



**Annual General Meeting  
MINUTES**

**May 7, 2010 - 3:30 p.m. (Registration 3:15 pm)  
Queensbury Convention Centre, Regina, SK**

**Present:** Julie Arie, Roger Bakes, Regan Balfour, Melissa Bennett, Navee Blair, Donna Bowman, Jessica Cammer, Deirdre Crichton, Kate-Lee Donohoe, Charlotte Elwert, Joseph Geary, Jason Hammond, Carla Hancock, Joanne Havelock, Philip Jeffreys, Marilyn Jenkins, Allan Johnson, Barbara Kelly, Kimberly Kovacs, Maha Kumaran, Audrey Mark, Jocelyn Mark Provost, Jeff Mason, Ann-Marie Mathieu, Tara Million, Carol Munro, Barbara Nelke, Lucy Ratt, Tanya Rogoschewsky, Jenny Ryan, Gregory Salmers, Lorraine Salt, Gwen Schmidt, Judy Shire, Kam W. Teo, Tarren Trew, Sheryl Ursu, Brett Waytuck, Linda Winkler, Charles Wood, Heather West, Teresa Wright Eastley

**SLA Staff:** Kirsten Hansen, Caroline Selinger

- 1. Call to Order – President, Barbara Kelly called the meeting to order at 3:44pm**
- 2. Announcement of Parliamentarian – Treasurer, Brett Waytuck**
- 3. MOTION:** Audrey Mark moved to approve the Agenda  
Moved by Audrey Mark/Seconded by Phil Jeffreys.  
**CARRIED.**
- 4. MOTION:** Audrey Mark moved to approve 2009 Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Seconded by Deirdre Crichton.  
**CARRIED.**
- 5. SLA Staff Introductions**
- 6. Executive Reports**
  - 6.1 President Barbara Kelly p.3**
  - 6.2 Executive Director (Caroline Selinger) – p.4**
  - 6.3 Treasurer (Brett Waytuck) – p.14**
    - 6.3.1 Auditor's Report – p.16**
    - 6.3.2 Appointment of Auditor – Mintz and Wallace, Chartered Accountants**
  - 6.4 Vice-President (Jeff Mason) – p.5**
  - 6.5 Past-President (Vacant)**

**MOTION:** Lucy Ratt moved to accept all Executive Reports as presented.

Seconded by Jocelyn Mark Provost.

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION:** Brett Waytuck moved to appoint Mintz and Wallace as the auditor for the next fiscal year.

Seconded by Allan Johnson.

**CARRIED.**

## **7. Directors' Reports**

**7.1 Director for Communications (Lorraine Salt) –p.6**

**7.2 Director for Education (Regan Balfour) p.7**

**7.3 Director for Membership (Jocelyn Mark) p.8**

**7.4 Director for Fundraising (Gohar Ashoughian) p.8**

**7.5 Director for Public Libraries (Jessica Cammer) p.9**

**7.6 Director for Academic Libraries (Linda Winkler) p.9**

**7.7 Director for Special Libraries (Charles Wood) – p.10**

**7.8 Director for Aboriginal Library Services (Deborah Lee) – p.11**

**MOTION:** Allan Johnson moved to accept all Directors' Reports as presented.

Seconded by Tanya Rogoschewsky.

**CARRIED.**

## **8. Committee Reports**

**8.1 Multitype Library Board (Gohar Ashoughian) – p.11**

**8.2 Summer Reading Program (Kirsten Hansen)– p.13**

**8.3 Saskatchewan Library Week (Kirsten Hansen) – p.13**

**MOTION:** Audrey Mark moved to accept Committee Reports as presented.

Seconded by Deirdre Crichton

**Carried.**

## **9. Nominating Committee (Jeff Mason)**

Thanks to nominating committee: Regan Balfour and Lorraine Salt. No responses from anyone in the membership to the call for the committee.

### **9.1 Call for Nominations from the floor**

Jocelyn Mark Provost for Director for Membership – 1 year term.

Audrey Mark moved that nominations cease

Seconded by Greg Salmers.

Jocelyn declared incoming Director for Membership.

Brett Waytuck for Treasurer – 2 year term

Audrey Mark moved that nominations cease.

Seconded by Gwen Schmidt.

Brett Waytuck declared incoming Treasurer.

Tara Million for Director for Aboriginal Library Services – 2 year term

Audrey Mark moved that nominations cease.

Seconded by Donna Bowman  
Tara Million declared incoming Director for Aboriginal Library Services.

Ann-Marie Mathieu for Director for Communications – 2 year term

Audrey Mark moved that nominations cease.

Seconded by Deirdre Crichton.

Ann-Marie Mathieu declared incoming Director for Communications.

Director for Special Libraries – 2 year term

Audrey Mark moved that nominations cease.

Seconded by Phil Jeffreys.

Position declared vacant at this time.

Director for Fundraising – 2 year term

Deirdre Crichton moved that nominations cease.

Seconded by Allan Johnson.

Position declared vacant at this time.

Amber Christensen for Vice-President – 3 year term

Amber unable to attend.

Brett Waytuck moved that nominations do not close and that there is a period of 72 hours for nominations to come forward.

Seconded by Audrey Mark.

Nothing in the bylaws to cover this particular issue.

Carried.

**MOTION:** Brett Waytuck moved that if a name comes forward in 72 hours that that person be acclaimed to position of Vice-President

Moved by Brett Waytuck/Seconded by Deirdre Crichton.

Member must meet all requirements.

Question if 2 names come forward.

**AMENDMENT:** Tara Million moved that if one name comes forward in the next 72 hours that person be acclaimed, if more than one name comes forward it be brought back to the membership for a vote.

Moved by Tara Million/Seconded by Tanya Rogoschewsky

**AMENDMENT:** Audrey Mark moved that it come to membership by vote by email.

Moved by Audrey Mark/Seconded by Tarren Trew.

Carried.

Amber Christensen has agreed to let her name stand and will be declared incoming Vice-President if no other names come forward.

## 9.2 Elections Committee

### 9.2.1 Election Results

## 10. New Business

### 10.1 Continuing Education Grant Announcement (Regan Balfour)

Education Institute is one of key ways SLA provides continuing education. Next year a grant will be available for continuing education workshops, which is based upon availability of funds. More information will be coming soon with criteria, terms of reference, etc.

### 10.2 SLA Board Structure (Jeff Mason)

Jeff reported that there have been problems finding people to sit on the board. The board has had some discussion about this issue and it is being brought to AGM to ask how to proceed with organization of the organization. Most names came forward on the day of the AGM, and there are 2 vacant positions. Board structure is no longer working for the membership. There are 12 board member positions currently and this is 5% of the membership.

Audrey Mark recommended that the balance of sectors be maintained. Jenny Ryan noted that participation may not be possible because the employer has to cover the time that the staff person is not available and not all libraries are able or willing to support staff or see the need to support staff.

One issue is the board involvement in committee work, especially sector representatives, as board members frequently make up many of the existing committees. This is frequently a lesser time commitment with clearer results at the end of it and could be a better way to recruit people than being on the board. Gwen Schmidt noted that when adding a position to the board there was a discussion about this issue. She liked sector representatives but thinks the board needs to be looked at.

Phil Jeffreys noted that there is a general lack of participation, including in *Forum*, and the question is in perhaps widening out the spectrum of what is offered to the members and whether there is a wider membership available to other staff in the library. Offering more workshops for a wider net could be a great way to find that. Interlibrary loan staff across the province could be a great venue.

Need to look at how much is expected from the association, how much commitment is asked of volunteers. Look at expectations and commitments from people in any volunteer position (committee, board, etc.).

Need more information available for what is required for board members, etc. Meeting travel time will be reduced with video conferencing locations in Regina and Saskatoon. The Continuing Education Grant will give more opportunity for the workshops going into the hands of the membership. Problems in filling board positions has been ongoing, but the board is still moving forward. Advocacy is becoming more of a focus, internally and externally. Advocacy and the new

website is committee work that may attract more committee members. The urgency of immediate circumstances is perhaps not as critical as it appears.

**MOTION:** Julie McKenna moved to establish a task force advisory group, formed of people previously serving on the board, to look at committee and board structure.

Seconded by Audrey Mark

SLA is in far better position than many other provincial associations.

The task force is not being formed from a place of urgency but a place of strength where there are options before us and there is an organization that is still working and members committed.

**CARRIED.**

### 10.3 Resolutions

**RESOLUTION:** Gwen Schmidt resolved that whereas some Saskatchewan people use alternate formats for their information and recreational reading, and whereas it is important that libraries provide access to alternate format materials with Canadian content and whereas libraries and the CNIB (Canadian National Institute for the Blind) have an opportunity to partner for improved services for people with print disabilities, therefore be it resolved that SLA lobby the Saskatchewan government to fund the Saskatchewan portion of the CNIB partners program.

Seconded by Julie Arie.

**Debate:** Jeff Mason noted that he does not know enough about the issue to feel comfortable voting on the issue at this time.

Gwen stated that she works in an outreach department serving seniors and people with disabilities. The alternate book format is called a Daisy format which replaces talking books on cassette (one disc with many hours of books on it). CNIB makes the discs and they sent out a letter a year ago to start the "Right to Read" campaign and by April 2010 they needed funding from every province and federal government to sustain the Partners Program which started as a pilot in Regina Public Library. CNIB has a mandate to serve people with visual disabilities. For those who are unable to hold a book, turn the pages, you have a print disability or a learning disability, who are not served by CNIB. Libraries take up the print disabilities. Partnership Program lets libraries pay a subscription to get help from CNIB to provide help to print disabilities. The funding is to get access to CNIB materials for all libraries. National group IFLA to move forward. CNIB is seeking funding in the amount of \$200,000 from provincial governments. CNIB has decided to stop selling Daisy books (Canadian content) and the partnership program will be ending.

Julie McKenna still does not feel she can vote on this motion without knowing the alternate formats available to lobby the government for money with the budget did not increase at all.

Allan Johnson feels that CNIB has been pushing libraries through this process. Need to get new funding and not have it be taken from existing library funding.

**AMENDMENT:** Allan Johnson moved that the SLA lobby the provincial government for new funding to fund this initiative.

Seconded by Deirdre Crichton

CNIB has cancelled this program, so there is a concern for continuing to ask for funding for it with a question of where the money would go. Stipulations should be made to ensure that the partnership is still established.

In favour: 29

Opposed: 1

Abstentions: 7

**CARRIED.**

**Debate on amendment:** program cancelled and concern that the money would not influence CNIB to reinstitute program. This is about influencing the government. CNIB has confirmed that this is still a good idea. Concern that we are stretching capacity of this organization already and there is concern to add something else after establishing a task force to look at what the organization is doing.

In favour: 19

Opposed: 4

Abstentions: 11

**CARRIED.**

## **11. Announcements**

**11.1 Conference 2011 May 5, 6 and 7 – TCU Place, Saskatoon**

## **12. Courtesy Resolutions**

**MOTION:** Gwen Schmidt moved to thank board and staff for all they do.

Seconded by Joe Geary.

**MOTION:** Audrey Mark moved to thank conference committee for all they do.

## **13. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Phil Jeffreys moved to adjourn at 4:46 pm.

Seconded by Allan Johnson.

SLA encourages support of Saskatchewan Lotteries and is grateful for the funding received through SaskCulture from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation.

