
TECH TALK



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Once again fall has arrived and we are all set to start another season of planning workshops, meetings, and social events for OALT/ABO Thunder Bay region members. We hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful summer and are now ready to participate in all the activities planned for the autumn/winter season.

The regional executive welcomed all the new students enrolled in the new Library and Information Studies program at Lakehead University on September 13th. Refreshments were served and students were invited to become members of OALT/ABO.

GARAGE SALE

The garage sale held on Saturday, September 10th was a great success! All sorts of items were donated to the sale -- dishes, toys, furniture, clothes, books, puzzles, etc. Business was brisk all day and the money earned from the sale totalled to \$282. Many thanks to everyone who donated items and worked at the sale. Special thanks goes to David Rawson for his help in carrying and delivering all the large items for us.

GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting was held on October 6th at the School of Library and Information Studies facility at Lakehead University. Ten members aside from the regional executive attended

the meeting. Questions raised at the Regional Directors' meeting in Toronto were discussed and the following suggestions were made:

(1) Question: Is Thunder Bay in favour of a Sept. 1st. deadline for membership renewal?

Suggestions: The Thunder Bay region will continue to keep March 31st. for renewals. Late renewals will be accepted until Sept. 1st. After Sept. 1st., members not having renewed their membership will be taken off the mailing list.

(2) Question: Should we allow expenses to be covered by OALT/ABO for executive if they are not being sent to the conference by their employer?

Suggestions: The executive member should first approach the employer for funding to attend the conference. Consideration should be made to set up a "travel assistance fund". Funds would be distributed as required and as available on an individual basis. It was also suggested that conference exhibitors and advertisers as well as each region contribute to this fund.

(3) Question: Travel costs for Thunder Bay region are now paid 75% by Provincial and 25% by the region (airfare only). Should other costs be paid by the region either the total amount or a percentage of them?

Suggestions: Reimburse the Regional Director for out-of-pocket

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expenses up to a maximum of \$50. Receipts for such expenses must be supplied to the regional executive. It was also suggested that perhaps someone from the Provincial Executive could billet the Regional Director from Thunder Bay while attending the provincial meeting.

Judy Sennett provided a wind up of the Rendezvous '88 conference. The Thunder Bay Region OALT/ABO made a considerable profit from the conference proceeds and we will now have a much healthier bank account! Judy reported that the books (receipts and expenses) have been closed in record time. Many thanks to Judy Sennett and Helen Heerema for a job well done!!

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Report on the Provincial Executive and Board of Directors Meeting Sept. 10, 1988.

President Maggie Hotchkiss, went over a detailed budget for 1988-89 and is determined to stay within it. She also completed the salary survey and the final results have been published in Newsletter/Nouvelle Sept. 88 issue.

OLA Conference in November includes a workshop by OALT/ABO. Members participating in the panel discussion on November 5th are: Pat Graham (CBC Northern Services), Eleanor Irwin (Can. Centre for Occup. Health and Safety), and Loretta Craig Taylor (Research Bureau, National Liberal Caucus).

ABM minutes and annual reports of May 13, 1988 are printed and will be sent to each member.

Newsletter/Nouvelle Sept 88 issue is printed and mailed. This issue contains a summary of Rendezvous '88.

Conference proceedings will no longer be done in the same format as past conferences. This change is due to costs and time. We will receive ABM minutes and reports from Provincial and the hosting region will be responsible for providing a conference summary for Newsletter/Nouvelle's September issue. This will ensure better response time for news of the conference and hopefully the conference treasurer's books can be closed in a shorter time period.

Public Relations Coordinator Pat Graham, is continuing with magazine ads for OALT/ABO. Also, she is trying to put together a fact sheet on OALT/ABO. We will see a rough draft next meeting. Some of our promotional brochures need updating and reprinting.

Newsletter Editor Pat Kiteley, has done a tremendous job on the newsletter and also on the layout of the ABM minutes and reports. It was suggested to try and get a new layout or headliner for the newsletter. One idea was to run a contest among the graphics arts students at Algonquin College. (Pat lives and works in Ottawa). **I will take any regional suggestions to Provincial in November.**

Discussion of membership renewals took place. This was of concern to all regions, but not all were willing to have Provincial handle membership renewals for their region directly. In representing Thunder Bay region, I gave indication that we would like to handle our memberships and renewals locally. We could have Provincial send notices to our regional treasurer of members who have not renewed and then our local executive could follow up. This allows our region autonomy.

This discussion led to one about regional treasurers. It is necessary for a reconciliation to be sent to the provincial treasurer every month regardless of whether money is being sent or not. Guidelines for treasurers have been outlined extensively, but now with a new appointed position of Membership Chairperson there have been problems of keeping the membership list up-to-date.

At our next meeting there will be a new discussion of this matter and also a resolution of whether to have a deadline for renewal of membership as Sept. 1st. If a member does not renew by Sept. 1st, then their name will be dropped from the mailing list. Currently the membership list is over 620 names but we have less than 400 paid up members. Mailing costs are high. **Is Thunder Bay in favour of a Sept. 1st deadline for membership renewal?**

TALTA region suggested OALT/ABO form an adhoc committee to deal with reports about Library Techs and bogus Library Tech courses. (eg. Granton Institute).

Discussion took place about required attendance of OALT/ABO provincial executive at the ABM. **Should we allow expenses to be covered by OALT/ABO for executive if they are not being sent to the conference by their employer?**

Thunder Bay region must look at its constitution as we have a problem with student members. Our constitution allows student membership fees for 2 years only!? Provincial constitution is the same limitation.

A membership directory will be produced this year, after each region has checked its membership list.

Niagara College Library Technician program has been suspended for one year.

Halton-Peel profits were \$2614.58 of which \$1307.29 was forwarded to the provincial treasurer.

Huronian Region is hosting the 1990 Conference.

Lohania is busy planning Kaleidoscope '89 (June 1 - June 4).

Travel costs for Thunder Bay region are now paid 75% by Provincial and 25% by the region (airfare only). **Should other costs be paid by the Region either the total amount or a percentage of them? (eg. taxi, accommodation, meals).**

Helen Heerema, Regional Director.



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

November 23:

General Meeting: Speaker - TBA.

Topic: Literacy, The Gift of Reading.

Time: 8 p.m.

Place: Lakehead Board of Education
2135 Sills St., Thunder Bay

* Valerie Welsch will be giving a tour of the Instructional Materials Centre.

January 10:

General Meeting: Wine and Cheese

Time: 8 p.m.

Place: LaRea Moody's Place
89 Hill Street, S., Thunder Bay

* LaRea has been kind enough to lend us her home again for this annual wine and cheese!

February 25:

Workshop: Panel Discussion - Senior Services

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Site and panel members - TBA

* Watch for notices regarding particulars for this workshop.

March (Week of 27-31):

Annual Dinner Meeting

Time: TBA

Place: TBA

* Watch for details about this annual event in the next newsletter.

November 11:

Workshop: Dialog

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Lakehead University. School
of Library and Information
Studies Lab.

The morning session is an introduction to Dialog. During lunch time, job opportunities in the field will be discussed. The afternoon session will be on "tips and tricks" about on-line searches. For more information call Margaret MacLean at the School of Library and Information Studies at Lakehead University.

We would like to hear your suggestions and ideas for guest speakers and workshops to have throughout the year. Please contact any one of the regional executive members.

Wendy Woolsey, Regional Archivist, is still looking for a 5 drawer legal size file cabinet to house our records. Please contact Wendy at 622-6446 if you know anyone who wishes to donate one or knows where one can be purchased for a reasonable price.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Claire Littlejohn received the Graduate Student Award (OALF/ABO Thunder Bay) for 1987/88.

Monica Viitasaari was awarded the Dean's Medal for 1987/88.

Congratulations and best wishes to Claire and Monica.

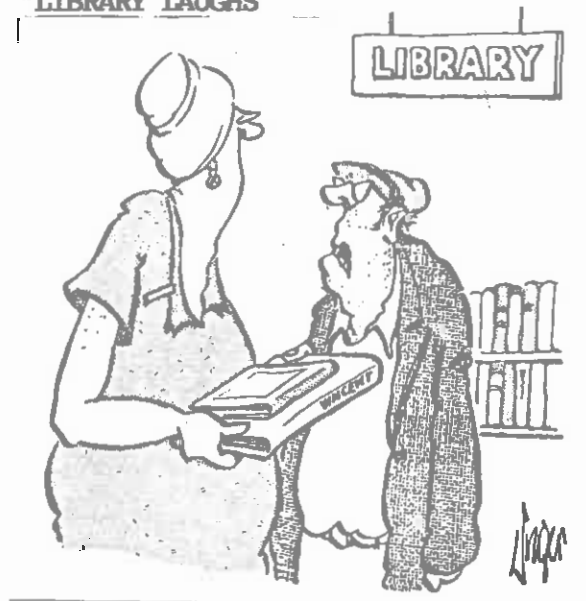
CHATTER

LaRea Moody had an especially exciting summer this year. She has been blessed with 2 grandchildren! Is this double trouble or what?? Congratulations, LaRea, and remember it is your inherent right as a grandmother to spoil them!

Roberta Tripp is on "cloud nine" these days. She is engaged to be married to a city bus driver. She met him while traveling to work everyday. Wedding bells will be ringing for them sometime next summer. It just goes to show you, one never knows when or where that Cupid's arrow will strike you! Congratulations, Roberta.

Hilka Grunys, a graduate from Lakehead University's School of Library Technology, has returned to Thunder Bay from Calgary. She worked in school libraries in Calgary for a number of years. Welcome back to Thunder Bay, Hilka.

"LIBRARY LAUGHS"



"Got any books with nice, big, colored pictures in them, suitable for framing?"

HERMAN (Source unknown)

Happy Halloween to Everyone!!

