



## Southern Alberta Health Libraries Association

Annual General Meeting  
Thursday, October 29, 2009  
Mount Royal University Library Administration Board Room (room G201)  
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### Minutes

**Present:** Elizabeth Aitken, Heather Ganshorn, Taryn Lenders, Yongtao Lin, Andrea Martini, Shauna May, Cari Merkley, Susan Powelson, Kathryn Ranjit, and Helen Lee Robertson

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Taryn Lenders at 6:15 pm.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda** – Agenda was adopted as previously distributed.
3. **Adoption of the Minutes of the October 21, 2008 Annual General Meeting**  
Andrea Martini moved that the Minutes of the October 21, 2008, Annual General Meeting be adopted. Elizabeth Aitken seconded it. Motion carried.
4. **Executive Reports**
  - **President Report (Taryn Lenders)**
    - Update on Membership to the Pacific Northwest Chapter of MLA
      - SAHLA will wait to secure a membership in the Pacific Northwest Chapter of MLA until the new membership year starts in January.
  - **Secretary Report (Cari Merkley)**
    - The SAHLA website is now hosted by CHLA. The former URL is pointing users at the new location.
  - **Treasurer's Report (Taryn Lenders)**
    - Statement for 2008-2009
      - The statement and membership list were distributed at the meeting. It was pointed out that the statement as distributed needs to be revised to include a section for assets, where the organization's GIC will now be listed, and to reflect the appropriate dates. Susan Powelson will make the corrections to the statement. The revised Financial Statement will come before the membership for approval at a subsequent meeting.
5. **Election of the new SAHLA Executive**  
The following individuals were acclaimed for the SAHLA executive for 2009-2010  
Vice – president – Cari Merkley  
Secretary - Kathryn Ranjit  
Treasurer- Elizabeth Aitken

Yongtao Lin, as the former Vice-President, will serve as President for 2009-2010.

## **6. Approval and Adoption of the SAHLA Bylaws**

Elizabeth Aitken moved that the revised SAHLA bylaws be adopted. Helen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The question was also raised about the purpose of SAHLA – is it a community or professional organization? It was suggested that a discussion of SAHLA's strategic mission should take place to better address this issue.

## **7. Health Literacy Conference – Monday, November 23, 2009**

In late September, the SAHLA Executive was approached by members of the local Health Literacy Conference planning committee. They asked if SAHLA could be responsible for facilitating the event's transactions and would require that SAHLA open a separate bank account to handle the conference fees and to write cheques from this account to pay for the expenses. In return, SAHLA would be listed in advertising materials as an event sponsor. Because of the time constraints attached to the request, SAHLA Executive discussed the issue and agreed to the request on October 1, 2009.

Susan Powelson made a motion that SAHLA contribute \$250 towards the Health Literacy Conference. Yongtao Lin seconded the motion.

During discussion of the motion, it was pointed out if the event was cancelled due to low registration, this sponsorship money would be returned to SAHLA. Concerns were raised about what benefit this sponsorship brings to SAHLA members, as they would still have to pay to attend. Potential benefits identified included visibility in the local community and an opportunity to promote the 2011 conference.

The motion was carried.

Everyone is encouraged to help promote the conference to their user community. In addition, SAHLA could participate in the poster session, with a display on the value of member's work in promoting health literacy among their user groups.

## **8. Roundtable Report**

*Susan Powelson* – Renovations are taking place in the Health Sciences Library at the University of Calgary. As Chair of the CHLA 2011 Conference planning committee, she will also be reporting to the CHLA board on the progress on the conference planning to date.

*Cari Merkley* – Mount Royal has completed its transition to university status. The third year of the Mount Royal nursing program is underway, and the remaining degrees are in year two of their rollout. There has been a 10% increase in enrollment at the university.

*Andrea Martini* – The Calgary Public Library recently held a day of health and wellness programming with 8-10 difference sessions on topics like nutrition and disease prevention.

The event was well attended. The library is also receiving many queries related to H1N1 from the public.

*Health Ganshorn* – Reorganization at Holy Cross is taking place (e.g. prevention and screening have been rolled into public health). She is also delivering fall user education.

Elizabeth Aitken – With the advent of Alberta Health Services, she is now being asked to participate in projects that are more province wide, such as a research project on the health impact assessment of trans fats.

*Yongtao Lin*- Yongtao and Heather presented at the 2009 International Cancer Education Conference on the topic of how medical libraries help patients manage uncertainty.

*Helen Lee Robertson*- Helen attended the PN MLA conference, and those in attendance were very interested in the upcoming CHLA conference in Calgary

9. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:05. Members were invited to view a screening of the film *Hollywood Librarian* in the Mount Royal Library Viewing Room.