

TECH TALK



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It's been some time since our last newsletter. This final issue of volume 10 will bring you up-to-date on what's been happening in and out of our region, and what will be happening in and out of our region.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

1984/85 was an excellent year. We had ten executive meetings, three general meetings (including the Annual Dinner Meeting), three workshops -- Word Processing, Statistics Canada, Creative Job Search -- produced three newsletters and encouraged membership. The turnouts to meetings and workshops was good, but there is always room for improvement.

The new executive has held two meetings already to discuss plans for the 1985/86 year. Ideas for workshops include a workshop to be held in the outlying region, possibly Atikokan in the early fall. This is in response to a request from Doris Brown of Atikokan, at the Annual Dinner Meeting. We have a number of members in the region and many cannot come in for workshops and meetings, so we are going to try to go to them.

Make it a date in '88! Thunder Bay Region will be hosting the 1988 Annual Conference. Donna Fossum and LaRea Moody have agreed to lead us in planning and preparation for this event. Ideas and volunteers for this conference will be needed. If you are willing and able to help in any way, please contact myself or a member of the executive.

The executive is looking forward to providing a bigger and better agenda than last year. With good planning and a little luck everything will fall into place. Any ideas, suggestions, contributions are greatly appreciated. Remember, every member has something worthwhile to contribute to an organization, so be brave, contribute!

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Heerema

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YOUR EXECUTIVE 1985/86

- President - HELEN HEEREMA
- Secretary - BARBARA SMITH
- Treasurer - GINA RAWSON
- Public Relations Coordinator -
MARY LOU KOLODINSKI
- Regional Director - LA REA MOODY
- Archivist - WENDY WOOLSEY
- Newsletter Editor - CORINNE SYMONS

ON BEHALF OF THE OALT/ABO, A HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE NEW GRADUATES OF THE LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AT LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY!!!!!!

SO WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

Statistics Canada Workshop
Jan 13/85

John Hicks from the Toronto office braved the Thunder Bay weather to give us a workshop. He supplied us with a general overview on what the government department offers and answered all the questions put to him.

Mr Hicks pointed out that many of their publications are not catalogued and are therefore, not listed in the 'Statistics Canada Daily'. The department does publish 'Librarians' Newsletter' which is sent free of charge upon request. This newsletter will keep you informed of any new developments and publications.

Corinne Symons

Creative Job Search Workshop
Feb 9/85

What is the most effective way to undertake the task of looking for a job? For those who attended the "Creative Job Search" workshop on February 9, 1985, the answer to the above question was found. It was an excellent and most informative workshop led by Susan Weaver, Co-ordinator, Careers Resource Centre, University of Western Ontario. Topics covered were self-assessment, the resume, correspondence with employers, information interviewing, how to find potential employers and employment interviews.

This workshop attracted people from outside the library field, as well as L.T. students and graduates. This allowed for different viewpoints and experiences in the discussion of resume/interview problems. Hats off to Sue Weaver for a workshop well done!

Helen Heerema

"Evening at the Fort"
Mar 13/85

The Old Fort William canteen was a warm and inviting place for the Annual Dinner Meeting. The meal was delicious and the atmosphere cozy. Those who attended, truly enjoyed the evening. (We did a survey!)

During the business part of the meeting, the most deserving graduating student in the Library Technology Programme at Lakehead University was honoured with the OALT/ABO Thunder Bay Regional Branch Student Award. President, Helen Heerema, presented the Award to TIINA TARSITANO, along with a copy of 'Tom Thomson : the silence and the storm'. Tiina's name and graduating year are engraved on the plaque which hangs in a place of honour in the Library Technology Lab at Lakehead University.

After dinner, the business meeting and of course elections were held, then a tour of the Old Fort William Library was led by Helen Hyvarinen. It was an interesting and informative tour of this special library. The Old Fort Library deals mainly with materials pertaining to the Old Fort and its time period. That's how all those students know how to talk, act and dress for their jobs at the Old Fort! Helen Hyvarinen, L.T. at the Old Fort did an excellent job of explaining the Library to us and she also navigated us across the muddy, snowy compound. (It's a short trek from the canteen to the library!)

For those who didn't navigate their way back to the canteen for a second glass of wine, they missed out on more door prizes. Due to the efforts of LaRea Moody and Gina Rawson we had many gift certificates to give away. Prizes for one and all!

It was a great evening and a lot of fun. Many thanks to the excellent staff at the Old Fort for all their help and to all those who attended.

Helen Heerema

Nexus '85

For those who attended OALT/ABO's twelfth annual conference, hosted by TALTA, it was an opportunity to visit with old friends, make new ones, and attend some very good workshops. The Toronto weather cooperated, which made walking back and forth between the Carlton Inn and the Ramada Inn, a pleasant chore.

Representation from Northwestern Ontario was sparse this year, but among the loyal faithful who made the trip were Donna Fossum, Helen Heerema, Judy Sennett, Erin Roussin (Kenora), and the undersigned.

Workshops that received special good feedback were Problem Patrons in the Library; Records Management; Marketing Yourself; Communications; The Art of Negotiating. Kenneth Bagnell, the guest speaker at the banquet, lent just the right note with his witty talk on "Humour and Jargon".

Even the annual business meeting ran smoothly, and finished on time for the first time since London hosted the conference in 1977! Loretta Taylor has done a super job as president, lending style and dignity to the position, and representing OALT/ABO in the best possible light.

Next year's conference is being hosted by Ottawa, with the following year going to Halton-Peel. The big news is that Thunder Bay is hosting the conference in 1988, and plans are already under way to make it one of the best ever. If any of you have any suggestions for workshops or other events and activities, please contact Donna Fossum in care of OALT/ABO Thunder Bay Region, P.O. Box 3332, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 5J8.

LaRea Moody
June 4, 1985

Art of Negotiating

David Hemming, Staff Development Consultant for the Ontario Services Commission led this workshop. Discussion dealt with strategies and tactics involved in the process of negotiation. This workshop was very well done and gave good pointers on when to press a point and when to back off. It also focused on how to come to an agreement rather than attacking or defending a position.

Helen Heerema

How to Cut Red Tape

This workshop was very good for those involved in special libraries or involved in establishing a special library - especially for the private business sector. Leading the workshop was Janine Miller of Miller & Fisher Library Consultants of Toronto. Topics covered included decision making, planning, budgeting library costs.

Helen Heerema

Marketing Yourself and Your Programs within Your Organization

This was an excellent workshop that nicely combined the packaging & marketing of one's own skills in the job market and the packaging & marketing of the services of one's organization/library. Topics included self-packaging/library packaging, how to position yourself/or library, writing your way to visibility/or library and enhancing your public image/library image.

Workshop leader Ruth Markell of RNM Enterprises of Toronto was dynamic and interesting.

Helen Heerema

THANK-YOU THANK-YOU THANK-YOU

"Many thanks to Mr. Fred McIntosh and the School of Library Technology at Lakehead University for all their help and support to our organization".

Helen Heerema
President

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THUNDER BAY REGION
CONSTITUTION

No changes have been made to the Thunder Bay Regional Branch Constitution, so hang on to your 1984/85 copy.

Bank balance as of June 1, 1985 - \$2237.23.

ANOTHER THANK-YOU GOES OUT TO:

Sweet Thursday Bookshop ; Elephant & Castle ; Thunder Bay Symphony ; Magnus Theatre North-West ; Kam Theatre ; The Keg Restaurant ; Cambrian Players for their donations to help make our Annual Dinner Meeting a success.

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THUNDER BAY REGIONAL BRANCH OF OALT/ABO WILL BE HOSTING THE 15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN 1988. MAKE IT A DATE!!!!

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POSSIBLE WORKSHOPS FOR 1985/86

- Art of negotiating
- Personnel skills
- Reference interview revisited
- Time management
- Problem patrons

AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL:

New Provincial Executive for 1985/86

- President - Janna Munkittrick
- Vice President - Roberta Tripp
- Secretary - Otto Sillius
- Treasurer - Ron Cheney
- Public Relations Coordinator - Carolyn Boardman
- Archivist - Janet Scheibler
- Newsletter Editor - Allan Devine

Congrats to Donna Fossum (TBRB) for a job well done. Donna was the Provincial Secretary for 1983/84 and 1984/85.

By the way, Otto Sillius and Roberta Tripp are grads of L.U.

Amendment to the Provincial Constitution:

Bylaw 1¹ IV
Associate membership will be given to an individual interested in the objectives of the organization. At the end of five (5) consecutive years, if he/she wishes to pay graduate fees, he/she will be granted full membership. This is to be affective retroactive as of May 3, 1985.

Presidential Award:

Purpose: To recognize outstanding contributions or major achievements of an OALT/ABO member in promoting and/or developing the

Association. Liz Aldrey of Lohania is the second recipient of this award. Congratulations Liz!

Get Well Message
for Mary Lou

Newsletter/Nouvelles:

Problems! Problems! Kim Gallant and Carolyn Boardman did the best they could. "Left with two issues from a previous volume to produce, as well as the three issues we were committed to for our term we proceeded as best we could". (Newsletter Editors 1984/85 Annual Report)

vol.8 no.2 printed
cost of printing 848.62 + 306.63 postage
vol.8 no.3 suspended
vol.9 no.1 printed (Conference proceedings)
cost of printing 3247.05 = 690.36 postage
vol.9 no 2 suspended

The Newsletter/Nouvelles has been suspended. A committee was set up to look into all aspects of publishing the newsletter.

Sudbury conference proceedings (1983) were published seperately and given to the delegates who attended. The majority were handed out at the Toronto conference (1985).

The Provincial Constitution which is usually mailed as part of the newsletter will be mailed under seperate cover.

Conference 1986:

The 13th annual conference will be held in Ottawa, May 28, 1986 to June 1, 1986.

Coming up next issue:

- more on the workshops for this year
- more conference reports from Nexus '85



Hope you're up and
about real soon!