



Southern Alberta Health Libraries Association

General Meeting

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Health Sciences Library

Room 1509

Present: Yongtao Lin, Cari Merkley, Taryn Lenders, Elizabeth Aitken, Kathryn Ranjit, Tuyet Lam, Andrea Martini, Shauna May, Susan Powelson, Renee Reaume, Helen Lee Robertson, Vivian Stieda, Marcus Vaska

1. Meeting was called to order at 12:22 pm

2. Chapter Presidents' Luncheon report

Elizabeth Aitken attended the Chapter Presidents' Lunch in Kingston for SAHLA. Reports from all chapters are available online at: <http://www.chla-absc.ca/node/49>.

Some highlights:

CHLA-ABSC is working on a strategic plan for the organization for the next two years.

The Virtual Health Libraries has received funding to set up an ongoing structure over the next three years.

Chapters vary in size.

Vivian Stieda observed that BC has one chapter for the whole province, with 70-80 members and posed the question of whether this was something that we would want to pursue in Alberta.

It was decided that we would table this discussion for a later meeting.

Yongtao Lin read the President's Report. This is available online at: <http://www.chla-absc.ca/system/files/SAHLA-CHLA-report-2009-2010.pdf>

3. 2011 CHLA Update

We have our keynote speakers confirmed for next year's CHLA conference.

Dr. Vincent Lam

- An ER physician in Toronto and author of Bloodletting and Miraculous Cures

Joanne Marshall

- To speak about evidence based practice librarianship

Irene Pfeiffer

- To speak about leadership

Dr. Bonnie Buntain

- To speak about One Health



Calgary delegates did announce Dr. Vincent Lam and Joanne Marshall as keynotes at the CHLA-ABSC 2010 conference as well as the conference hotel and highlights.

4. Round table report

Taryn Lenders – Alberta Children’s Hospital Knowledge Centre has just completed a major weed of the monograph collection

Elizabeth Aitken - Accounts have been settled with T. Scott Murray, the speaker at the November 23 Health Literacy Symposium. SAHLA has a positive balance of \$ 1281.34.

Tuyet Lam – Peter Lougheed Knowledge Centre has also just completed a major weed, of the Consumer Health collection.

Kathryn Ranjit – The Health Information Network’s (HIN’s) new website is nearly completed. The site is undergoing usability testing and a link to the new site is posted on the current site.

Helen Lee Robertson – The Health Sciences Library at the U of C has had major cuts to the monograph and electronic resources budget in the past year. There have been many new requests for systematic reviews and instruction coming in from Foothills Medical Centre staff.

Vivian Stieda – Observed that the Office of Faculty Development has added HKN and HSL staff contact information to their flyers which has increased the library’s profile. There have been positive responses to new noon hour information sessions.

Andrea Martini – Observed that there won’t be a new Central library any time soon. Staff has to work with the constraints of limited space and not enough computer access. Alternative health programs have been well attended and well received. Noon hour programming on the use of health databases are not as well attended. Clients at CPL do not know about ebrary materials. Staff has tried to promote Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews to clients, but feel that it may be too heavy for most clients. Monograph weeding is coming soon.

Shauna May – Discussed CPL-PLC project to transition patients who need health information to the community

Renee Reaume – The HIN is working with Alberta Health Services and University of Alberta to make a business case to offer what we do here for library services to the whole province. The case will be presented in August. The HIN is currently working with the AHS library lead to make sure that licensing is made provincial wherever it can be done. Business Source Complete and MD Consult are two new resources that have just been made provincial. Promotions to AHS staff are coming soon.

Cari Merkley – Mount Royal University just finished hosting the 2010 LOEX Conference. There were 180 participants, approximately 70% of which were from the US.

Some observations:

There was good attendance for the preconference. There were a lot of free floating spouses and last minute requests for banquet tickets. Some marketing strategies included a physical presence at past LOEX conferences, word of mouth, a lot of presenters were American,



presurvey to gather participants' interest to tailor program and activities. The planning committee used social networking products for ride shares. Locals were "marked" so non-locals could know who to ask for help. Lessons learned from planning this conference will be shared with the CHLA-ABSC 2011 conference planning committee. Mount Royal University is going into its fourth year of the Nursing program this fall. They continue to work on the Midwifery curriculum and collection. There have been some renovations to the library, including designating zones for quiet and work areas. They are still looking into getting a new library; the plans are ready and are just waiting for funding. Francine May has completed her data collection on the use of library spaces and anyone who would like to know more is welcome to contact her.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm.