



SAHLA Annual General Meeting

Friday, October 30, 2015

University of Calgary HSL 1459

Draft Minutes

In-person attendees: Kathryn Ranjit, Rachel Zhao, Jeanette Blanchard, Caitlin McClurg (chair), Vivian Stieda, Chelsea Ambler, Taryn Canete, Yongtao Lin, Carrie Sherlock, Cari Merkley, Heather Ganshorn, Helen Lee Robertson

Online attendees: Marcus Vaska, Pamela Harrison

1. Call to order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- **Motion** to adopt agenda: Yongtao Lin
Seconded: Vivian Stieda

Passed

3. Adoption of the Draft Minutes of the November 3, 2014 Annual General Meeting

- **Motion** to adopt the Draft Minutes: Cari Merkley
Seconded: Carrie Sherlock

Passed

4. President's Report

- Caitlin reviewed the President's Report that was distributed at the meeting, which included the Chapter President's Report she submitted to CHLA/ABSC this past spring.
- SAHLA went through a unique year as a result of the change in management of the eight Alberta Health Services (AHS) libraries in the Calgary Zone. This affected members who worked in those libraries and were previously employed by the University of Calgary. As a result, SAHLA decided to forgo hosting any Continuing Education events at the beginning of the calendar year. Attempts were made to host events in April and in June, however these were cancelled. The Executive has several ideas for events in the 2015/16 membership year.
- There was a question from the floor about social networking events. The Executive had an idea to host a Pub Med event, a play on the database name.
- SAHLA will employ the use of surveys/polls garner ideas from its membership.
- There was a suggestion from the floor that SAHLA's next meeting should be for strategic planning. Kathryn Ranjit created a strategy plan during her tenure as President in 2013.
- There was a comment from the floor that, despite all the changes affecting membership, it has been an impressive year.
- Congratulations and thanks were offered to Caitlin for leading SAHLA during a difficult time.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Caitlin reviewed the Treasurer's Report on Michelle Lemieux's behalf.
- SAHLA has a health bank balance and, coupled with its GIC investment, has over \$3,100 in assets.
- The primary expense was to cover the cost of food for the 2014 AGM.

6. Election of the new SAHLA Executive



- Vivian Stieda put forward a **Motion** that SAHLA cover the CHLA membership costs of non-academic members so that they could serve on the SAHLA Executive in 2015/2016 and that this decision be re-visited at the 2016 AGM.

Seconded: **who was this?**

Passed

There was discussion on the motion.

Motion to cover the CHLA membership costs of non-academic members so that they could serve on the SAHLA Executive in 2015/2016 and that this decision will be re-visited at the 2016 AGM.

Passed.

- Nominations for the following positions were accepted from the floor: Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Carrie Sherlock will be moving to the President role.
- Yongtao Lin was nominated for Vice-President. (acclaimed)
- Chelsea Ambler put her name forward for Secretary. (acclaimed)
- Vivian Stieda put her name forward for Treasurer. (acclaimed)
- **Motion** to pass the slate of candidates: Kathryn Ranjit

Seconded: Helen Lee Robertson

Passed

7. Discussion of the Future of SAHLA

- Carrie discussed her ideas and concerns as incoming SAHLA President.
 - SAHLA experienced a tough year due to the changes resulting from the Alberta Health Services transition. SAHLA will be sending a survey out to the membership to solicit ideas.
 - What are the Continuing Education needs of the membership? And, of AHS librarians?
 - For AHS staff to attend an event, it must be no longer than 2 hours or formal approval is needed.
 - For Continuing Education, there can be external events and webinars, online or in-person. These can be hosted in partnership with other organizations and there is the possibility of obtaining discount codes.
 - Another idea was to form a journal club. This has the potential to be accredited by CHLA.
 - There was a suggestion from the floor of partnering with an AHS group to host an event on Knowledge Translation. Dr. Kelly Mrklas is a possible speaker.
 - There was a brief discussion about the future of SAHLA as a chapter, given all the changes within its membership.
 - The Executive is considering not charging membership fees for those members who paid fees last year, as no events were hosted.

8. Roundtable Report

- On November 23, Mount Royal University will be hosting an Open Education Resources event with Rory McGreal from Athabasca University.
- Heather reported that she will be attending a health sciences management institute in Baltimore next week.
- Kathryn will be delivering an Open Access session for library staff on November 3 at the University of Calgary Health Sciences Library. She also reported that there was an Open Access Open Mic Night event with the Foothills Library Association last week.

9. Adjournment



- **Motion** to adjourn: Kathryn Ranjit
Seconded: Yongtao Lin

Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.