

TECH TALK



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President's Message

The annual dinner meeting at the Slovak Legion Solarium was a success with approximately 30 members present. The food and company were excellent! Next year we hope to see all of the members out.

Congratulations and best wishes in her career go to the winner of the OALT/ABO Thunder Bay Regional Branch Graduate Award, Jackie Holmes. With the sad news of the cancellation of the library program at Lakehead University, our Association may not have another opportunity to present this award to a deserving graduating student. Hopefully, a discussion of the program cancellation and its implications for our Association will be possible at our fall general meeting.

Elections of the executive members was the main event of the evening (and a bit of a struggle) and I am very happy to have Kathy Crewdson back on the executive as Public Relations Coordinator, and Christina Snow as Secretary! As well, it is a pleasure to have Caron Naysmith remain as Newsletter Editor, Ron Walker as Treasurer and Valerie Welsh as Regional Director. We have a great team of dedicated volunteers and next year we hope to see some new faces on the executive again! Our heartfelt thanks to Gwen Gamble, Linda Bukovy and Kathy Walkinshaw for their dedication to the Association over the last two years in their positions.

Remember to watch for your membership renewal in the August/September time period. We are entering our second year with Provincial handling membership renewals directly.

Provincial then informs our region of the individuals who have renewed. We had a few problems last year, but it should go fairly smoothly this year (a year of practice helps!) Also, at our annual meeting all were in favour of accepting the proposed provincial constitutional amendment to provide a standard rate for unemployed Graduate Library Technicians (at the same rate as Retired Library Technicians) and hopefully at the Conference that amendment was passed.

In 2002 the provincial conference will be held in Thunder Bay with the very capable Valerie Barten and Valerie Welsch as conference coordinators. Judy Sennett and I will provide assistance as required, but I am sure they will do a wonderful job. Over the next two years they will be looking for ideas and volunteers, so please give this event some careful thought before the September general meeting. It is very helpful to the conference coordinators to receive suggestions and direction from the membership.

In June and August the new executive will begin planning for the fall season meetings and workshops to help inform members of current information in the library field. If you have any suggestions, please contact any member of the executive. We will try to accommodate as much as possible.

I wish to thank everyone for the confidence they have placed in me as President for this year and may everyone have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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Director's Report



Turning the Page / Tournez la Page

The 27th Annual Business Meeting of the OALT/ABO took place Saturday 6 May 2000 at the Sam Jakes Inn in Merrickville. After the usual presentation of reports from the executive, directors, and committees, two new points of business were discussed. One was the constitutional amendment creating a membership fee for unemployed library technicians and the second was the Task Force for Change 2001.

This task force will look at points brought out in Huronia's proposal and points from the 1999 strategic planning session. These points include certification, sources of funding, charitable association, and the document *Proposal for Change 1981*. The chair for this task force was to have been Judy Koenig (Huronia) who passed away very suddenly a couple of weeks ago. The other members of the task force are Maggie Weaver (TALTA), Brigitte Gravelle (TALTA), Tracy Morgan (Halton-Peel), and Nanci Abbondanza (Halton-Peel). The members represent an association, a small region, a large region, a new member, and a long-standing member. The results of this task force will be presented to the membership at next year's ABM in Oakville.

The Brainstorming session took place following the ABM. Diana Brown, Public Relations Coordinator, presented the results of the PR Survey. There were 12 new members surveyed, 8 long time members, 6 lapsed members, and 5 non-members. Diana provided

a summary of the survey and commented on what she felt were more pertinent points. I will make several copies available of the tabulated survey at our September meeting for any interested in reading further.

Pam Casey reported on the Corporate Sponsorship task force. Our association has survived this year because of corporate funding Pam has been able to provide. Faxon Canada has paid for our Listserv and our Website. Inco Library has provided our centralized fax and phone line. Glaxo Wellcome has provided meeting rooms and the printing of the salary survey. Canebsco is considering paying for the printing and mailing of the provincial newsletter. Lexis-Nexis paid for the printing of the directory. Sean Crowe, vice-president and Diana Brown, public relations coordinator will head the task force but are looking for volunteers as well as names of potential sponsors.

Sue Callaway presented several ideas on how she hopes to "deliver" the provincial newsletters next year.

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WANTED!

One Co-Newsletter Editor to assist Caron in the production of Tech Talk. The OALT/ABO newsletter is produced five times a year, and it is a great learning experience. If you are interested, please contact any member of the Executive.

Treasurer's Report
Statement as of May 31, 2000

Expenses

Provincial Travel	67.95
Newsletter, etc.	50.63
Royal Canadian Legion (Dinner)	540.16
Book, Engraving & Deposit (Dinner)	<u>98.50</u>
Total	757.24

Revenue

Regional Subsidies	20.00
Bank Interest	.29
Ticket Sales (Dinner)	<u>640.00</u>
Total	660.29

Assets

Cash in Bank	1169.14
GIC	<u>2033.07</u>
Total	3322.81

Membership Statistics

Graduates	27
Students	3
Institutional	3
Senior	1
Associate	1
Total	35

**INCREASED BOOKINGS IN STORE
FOR LIBRARY TECHNICIANS**

"You can book it: job opportunities for library technicians will grow in the years ahead. So says the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), which reports that at least a couple of factors are combining to spell greater demand for library technicians."



You can access the full article by completing the free registration form on the Tribune's website at:

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For Your Information



With the end of the Library Technician program at Lakehead University, there are now only three Library Technician Programs left in Ontario!

Algonquin College of Applied Arts & Technology
(Ottawa)

Mohawk College of Applied Arts & Technology
(Hamilton)

Seneca College of Applied Arts & Technology
(North York)

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Submitted by Gwen Gamble



Teen Charged In High School Library Fire

A 16-year-old city youth has been charged with arson in connection with a fire that forced the evacuation of staff and students from Hammarskjold High School, May 18. The fire broke out in the school's library; where four bays of books were destroyed and five shelves were burned. No one was injured. Fire investigators say a flammable liquid was used to start the blaze. Damage in the general history and geography section is estimated at approximately \$20,000, with many of the destroyed books irreplaceable. There was soot throughout the library and damaged books had to be vacuumed and cleaned with a special cleaning product. The library remained closed until May 23.

It was the third fire at the school in recent days. Police are also looking into two fires that occurred May 17.

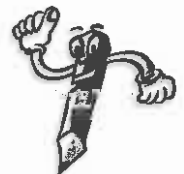


Through the Grapevine

Linda Bukovy is busy collecting, recording and inputting information on the computer inventory that the Lakehead Board owns. She has completed the elementary schools, updated the inventory done last summer at the secondary schools and will be doing computer inventory at Victoria Park, two other Board buildings and then the Education Centre. She is not sure how long she will be working.

Gwen Gamble is on the way to recovery after spending nearly seven weeks on crutches due to a knee injury. She had to wait almost six weeks after her injury for arthroscopic surgery, which was held May 4th. Hope you are back to your old self soon!

After supplying in the library at Hillcrest High School since the fall, **Lynda Scarnati** is now the school's Library Technician, replacing Debbie Mintenko who is on sick leave.



EDITORS' MESSAGE

If you have stories or information (library related or other) you'd like to share, please contact me. If possible, please send any articles via Email to:

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