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# TECH TALK



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## ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

The annual dinner meeting was held at Casey's Restaurant in March. After dinner, the meeting was called to order and the new regional executive was elected. The new executive is:

President - Gina Rawson  
Secretary - Maria Berezowski  
Treasurer - Cathy Walsh  
Public Relations  
Co-ordinator - Valerie Welsch  
Newsletter  
Editor - Helen Hyvarinen  
Regional Director - Helen Heerema  
Archivist - Wendy Woolsey

Roberta Tripp, a graduate from Lakehead University School of Library Technology and past president of OALT/ABO (Provincial) was in attendance at the dinner. Roberta worked for the Ontario Teachers Federation in Toronto and has now returned to live in Thunder Bay again. Welcome back, Roberta!

## REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 4, 1988 - Provincial Executive and Board of Directors Meeting.

This meeting was a brainstorming session for the new executive and board of directors. We covered many issues of concern including the breakdown of travel expenses. New board policy will be that provincial will cover 75% of Thunder Bay's travel expenses and our region will cover the other 25%.

The main issue of discussion was the provincial newsletter. The executive will concentrate on getting the newsletter out on a regular basis. The newsletter editor, Pat Kitely, plans for a September issue of Newsletter/Nouvelle. If you have articles to submit to the newsletter about your library, your job, your problems, please contact me and I will pass it on. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

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The new provincial executive is:

President - Maggie Hotchkiss  
Vice-President - Susan Morley  
Secretary - Bette Gore  
Treasurer - Sharon Wigney  
Public Relations  
Co-ordinator - Pat Graham

## LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES PROGRAM

The new bachelor of arts degree program in library and information studies has now emerged at Lakehead University. The three year degree program replaces the two year library technician diploma program. Those who are currently enrolled in the library technology program will be awarded diplomas until 1993. This will allow all part-time students to complete the library technology course requirements.

It is good news for Thunder Bay and surrounding district that Lakehead University will continue to offer a library program for those interested in pursuing a career in the library field.

#### GARAGE SALE!!!

The regional executive is planning to have a garage sale on Saturday, September 10th. Donations are welcome and pick up for large items will be provided on Thursday and Friday evening preceding the sale day. Everyone note the date on your calendar...

Date: September 10th  
Time: 10 a.m - 4 p.m.  
Place 197 Essex Court

For further information, call Gina at 767-7446 or Helen at 767-3679.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go out to LaRea Moody. LaRea was presented with the OALT/ABO Presidential Award at the Rendezvous '88 conference dinner held on Friday, May 13th. LaRea was thoroughly surprised at receiving the award. As always, she was in great form and handled it with her usual honest and comedic style. LaRea's dedication to the regional association has been tireless and outstanding from the first fledgling years to the present time. Congratulations and many thanks for your support, LaRea.

Congratulations also go out to all the library technician students graduating this spring. Those students receiving their library technology diplomas are:

Philippa S. Brockhouse  
Linda R. Bukovy  
Karen M. Cocks  
Lisa R. Jack  
Clare M. Littlejohn  
Jeralyn A. Towne  
Ella L. Uremovich  
Monica Viitasaari  
Judy A. Vitols

Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors!

#### RENDEZVOUS '88

The "image busters" of the Thunder Bay region OALT/ABO have done it again! They have pulled off another great conference. One hundred and twenty-seven participants registered for the 15th annual conference held at Lakehead University campus. All the workshops were very informative and well presented by the workshop leaders.

A large number of exhibitors had displays set up next to the Hospitality Suite in the Bartley Residence. This gave delegates the opportunity to peruse the exhibits and talk to the publishers and suppliers after lunch.

The entertainment after the workshop sessions provided participants with the opportunity to meet, exchange ideas and discuss problems with other people in the library field.

The conference would not have been such a great success without all the hard work, time and effort, and dedication from all those who organized Rendezvous '88. Many hours were spent by the co-conveners, regional executive members and volunteers to plan this annual event. Special thanks go to co-conveners, Helen Heerema, Judy Sennett and Donna Fossum, who spent many hours away from their families, other commitments and leisure time to make the conference such a success.

Other "behind the scenes" people who deserve a well earned thank you are: LaRea Moody, MaryLou Kolodinski, Gina Rawson, Kathy Deguns, Janice Wing, Denyse Krystalovich, Susan Bithrey, Cathy Walsh, Helen Hyvarinen, Chris Snow, Susan Lester, Valerie Welsch, Betty McCormack, Janis Degagne, Nancy Randle, Allanah Khubyar, Maria Berezowski, Carolyn Laatu, Colleen Modeland, Roberta Tripp, Paulette Burton and Douglas Willford.

The next annual conference will be at McMaster University, Hamilton, in June 1989.

See you there!!!



"LIBRARY LAUGHTER"

ONE day when I worked in our neighbourhood library, my supervisor asked me to sort out the children's books and place those that needed cleaning in a cardboard box. Often these books were returned with a variety of sticky substances still clinging to them. I placed the box on a table in the middle of the room.

After a while I noticed that some of our patrons would go up to the box, look inside, frown, then walk away. I was puzzled by their behaviour.

However, the mystery was solved when I discovered that my supervisor had innocently taped a sign on the box that read "Dirty Books." — Mary E. Close