



**General Meeting of the Southern Alberta
Health Libraries Association**

May 7, 2008

Health Sciences Library, Room 1466
University of Calgary

Minutes

Present: Elizabeth Aitken, Rachel Chan, Heather Ganshorn, Christine Hayward, Taryn Lenders, Yongtao Lin, Cari Merkley, Renée Reaume, Helen Lee Robertson, and Marcus Vaska

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order by Heather Ganshorn at 4 p.m.

2. **Discussion - Hosting CHLA conference** – A proposal for SAHLA to approach CHLA to host a future CHLA conference was distributed by Heather Ganshorn by e-mail to the SAHLA membership prior to the meeting. In discussion of this proposal, it was noted that there would be a need for approximately 15-20 individuals to participate on planning-related committees for such an event. It was suggested that members of the larger library and health community including support staff may be interested in participating in the planning of the conference. The Saskatchewan Health Libraries Association was also mentioned in discussion as a possible partner for such an event, although it was noted that SAHLA should be prepared to organize the conference on its own if necessary.

A motion was made by Heather Ganshorn for SAHLA to offer to host the 2011 CHLA conference. Taryn Lenders seconded the motion. The motion was carried unopposed.

The question was raised if SAHLA would be willing to consider planning the event for 2010 if requested by CHLA. Concerns around the abbreviated planning time were expressed by those present. It was decided that Heather Ganshorn would approach the CHLA executive with an offer to host in 2011 only. If the CHLA executive respond positively to SAHLA's proposal, Heather will also make contact with the executive of the Saskatchewan Health Libraries Association on behalf of SAHLA to determine if there is any interest from that organization in helping to host the event. If there is no interest from SHLA, however, it was decided that SAHLA will still go ahead as the sole organizer of the event.

3. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 by Heather Ganshorn.