreditation of Library Technician programs. Later that day we attended a get-together for technicians. I had the opportunity to meet technicians from across Canada. Each of the provincial associations had a representative give a speech on their organization.

Watch for your new 1884-86 directory. It will be coming out this fall.

Provincial newsletters v. 8 no. 2 and no. 3 will be coming out back to back. Due to a problem with the word processing, the newsletters were delayed.

Brian Nettleford from Dublin was in the Toronto area in June. He is in Canada doing a study on library associations. TALTA hosted a meeting for members to come and meet with him.

This year the Association will be doing a salary survey. The next meeting is September 29, 1984.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corinne Symons, Regional Director

## LEARNING MORE IN '84

Huronian Region did a bang-up job on their conference this year. Choosing Geneva Park, on beautiful Lake Couchiching, was an inspiration, providing ample opportunity to enjoy the excellent workshops as well as the recreational activities.

Close to two hundred delegates attended, and among those from Northwestern Ontario were Erin Roussin (Kenora), Mary-Lou Kolodinski, Corinne Symons, Helen Heerema, Judy Sennett, Donna Fossum and L. Moody. Also present were former TBRB members Judy LaPlante (Sudbury), Roberta Tripp (TALTA), and Otto Sillius (Halton-Peel).

We are especially pleased that Donna Fossum has been re-elected Secretary of the provincial executive. Other members of the 1984-85 slate are: President: Loretta Taylor, Vice-President: Janna Munkittrick, Treasurer: Ron Cheney, Public Relations Coordinator, Alicia Friese.

It is interesting to note the increasing number of workshops dealing with the fields of high technology and supervisory skills now being offered at conferences. OALT/ABO is certainly moving with the times.

NOTE: Lapsed members of Thunder Bay Region should hurry and renew their memberships in order to take advantage of the forthcoming season's programs.

Fees for the coming year are:

Full members	\$45.00
Associate Members	40.00
Students	12.00
Institutions	60.00

And remember, fees are tax deductible!



## ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Twenty-two people enjoyed a fine repast and visit last April 18th at the Airline Motor Hotel. It was especially nice to see Doris Brown and Janice DeGagne from Atikokan.

The business meeting was followed by the presentation of our first student award to Gina Rawson, a graduate of L.U.'s Library Tech programme this year. Karen Chivers, out-going president presented Gina with a plaque and a copy of Superior: The Haunted Shore.

The after-dinner speaker was Gerry Meek, Chief Librarian of the Thunder Bay Public Library, who spoke on "The Effects of Technology on Libraries."

A good time was had by all.

