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NEWS & NOTES FOR THE NEW YEAR

January 12th - The 1980 TALTA Annual Meeting at Northern District Public Library. Workshops, lunch, and business meeting. NOTE: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! If you would like to help out with registrations, etc. please contact Dena Hansen Home: 783-6829 Work: 493-2440 ext. 640.

January 28th & 29th - The 1980 Annual Conference of the Toronto Chapter of the Association of Records Managers and Administrators at the Royal York Hotel. Some topics of interest to Library Technicians. Registration forms and further information may be obtained through Mrs. Honora Dalton 597-7935 (Conference Chairman).

February 1st, 2nd & 3rd - The Ontario School Library Association presents their IDEASHOP '80 at the Royal York Hotel. To receive a copy of the program contact Miss Helen Biales, 1003 - 8885 Riverside Drive East, Windsor, Ontario N8S 1G9.

May 7th to 11th - OALT/ABO 7th Annual Conference: INFORAMA 1980 at Ottawa University. If you did not receive a flyer in the fall write to Inforama 1980, OALT/ABO-ORB/SRO, P.O. Box 5182, Station F, Ottawa, Ontario to make sure you're on their mailing list.

RYERSON - Ryerson will again be offering two courses for Library Arts graduates: Technical Services Update and Non-Book Materials & Their Equipment Update. For further information contact the Continuing Education Department, 595-5036.

JANUARY IS ALSO MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH!

SENECA - Seneca is offering some new Library Techniques courses starting in January: Fiction Collections in Public and School Libraries, Children's Work, Special Libraries. For further information call the Continuing Education Department, 491-5050.

CORRECTIONS FROM YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER, VOL.7 NO.4

Fee Structure should read as follows:

Dues paid January 1 - December 30:

Institutions	25.00
Grad. Techs	20.00
Associates	20.00
Students &	
Retired Techs	5.00

Dues paid July 1 - December 30:

Institutions	25.00
Grad. Techs	13.00
Associates	13.00
Students &	
Retired Techs	5.00

Student Awards:

The following information is incorrect - "TALTA will be giving 25.00 awards to a ~~deserving~~ second year student from both Ryerson and Seneca. The decision was made at the last meeting. Criteria for selecting the students are necessity and skills.

CORRECTION - from the minutes of the last meeting (September 19th) - "Members did not favour a cash award. Diana Myers moved that the executive set up the mechanism for one second year student from both Ryerson and Seneca, elected by the student body, to be sent to the annual conference, with expenses paid for double accomodation, food, travel. This motion was carried."

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, JANUARY 12TH, 1980.

THE FOLLOWING REPORT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

December 12, 1979.

It has been my pleasure to serve TALTA as its Board of Directors Representative in 1979. It was a stimulating learning experience but I feel unsatisfied as my term ends because there is much work left undone. Perhaps 1980 will bring forth an enthusiastic, reliable and capable candidate to continue the unfinished work. In this article I will outline past events and offer proposals for future changes in OALT/ABO policy.

At our last meeting in December a discussion began that must continue among TALTA members in the new year. Other regions also discuss the issues amongst themselves and ultimately bring their decisions to the conference in May.

First a bit of history: last May a member who held provincial membership but did not belong to a region was present at the conference. During the business meeting this member requested the privilege of exercising the right to vote. This posed a problem because our constitution allows only for regional block voting (i.e. Toronto members have one vote, London one, Huronia one, etc.). The question arose, "What should be done to accommodate members who are not affiliated with any region?" Should they have one vote each? or collectively as a region called "Independents"? How does this affect the voting powers of the other regions? Is this fair? And finally, what constitutes a region?

To solve the problem of independent provincial members who want to vote, I respectfully suggest they align themselves with a region of their choice (likely this will be the region they live closest to, or the one they work in, or the area in which they went to school.) This is not a current OALT/ABO policy but should be resolved in the business meeting at the next conference. This issue, however, must first be discussed amongst ourselves. A proposal should be drawn up and presented to the other regions through the Board Representative. At the May Conference this proposal should appear on the agenda as a separate item. The membership can then vote on it.

The second problem of what constitutes a region may spark more discussion. In my opinion the criteria for a region should be as follows:

1. A region must have a minimum of five members (remember, we have block voting so a region with 150 members has only one vote and can be vetoed by a much smaller region)
2. A region must have a minimum of three executive positions filled - a president, a secretary-treasurer, and a Board of Directors Representative.
3. The Board Rep. must attend at least five of the eight scheduled Board meetings (failure to meet this requirement by any region implies default of voting privileges.)
4. A region must submit an annual report to the provincial executive.

Once a region is legitimately established and recognized it can be granted voting privileges at the conference and the OALT/ABO executive meetings.

There is a lot of work to be done in discussing and passing these proposals. I trust future efforts will be successful, worthwhile and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGELA ROSE