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### TALTA EXECUTIVE 1985 - 86

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## INTRODUCTION OF TALTA EXECUTIVE '85 - '86

I was one of the very few students who graduated last year after Ryerson phased out its Library Technician programme.

I have been a Library Technician at Bell Canada's Information Resource Centre since 1976. My duties include on-line and manual searching to answer information requests from Bell Canada employees, interlibrary loans, compiling, editing and publishing the IRC's bi-monthly bulletin, recording and compiling statistics, acting as liaison for the BNR catalogue, and assigning subject headings to our Vertical File collection.

I share a passion for travelling with my husband and also enjoy reading and to a certain extent, fishing.

I feel that the only way to get the most out of this Association is to be an active participant in its activities and decision-making process. Having been P.R. Coordinator of OALT/ABO in the past 2 years, I am now prepared to tackle the duties of a regional executive.

**Alicia Friese**  
*President*

After I left school at the age of fifteen, I worked for a number of years in the sewing trades. After my marriage I gave up my job and stayed at home to raise our four children. When I enrolled at Seneca College I was employed as a seamstress for an interior design firm. I have also done sales work and for a few years my husband and I owned and operated a general store.

As a high school drop-out, it was no easy decision to return to school after a lapse of thirty-two years. However, selecting the Library Techniques course was easy for me due to a lifetime of reading and acquiring books.

After graduation in 1978, I was employed by the Metropolitan Toronto library as an assistant in the General Reference Department. My work involves answering reference questions, library pamphlet file, society and where-to-look files. In addition to these duties I supervise and train part-time staff and serve as backup to the department's scheduler.

During the coming year I hope to provide interesting speakers with informative topics. Please feel free to call me regarding your areas of particular interest or concern.

Bus. 928-5213 or Home 241-9060

I look forward to meeting all of you at our next meeting.

**Marie Willing**  
*Vice-President*

I am a graduate from Ryerson, 1979, and am presently working at the Leonard Library, Wycliffe College.

I worked as a legal secretary at my home in Charlottetown, P.E.I., before coming to Toronto and Ryerson. I have continued working in Toronto since graduation, but you can be sure that I manage to get home twice a year.

I have been a member of TALTA since 1980, and I look forward to an interesting and challenging year. I ask that you support your executive by your interest and participation.

**Gayle Ford**  
*Secretary*

I graduated from Seneca in 1977 and have been the Assistant Librarian at Windfields Junior High School in North York since September 1977. I am a member of CSLA and OSLA and was on the committee that wrote the Qualifications for Library Technicians Working in School Systems for CLA.

I have two teenage children and enjoy gardening, sewing and cooking as hobbies.

**Dale Peters**  
*Bd. of Directors Rep.*



### Education:

2 yr. DeAnza College Degree (California) - Home Economics - 1972.

2 yr. Seneca College Diploma - Library Techniques - 1980.

### Employment:

5 yrs. Fairchild Systems Technology (California computer company) - Data Processing Clerk/Material Planner.

4½ yrs. Ontario Hydro - Library Circulation Clerk (library bulletin, circulation, revisions, I.L.L., catalogue standards, overdues, quick reference)

### OALT/ABO:

Member since Jan. 1980 (5½ yrs.) (TALTA) Newsletter Editor (TALTA) 1981-1983 (2 yrs.) NEXUS '85 Conference Committee Member 1983-1985 (1½ yrs.)

Attended 4 conferences ('80, '82, '84, '85)

### Other Interests:

Macrobiotics, Hiking, Scottish Country and Ballroom Dancing, Skiing, Ecology.

**Sally Clark**  
*Treasurer/Membership*

I graduated from Fanshawe College in 1979. I have been working in the Ontario Ministry of Health library system for the past six years at various locations. I am presently the acquisitions technician for the library.

I am married with one (new) daughter which keeps me busy as well as being actively involved with several organizations doing volunteer work. My hobbies include sports and various crafts.

This is my first position as a publicity coordinator and I am looking forward to working closely with the vice president Marie Willing.

**Nancy Beer-Blacklock**  
*Publicity Coordinator*

I graduated from Seneca College's Library Techniques Program in 1983. This was a second career move for me as I attended business college and worked as a secretary for the previous 10 years after high school.

I am currently working as a technician at Canada Life Assurance Company in their Investment and Office Automation libraries. My duties range from on-line reference to cataloguing to indexing. They are two distinct libraries (on different floors) each with their own special interests that keep me hopping.

Camping and fishing keep me occupied with my husband and son all summer and I am a heavy reader in winter, as in hibernation.

This is my first experience as a newsletter editor and I am looking forward to learning more and with your help making it interesting and informative.

**Judy Konaka**  
*Editor*



## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

On May 3, 1985, at the Annual Business Meeting during the OALT/ABO conference, an amendment to the constitution was passed.

"Associate membership will be given to an individual interested in the objectives of the organization. At the end of 5 consecutive years, if he/she wishes to pay graduate fees, he/she will be granted full membership. This is to be effective retroactively as of May 3, 1985."

Our newsletter has been suspended and a committee is looking into different formats and costs. Allan Devine and Kathy Grein of Halton-Peel are the co-editors. They would appreciate any ideas for articles, contacts for

printing and translation estimates as well as manpower support. Please phone Allan Devine at 793-7437 with any ideas.

The Essay contest received 21 entries. The judging will be done over the summer and we may have a decision at our meeting on September 14, 1985.

Dale Peters

## FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

Dear TALTA Members,

As the newly elected President of TALTA, I hope that I will get a chance to meet all of you at our first meeting in September. I will try my very best to be present at all meetings and workshops scheduled for 1985/86.

TALTA has enjoyed the distinction of being a region with the highest membership within OALT/ABO in the past years. It is also noted for the superb workshops and meetings that it has offered to its members.

I am confident that with your involvement and participation, TALTA will continue to maintain the high standards set forth by its past executives. If you have any suggestions on how TALTA can best serve your interest, please feel free to communicate with me or with any of the TALTA Executives.

My main objective as President is *to improve lines of communication between TALTA Executives and TALTA members and also between TALTA and OALT/ABO.*

My second objective is *to get TALTA more involved in any library-related or information service-oriented organization as well as in colleges offering Library Technician programmes in Toronto.* If you know of or hear about any organization where you think TALTA's involvement will be of benefit to Library Technicians, please keep me or any of the TALTA Executives informed.

By now, all TALTA members should have received a copy of the revised TALTA constitution. Discussion and voting will take place at the first meeting in September. Please check the schedule of meetings and workshops in this issue of the Newsletter.

On behalf of TALTA, I would like to thank Nancy Deas for her work in revising the TALTA Constitution.

See you all at the first membership meeting in September!

**Alicia Friesse**  
*President, 1985-86*

## MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

- Wed. Sept. 18/85 - 7:00 pm at  
Metro Reference Library  
Room D  
*Topic:* Getting to Know You  
(Bring your ideas for  
Christmas)
- Sat. Oct. 12/85 - 9:00 - 12:30; 1:45 - 5:00 at  
Metro Reference Library  
Room D  
*Topic:* Professional Development  
*Speakers:* Professor E. Auster & L.G.  
Denis from Faculty of Library  
& Information Sciences
- Wed. Nov. 06/85 - 7:00 pm at  
Metro Reference Library  
Room D  
*Topic:* Archives  
*Speaker:* To Be Announced
- December 1985 - Will be planned for during  
September meeting.
- Wed. Jan. 19/86 - 7:00 pm at  
Metro Reference Library  
Room D  
*Topic:* Roundtable - Being a  
Library Technician
- Sat. Feb. 22/86 - 9:00 - 12:45 at  
Metro Reference Library  
Room D  
*Topic:* Records Management  
*Speaker:* Chris Ardern from George  
Brown College
- 1:45 - 5:00  
*Topic:* Resumes  
*Speaker:* To Be Announced

## NEXUS '85

This year's OALT/ABO Conference, Nexus '85, hosted by the Toronto region was a success.

The Conference was held in two downtown Toronto hotels, the Carlton Inn and the Ramada Hotel, from May 1-4. Approximately 190 people attended the four day event.

Delegates to the Conference especially enjoyed the full day of pre-conference tours of Toronto libraries. Some of the tours were the CBC - The Journal, Osgoode Hall, Art Gallery of Ontario, the Toronto Sun and the Globe and Mail.

Workshops planned for Nexus '85 included business writing, marketing yourself, planning for automation, problem patrons and communications. A panel discussion was held the first day of the conference, bringing together technicians from across Ontario and from various libraries. For the first time, I think, we realized that all technicians have the same problems - our budgets are too small, and we really can not work enough hours to do the type of job we would like to do.

At the opening wine and cheese ceremonies President Laretta Craig Taylor read out a letter from the Prime Minister wishing us well at this year's conference. (For a copy of this letter, send a self addressed, stamped envelope to P. Petruaga, Apt. 121, 320 Kingston Road, Toronto, M4L 1T7.) Desmond Glynn, an instructor with Ryerson Polytechnical Institute's Information Studies program spoke at our luncheon on the politics of office automation.

The Annual Business Meeting was very short this year, only three hours! The new executive are: President Janna Munkittrick (HP), Vice President Roberta Tripp (T), Publicity Coordinator Carolyn Boardman (HP-T), Secretary Otto Sillius (HP), Treasurer Ron Cheney (HP), Newsletter Editors Allan Devine (L) and Cathy Grein (L). This year's Presidential Award winner was Liz Aldrey (L). The proceedings of the Conference will be available as soon as the provincial board allows.

The closing banquet was held at the Ramada Hotel - the food was excellent! Kenneth Bagnell, author of the Little Immigrants and editor of the Imperial Oil Review, gave a very entertaining talk on jargon. He highlighted how jargon has invaded our lifestyles, and demonstrated that it interferes by alienating pro-active individuals, not allowing us one-to-one interfacing, thus inhibiting our efficiency - not allowing us to touch base and kick the ball around, so to speak. Halton-Peel presented its annual regional recognition award to Doug Willford. Out-going President Laretta Craig Taylor presented OALT/ABO ten year membership awards to Femmy Birks (O), Nancy Carlucci (Prov.), Patricia Petruaga (T), Rita Piazza (T) and Catherine Wilson (T).

The success of Nexus '85 was made possible by the hard work of the members of the Conference Committee. Thanks for your assistance in ensuring that we had an exciting and stimulating conference!

**Members:**

Muriel Armour	TraceyAnn Langley
Carolyn Boardman	Jennifer McKeon
Marion Burtoft	Susan Morley
Sally Clark	Dale Peters
Susan Craig	Rita Piazza
Sandra Findlay	Ann Sider
Gayle Ford	Charmane Sommerfeldt
Mary Gibson	Roberta Tripp
Susanne Gotts	Valerie Walton
Maggie Hotchkiss	Ann Whatmough

special thanks to  
Jim Hotchkiss

**Patricia L. Petruaga,**  
*Conference Chair*

**TALTA JOB PLACEMENT SERVICE**

The TALTA Job Placement Service was organized to assist library technicians in their search for library positions. For those members who have never used the Service or for the information of new members the procedure is outlined in the following paragraphs.

It is TALTA's policy that you must be an OALT/TALTA member to benefit from the Service. Members wishing to submit a resume to us must send 5 xerox-quality copies of it accompanied by a covering letter outlining the type of position being sought and the salary expectation. Resumes are kept on file for 9 months unless we are asked to withdraw it from the active file prior to this.

All resumes received from non-members are held for 2 months in an inactive file pending receipt of the membership fee.

Interested clients contact the Placement Service and provide the details of a position vacancy. The resumes of qualified applicants are then forwarded to the client. If interested, it is the client's responsibility to notify you and arrange for an interview. Contact is maintained with the client until the position is filled.

It is your responsibility to advise the TALTA Placement Contact that you have a position, whether it is full-time or contract, as it is important that the files are up-to-date.

Resumes of individuals hired for a contract position are placed in an inactive file until the contract ends. You must send an updated resume to the Placement Contact at that time if you want to be listed in the active file again.

We would like to suggest that everyone continue to peruse the newspapers and call the Ontario Library Association Job Hotline at (416) 363-3380 for position advertisements. Also, it is a good idea to take the initiative and contact possible employers.

Members wishing to register with us must send their resume to the Placement Contact, TALTA, P.O. Box 441, Don Mills, Ontario M3C 2T2. If you have any questions regarding the Placement Service please contact Donna Smith at (416) 784-8484.

It is hoped that the TALTA Job Placement Service will continue to provide a beneficial service to you and to our clients in the future.

**Donna S. Smith**  
*Placement Contact*

**FALL EDUCATION COURSES**

*Seneca College of Applied Arts*  
*Library Techniques Program*  
*Newnham Campus*  
*Contact: Jean Weihs*  
*491-5050x2167*

- LIQ110 Books, Libraries and Publishing
- LIQ112 Circulation and Public Relations
- LIQ114 Computing Fundamentals
- LIQ311 Organization of Nonbook Materials and Automated Cataloguing
- LIQ312 Reference I
- LIQ314 Audio Visual Techniques for Library Technicians

*Ryerson Polytechnical Institute*  
*Information Studies Program*  
*Contact: Ms. Marilyn Cornwell*  
*979-5180*

- CDIN125 Information and Society
- CDIN126 Introduction to the Computer
- CDIN127 Sources of Information
- CDIN128 Principles of Information Management I
- CDIN129 Principles of Information Management II
- CDIN130 Information and the Marketplace
- CDIN131 Communications and Information Technology
- CDIN132 Database Design and Information Access I
- CDIN133 Database Design and Information Access II
- CDIN134 Current Issues Project
- CDIN502 Indexing and Abstracting
- CDIN503 Information Systems Documentation and Training
- CDIN550 Current Concerns in the Management Information Systems Area - Series A
- CDIN551 Series B
- CDIN552 Series C

## TALTA STUDENT AWARD

Ene-Pia Reid is the winner of the 1985 TALTA Student Award. This award is a one-year free membership to TALTA and OALT/ABO and is given to a graduating student from Seneca College. Our congratulations and best wishes.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joan Girot welcomes a first baby — a boy. Congratulations!

Nancy Beer-Blacklock (our publicity coordinator) also welcomes her first — a girl. Congratulations!

Rita Piazza (our past president) is leaving us for a year — to tour Europe! Bon Voyage. We expect to receive at least one postcard.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### *For Sale:*

Conference Folders @ \$ 2.00 each  
TALTA Sweatshirts @ \$17.99 each

### *Do You Have:*

A set of year old Books in Print (esp. Publisher's ed.) that you want to throw out.

Contact: Sandra Findlay (416) 963-2572

### *Did You Lose:*

A complete set of keys with memento attached at the Toronto conference.

Contact: Pat Petruza (416) 863-5300x378

## FROM THE TREASURER/ MEMBERSHIP

Please remember while filling out your membership forms to fill in all the blanks — extra work is created for this volunteer when you don't.

If anyone has a 1974 TD Bank Book (Fairview Mall Branch) for TALTA or "Library Technicians Association" please forward it to Sally Clark.

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The logo for TALTA is a stylized, bold, sans-serif font. The letters are thick and blocky, with a slightly irregular, hand-drawn appearance. The word "TALTA" is written in all caps and is slanted slightly to the right. The logo is contained within a rectangular border that is also slanted to the right, matching the angle of the text.