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**TALTA**

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OLD BUSINESS

Fiscal Calendar

Because OALT/ABO changed their calendar year, the year for TALTA has been changed again to match it. It is now Apr. 1/82 to Mar. 31/83.

April Meeting

55 people attended that meeting where 3 workshops were held.

Career Planning : Gladys Luxat from the Women's Development Centre of the YWCA in Toronto gave a capsule account of how to plan changes in your career. The YWCA has courses, workshops, and gives individual counselling to assist women in planning their career, or making changes in their careers. The fees for courses, workshops, and individual counselling are income tax deductible.

Books suggested are What Colour is Your Parachute, 1982 ed., and The Complete Job Search Handbook. Both are available in paperbound editions.

A very interesting workshop was marred by a few rude people with their incessant chatter. Towards the end of the workshop, a question period, they walked out. Apologies were made to Ms. Luxat for the rudeness of these individuals. (by P. Petruca)

Fibre Optics : Bill Oaker of Bell Canada filled us in on the history of communication systems. One of the newest means of transmitting sound and pictures is via light waves through flexible glass tubes. Fibre optics is in the trial stage now, but glass may one day replace copper cables that are in wide use today.

Telidon in Libraries : Telidon is an invention of the Canadian government research centre according to George Maurhoff of Infomart. It is a system that uses a TV to send and receive information. Grace Buller is working with the Ministry of Tourism and Infomart planning to set up terminals around Toronto. She informed us that some of those terminals would be placed in the Metro Central Library to provide information to the public on branch library services, for example. There are many other programs being developed for use on Telidon systems.

Guest speaker at our Annual Business Meeting was Danielle Amat, OALT/ABO President. Her speech went as follows:

As president of this association, I think it is my duty to warn all members of the possible problem that might affect an association such as ours. The problem is called "individualism". According to the dictionary "individualism" is a self-centered feeling, or conduct - social theory favouring free action of individuals. Although the mechanism of our association leads us to believe that it would be common practice throughout the regions, it is not evident in all regions.

We really have to be careful and try not to become an individualistic group, because we would lose our credibility and, most of all, we would lose the team effort that all of us put in when we started the association. We as an association have to stick together, and we have to try to solve our problem as a group. We should not see ourselves as divided with different goals (regional and provincial), but we should see ourselves as a team, as an ensemble, as a perfect match, one completing the other, not as adversaries. For these reasons, I ask why wait to inform the Provincial? Why give the information at the last minute and then blame the Provincial for being unable to help. It is so easy to blame the Provincial - "they did not do their job". It is so easy to point a finger at the other. It is so easy to criticize when we are not involved or when we are too involved. We have to share the information and stop looking at the Provincial as the bad guy, the target to aim.

I think that it is at this point that you have to check your backyard, and that you start thinking and ask yourself, did I as an individual get all the facts? Did I ask for any help, before saying they will not help? Did we as a region keep the provincial aware of our doings, our implications? Are they really aware of the situation? Did I give enough time for them to react or were they faced with a fait accompli? Why is human nature so variable? Don't you realize that you can kill an association like ours.

It is time to clean out the windows and the webs of past history, and it is time to take a good look at ourselves and to look outside our little world. You'll be surprised to see people out there with the same problem and sometimes with the solutions. YOU are listening to me now and probably thinking OALT/ABO does not have this problem. Well, let's play a little game. How many here really understand the relationship between OALT/ABO and TALTA? How many here, when asked if they belong to an assoc., would have said

After my visit to Ryerson where I had to explain the relationship between the two levels, I had quite a time trying to understand the situation. Finally I came to the conclusion that maybe we should not have an association by profession or field of interest, but by geographical division. It seems that it is what people want and what they know. After thinking a bit more I realized that some time ago we went through this question on a national base. When the federal set up the Unity Group Vancouver and Quebec, all of a sudden, were not in Canada. It was the problem of East vs. West, and French vs. English.

Why should OALT/ABO have the same problem? There is no reason for this and we have to fight this creeping sickness before it gets the heart of our association. We have to fight together as a group. OALT/ABO represents the LT in Ontario. OALT/ABO represents 7 very distinct regions: Huronia with its two centers, Halton Peel with its divided members, Niagara with the heavy task of covering for the London area, Thunder Bay stranded somewhere on the northwest border of the province, Sudbury with its small northern community, Ottawa with its French members and very

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I belong to OALT/ABO. Not too many.

specialized libraries, and TALTA the geographical heart of OALT/ABO, the meeting point of this association, the largest region. And yet, do you as a group really feel it? Do you as a group really belong? Are you part of this association? Are you getting involved? Do you ask your director what's going on on the Provincial level? If for all the above you answered no, or "What is she talking about", then what are you going to do?????????

#### Student Awards

Winners of TALTA's Student Awards were Glynis Evans of Ryerson and Trudy Trivers of Seneca.

#### Press Release

The 9th annual conference, "A New View in '82", of OALT/ABO was held at Lakehead University, Thunder Bay from May 13-15th. The workshops provided a fresh perception of the Library Technicians' capabilities in today's information society. Sixteen different workshops offered over the three days of the conference provided insight and hands-on experience with this new technology.

The wit and whimsey of Arthur Black, the guest speaker at the banquet, delighted everyone. The election of the 1982/1983 Executive took place at the Annual Business Meeting. The new Executive is: Danielle Amat (Ottawa) President; Barbara Cope (Ottawa) Vice-president; Helen Luoma (Toronto) Secretary; Pat Buczkowski (Toronto) Treasurer; Nancy Carlucci (Toronto) Public Relations Coordinator. Two positions were officially added to the administration of OALT/ABO: Archivist - Andrew Porteus (Niagara) and Newsletter Editor - Marg Bushell and Marion Doucette.

Sudbury has requested the honour of hosting the 10th Annual Conference Entitled Decade I, it will be held at Laurentian University from May 5-7, 1983. (by N. Carlucci)

#### June Meeting

31 members attended this informal get-together to meet the new TALTA executive, raise questions, and converse with fellow members.

#### Executive Position Duties

Duties of the two newest positions have recently been established:

Membership Co-ordinator:

1. Process memberships.
2. Solicit new members.

Publicity Co-ordinator:

1. Solicit ads from library suppliers for the newsletter.
2. Let Halton-Peel know about our meetings.
3. Get other associations to let us know about their meetings, conferences, provincial meetings. (This information will then be published in the newsletter.)
4. Speak to students at Ryerson and Seneca.

#### Did You Know?

15 provincial executive meetings were held last year.

#### Salary Survey

The results should be ready for the meeting on Sept. 29th.

AND YOU THOUGHT WE WERE TOUGH....

"May all these gods curse him with a  
curse which cannot be relieved, terrible  
and merciless as long as he lives, may  
they let his name, his seed be carried  
off from the land, may they put his  
flesh in a dog's mouth."

(To losers of tablets in the Library of Assurbanipal,  
King of Assyria in the 7th Century B.C.)

## NEW BUSINESS

### Members of the Executive

The following autobiographies were written to introduce your 1982-83 representatives.

#### Pat Petruaga/President

Newsletter Editor 1978-1980  
Student Awards Committee  
Ryerson Committee  
Salary Survey Committee  
President 1981-83

Previously employed by University of Toronto, Science & Medicine Library, Reference & Circulation, for 5½ years.

Currently employed by McKim Advertising (since Jan. 1982).

#### Rita Piazza/Vice-president

This is my second year as Vice-president of TALTA. Last year my objective was to increase attendance at our meetings. This was achieved. Our meetings focused on current library issues and concerns.

In 1982/83 I would again like to see more members at our meetings, but I would also like to have our members conduct the meetings (i.e., library technicians giving a workshop/speech, etc.)

As a graduate of Ryerson, I was disappointed to hear that Ryerson was terminating its Library Arts Program. Serving on their Library Arts Advisory Committee gave me an opportunity to express TALTA's concern about the program, and it also made Ryerson and others on the committee aware of our association.

For the first time this year I gave a workshop on "The Changing Role of Library Technicians Through the Years" at Seneca. This was a wonderful experience for me. I hope that I may do it again.

I am presently with the Ontario Ministry of Energy Library.

#### Nancy Deas/Representative to OALT/ABO

Coming from a small town in central Ontario's cottage country, there are few options for employment after high school. So I enrolled in the Seneca College Library Techniques Programme and headed for Toronto. Since graduation I have been employed with Ontario Hydro where I am involved in the retrospective cataloguing of the library's collection.

I became active in the OALT/ABO through my participation in the compilation of TALTA's first membership directory. From there I was offered the interim position of the TALTA Board of Directors Representative.

My future plans include continuing my education through night school and keeping abreast of activities of interest to library personnel. I am keenly interested in computer applications as applied to libraries, their development, and future.

As for my recreational activities, I have recently joined a bowling league, and enjoy traveling.

#### Gail Archibald/Treasurer

I graduated from Seneca College in 1978. I worked temporary jobs until 1979 when I started with Ontario Hydro.

My hobbies include skiing, reading and needlepoint.

#### Margot Froud/Membership

I graduated from McMaster University in 1978 and from Ryerson in 1980. I have worked at the Dentistry Library at Univ. of Toronto for 2 years. Any questions regarding TALTA membership should be forwarded to me at 978-2796.

Valerie Walton/Secretary

I have been the secretary for TALTA since January 1981.

I graduated from the Library Arts Course at Ryerson in 1980.

I am the Information Centre Manager at McCann-Erickson Advertising of Canada Ltd. in Toronto. I supply information to the Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver offices. The collection consists of advertising, marketing and business information.

I am also a member of the Special Libraries Association, Toronto Chapter, Advertising and Marketing Division.

I am working towards the Advertising Certificate at Ryerson and hope to start work on the Canadian Advertising Agency Practitioner's Course in the Fall 1983.

Sally Clark/Newsletter Editor

For almost 2 years I have been working in the engineering library of Ontario Hydro. I received my Library Techniques diploma from Seneca College in 1980.

Before my entry into the library world I was employed by Fairchild Systems Technology (manufacturer of computers) for 5 years in California as a data processing clerk and material planner. I also went to college there and earned a 2 year degree at De Anza College in 1972.

My after-work activities include Scottish Country Dancing, volunteer work, and sports.

I have been a member of OALT/ABO for almost 3 years.

Alicia Friese/Publicity Coordinator

Graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Library Science Major, University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines.

Currently taking courses at Ryerson (Continuing Education Studies), working towards a Library Technician's diploma.

Had varied work experience in different types of libraries in the Philippines: Technical Services Dept. of a college library, research librarian in a publishing company's library, acquisitions dept. of Asian Development Bank Library, organized the collection of a school library as a summer job, and catalogued the collection of the Rare Books Library in an university in lieu of library practice.

In Canada work experience includes: acting assistant librarian for one month in the Borough of York Public Library, Evelyn Gregory Branch (a temporary job), library assistant in the circulation department of E.J. Pratt Library of Victoria College (U of T campus), and currently library technician at Bell Canada's Information Resource Centre.

Duties at Bell include: reference (both online and manual searching), preparation and production of monthly bulletin, daily and monthly statistics, assigning subject headings to vertical file collection, inter-library loans, liaison with cataloguer at Bell-Northern Research Library which does the cataloguing of our books.

Accomplishments: prepared procedures manual for clerical staff at Bell and also library technician's procedures manual. Was a union representative for the CTEA (Canadian Telephone Employees Association), one of the unions representing clerical workers at Bell.

Executive Phone Numbers

The only change to the June listing that was on the bottom of the meeting notice is P. Petruiga's business number. It is 863-5441.

## Director's Report

The last meeting of the Provincial Executive and the Board of Directors, before the summer, took place on June 19, 1982. The coming fiscal year sounds very exciting and busy for members of OALT/ABO.

As of March 1983, the Provincial Treasurer will be the official issuer of membership cards for all members of OALT/ABO. There will be new cards issued, and a different colour will be issued each year, as well as a different colour issued to associate members. This decision was made due to the problems regarding associate members at the Annual Business Meeting in Thunder Bay. Associate members are not voting members and cannot be allowed to address the chair. So in the future, an area will be designated for nonvoting members who wish to view the activities at the Annual Business Meeting away from the other voting Regional members. The Provincial Treasurer will also be responsible for checking membership cards of those entering the Annual Business Meeting.

Pat Buczkowski (Provincial Treasurer) is checking into establishing a province-wide job hot-line service for members of OALT/ABO.

The back page of the next OALT/ABO Newsletter/Nouvelles will have a calendar of events of all the regions and the Provincial Executive. This is to enable members to participate in other region's activities and to avoid duplication with regions that are easy to reach, which in turn saves time and money.

The following is an outline of the aims of the Provincial Executive for the period 1982/1983:

1. Job survey - survey recipients (potential employers of library technicians) to be selected. Questionnaire and brochure have been revised and approved. Mailing may be by the end of September.
2. Career week - the purpose is to inform high school students of library technique programmes. Provincial Vice-president (Barbara Cope) was to solicit over the summer, based upon high schools and Boards of Education supplied by Directors, by sending letters requesting an invitation to be an exhibitor during career week. Career week usually takes place at the end of October. It will be up to regions to provide a member to be in attendance at each invitation accepted.
3. Visits to Library Technician Programmes - Danielle Amat will be acting in her capacity as President to inform first year students of the association. This will entail visiting all Ontario programmes offering Library Technician diplomas.
4. Provincial workshop - The purpose is to provide greater visibility of OALT/ABO and its activities and to help out regions in their quest to inform their members.

The OALT/ABO directory will be available to members in Nov. or Dec. 1982.

Nancy Carlucci attended the CLA conference in Sask. as the representative of OALT/ABO.

The Essay Contest Committee has received 17 entrants and the results will be published in the next provincial newsletter. (by N. Deas)

## Current Membership

We are starting the 1982-83 year with 159 members: 57 students, 5 associates, 2 seniors, 95 full. At the end of the 1981-82 year we had 138 members: 92 renewed, & 46 did not renew their memberships. 67 of this year's members are new.

**\*\* Future Meetings**

**TALTA:**

- Nov. 30 - Social evening
- Dec. - None
- Jan. ? - Technician Workshop (Susan Lamanna)
- Feb. 26 - Workshop at Oakham House
- Mar. ? - Annual Meeting (elections, speaker)
- Apr. ? - Tour

**OALT/ABO Board of Directors/Provincial Executive:**

All are to be held at the Addiction Research Foundation.  
All OALT/ABO members are welcome to attend, but TALTA members must contact N. Deas 1 week in advance of a meeting that they wish to attend.

- Sept. 18
- Nov. 13
- Jan. 15
- Feb. 26
- Apr. 2

**Other library related associations:**

- Sept. 30 - CASLIS (Toronto Chapter) presents "The 1981 Census: an Introduction", a Free and open meeting at 7p.m. - 9p.m. at Metro Toronto Reference Library in Room 'D'. (For more information call P. Mercier at 928-5250.)
- Nov. 4-7 - Ontario Library Association 80th Annual Conference, Royal York Hotel. Theme: Changing realities. Registration deadline: Nov. 3, 1982. Contact: G. Taylor, OLA, 363-3388.

**Continuing Education Courses**

Ryerson is offering the following Library Arts courses during their fall/winter terms:

- Basic reference - starts Sept. 16
- Office practice & management - starts Sept. 13
- Technical services - starts Sept. 14
- Technical services update - starts Oct. 6 and Feb. 2

Seneca is offering the following Library Techniques courses during their fall term starting Sept. 13, 1982.

- Books, libraries, & publishing
- Circulation & public relations
- Computing fundamentals
- Organization of nonbook materials & automated cataloguing
- Reference I

George Brown College is offering a course entitled "Developing an Effective News Letter/Producing Small Business Publications". Anyone interested in running for the newsletter editor position in March 1983 may want to take this. (Your present editor will not be in the running again.) The first of 6 sessions starts Oct. 20. A second course starts Feb. 16.

**Unemployed??**

Fill your idle hours by volunteering to write an article for your newsletter. The next issue will go to press at the first of November.



### Fee Hike

At the OALT/ABO Annual Meeting in Thunder Bay a proposal was made and accepted by a majority of the members to raise provincial fees. The fee structure for the 1983-84 year will be as follows:

\$ 35 graduate  
33 associate  
12 student  
12 retired  
60 institutional  
1200 sustaining

TALTA is not increasing our share of membership fees. To offset rising costs for this year, there will be four newsletters instead of five. In 1984-85 the fees will have to go up. How much, the current executive cannot say, as there will be a new executive and they will have different ideas (workshops, newsletters, etc.) for the TALTA members. (by P. Petruca)

### Letter to the Editor

WHY should I join OALT/ABO? WHY SHOULD I SPEND THAT MONEY?  
WHY did I choose to become a library technician? WHY did I attend college courses which would promote my acceptance into this field? WHY did I spend that money, time and effort? BECAUSE that is my particular skill and field of interest.

Sometimes it is necessary to spend money to make it. That is investing in the future - my future.

The goal of OALT/ABO is to maintain the high standards and professionalism demanded by the Library World of library technicians. This is done via workshops and conferences where new methods, new information and new opportunities are presented to the library technicians who attend. That costs money, time and effort. It is also an investment in the future.

The reciprocal investment I can make is to join OALT/ABO's effort by paying whatever fee is deemed necessary to attain that goal, and to participate in workshops and conferences sponsored by OALT/ABO and its regions.

Library technicians' futures are at stake and I feel support of OALT/ABO is paramount to assuring this future.

Carolyn Boardman

### Miscellaneous Rules to Remember

1. When paying for any association activities, etc. make your check payable to "TALTA" not personal names.
2. Bring your membership card to meetings or you will be charged an entrance fee.
3. Whether you are a full time or part time student you may only claim the "student" status when applying for membership for two years.
4. When submitting a membership form return both the white and yellow copies. The pink copy is yours.

Quiz . . . . How many library associations are there in Canada besides OALT/ABO? . . . .  
Count them.

Alberta Association of Library Technicians  
 Alberta Council of College Librarians  
 Association des bibliothécaires du Québec  
 Association of Canadian Map Libraries  
 Association of Parliamentary Librarians  
 in Canada  
 Association pour l'avancement des sciences  
 et des techniques de la documentation  
 British Columbia Association of Library  
 Technicians  
 British Columbia Health Libraries Association  
 British Columbia Library Association  
 British Columbia School Librarians'  
 Association  
 Canadian Association of College and  
 University Libraries  
 Canadian Association of Law Libraries  
 Canadian Association of Library Schools  
 Canadian Association of Music Libraries  
 Canadian Association of Public Libraries  
 Canadian Association of Special Libraries  
 and Information Services  
 Canadian Classification Research Group  
 Canadian Council of Library Schools  
 Canadian Health Libraries Association  
 Canadian Library Association  
 Canadian Library Exhibitors' Association Inc.  
 Canadian Library Science Society  
 Canadian Library Trustees' Association

Canadian School Library Association  
 Central Alberta Library and Audio-Visual  
 Association  
 Church Library Association  
 Congregational Libraries Association of  
 British Columbia  
 Corporation des bibliothécaires  
 professionnels du Québec  
 Council of Prairie University Libraries  
 Learning Resources Council  
 Library Association of Alberta  
 Manitoba Health Libraries Association  
 Manitoba Library Association  
 Manitoba Library Trustee Association  
 Newfoundland Library Association  
 Nova Scotia Health Libraries Association  
 Nova Scotia School Library Association  
 Ontario Association of Library Technicians  
 Instructors  
 Ontario Association of Library Technicians  
 Ontario Library Association  
 Polish Canadian Librarians Association  
 Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association  
 Special Libraries Association  
 Toronto Medical Libraries Group  
 Windsor Area Health Libraries Association

Source: Directory of Associations in Canada = Répertoire des Associations du Canada, 4th ed.,  
Toronto, Ont. : Micromedia Ltd, 1982. p. 288-9.



Ontario Association of Library Technicians  
Toronto Area

TALTA WORKSHOP

Social Implications of Videotext (Hands on)

Given by Michael Ridley, U.of Guelph, Library System Division

Date            October 30, 1982  
Place           Oakham House, Thomas Lounge  
                  63 Gould St.  
Time            9:00am - 12:00pm  
Cost            \$6.00 members, \$10.00 non-members

Coffee, tea, donuts, muffins and juice will be served.

Please make cheque payable to TALTA.  
Please respond by October 13, 1982.

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