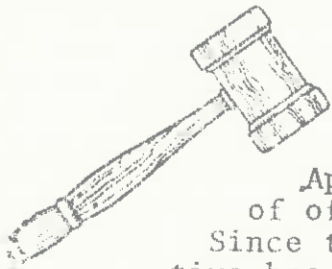


TECH TALK

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April began my term of office as president. Since that time, the executive has not been idle. We have met several times and feel we have a great year ahead of us.

Memberships are quite low this year. Renewals take place once a year and we usually use the Annual Dinner Meeting as a tool to renew. Memberships are very important to our organization as they are one of our main sources of income. If you know of anyone who has not yet renewed, please tell them to get in touch with Maria Berezowski or any member of the executive. This also follows for anyone you feel might be interested in our organization. It is not just for library technicians, but open to all those in the library field.

Join us this year and remember we need you to keep our organization strong.

If you have any ideas for fund-raising, please pass them on to any member of the executive.

See you in September at our first General Meeting.

Corinne Symons



We offer our sincere congratulations to all of the recent graduates of L.U.'s library tech programme-- especially our members. To the students who will be returning to classes in the fall, we wish you continued success and look forward to seeing you in September.

NAMES in the NEWS

Your new Provincial Executive:

Roberta Tripp	President
Pat Petruga	Vice President
Jana Munkittrick	Secretary
Kathy Grein	Treasurer
Carolynn Boardman	P.R. Co-ord.
Alan Devine	} Newsletter
Danielle Amat	
Ginette Desormeaux	



Halton-Peel will be hosting the conference next year, May 21-24, at Erindale College. Make plans now to attend!



In late May of this year, I attended my first OALT/ABO Conference and thoroughly enjoyed it. The site at University Commons, Carleton University in Ottawa was excellent. The campus is quite beautiful (bias - since I'm a Carleton grad) and the facilities were convenient.

The choice of workshops was excellent. The tours and workshops that I attended were well done and the leadership was very professional and knowledgeable.

A look at the National Library and the External Affairs Library offered the opportunity to learn of great resources and facilities.

I enjoyed, in particular, a lively morning (too short) in a communications skills workshop; a very informative session with Bruno Grassi, Parliamentary Librarian. He outlined the progress of a bill to statute status and since in my job I work regularly with statutes it was very useful.

Other workshops that I enjoyed were leadership skills, electronic messaging, problems with computers, and search for excellence.

A real plus of the conference was the people I met--from fellow law librarians to newspaper librarians. Contacts like these help me immensely in my job. I'm looking forward to future conferences.

Cathy Walsh

Editor's Note: I like Cathy, had my first conference experience in Ottawa. To all the people who put it together, I would like to offer my sincere thanks and congratulations for a job well done!

The Presidential Award was presented at the Annual Business Meeting to Sue Weaver (Halton-Peel). The award is given in recognition of outstanding achievement and contribution in promoting and/or developing the association. Many of you may remember Sue from "The Creative Job Search" workshop which she conducted here in Thunder Bay. Congratulations Sue--we all know you're great and now you have a plaque to prove it!



1988 is approaching fast and with it is our turn to host the Provincial Conference. This is a great opportunity for all the techs and other interested library people in North-western Ontario to meet others in the field and to attend great workshops. It also gives us the opportunity to generate some extra revenue for the Regional Branch. To make '88 all it can be, we need your help, ideas, and most of all your enthusiasm. If you can offer any or all of these, please contact Donna Fossum or any member of the regional executive. Help make us GREAT IN '88.



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The 1985-86 year was a very busy time for the Provincial Executive and Board of Directors. Meetings were held at the Metro Reference Library in September, November, January, March, and April.

Two of the major items of discussion were the slide-tape presentation on Library Technicians, and the status of NEWSLETTERS/NOUVELLES.

The slide-tape project was professionally prepared, and Thunder Bay was the first region to show it (at the annual meeting in March). The cost of this presentation was close to \$4000, and application has been made to the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture for a grant to cover it.

Although there are several inaccuracies in the script and a couple of slides, the overall impression has been most favourable, and Lakehead University School of Library Technology is prominently featured!

With regard to NEWSLETTERS/NOUVELLES, the major concerns have been the need to improve the physical appearance, and the especially important need to reduce the cost of each issue. This was running at between \$2000 - 4000 per issue, the major expense being that of translation. A recommendation by the newsletter editors is that information and articles be printed in the language of submission, except for material on the activities of the Provincial Executive.

Among other matters dealt with were the Membership Directory (to be ready in September); Essay Contest (motion passed to suspend until we are in a position to publish first-place winners); OPLAC Task Force on certification of library technicians in the public libraries (good feedback from Maggie Hotchkiss); full membership status offered to associate members belonging to OALT/ABO for five consecutive years.

Regional members are urged to renew their memberships as soon as possible, as the Provincial coffers are extremely low!!

The conference next year will be hosted by Halton-Peel at Erindale College from May 21 to 24, 1987.

And don't forget that Thunder Bay is the host in 1988. Ideas galore are already pouring in for the big event. This will be our third time hosting, and people love to come here.

LaRea Moody



Coming Events

A workshop on display ideas and techniques is planned for October. The workshop will be conducted by Christine McAneely, a former graduate of LU ('74). We are pleased to have Christine back in Thunder Bay -- Manitoba's loss is certainly our gain!