



Southern Alberta Health Libraries Association

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 25 October 2017 2 pm to 4 pm

Room EL4371A, 4th Floor, Riddell Library and Learning Centre

74 Mount Royal Circle SW, Mount Royal University, Calgary

In-Person Attendees: Elizabeth Aitken, Connie Bolding, Pamela Harrison, Yongtao Lin, Cari Merkley, Helen Lee Robertson, Kathryn Tippell-Smith, Lorraine Toews, Jillian Yawney, Lourdes Yturzaeta

Online Attendees: Diane Lorenzetti, Zahra Premji, Carrie Sherlock, Rachel Zhao

Regrets: Marcus Vaska

Draft Minutes

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda: Pamela Harrison

Seconded: Carrie Merkley

3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 28, 2016 Annual General Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes: Kathryn Tippell-Smith

Seconded: Helen Lee Robertson

4. President's Report

- Yongtao Lin presented the President's report, which was distributed prior to the meeting. She highlighted that at the CHLA Chapter President's Lunch at the CHLA conference in Edmonton there was considerable discussion on how the CHLA Board could support collaboration, events and research projects among CHLA members and chapters. She also attended a meeting with the NAHLA executive to discuss ways that SAHLA and NAHLA could be better connected, and collaborate on CE events.
- Motion to accept the President's report: Pamela Harrison
- Seconded: Lourdes Yturzaeta

5. Treasurer's Report

- Pamela presented the Treasurer's report. SAHLA's GIC investment matured January 30, 2017 for a total value of \$1559.32. The SAHLA Executive decided that \$1000 of the mature GIC should be re-invested – it was re-invested on February 20, 2017 and will mature on February 10, 2020.
- SAHLA is awaiting a cheque for \$181.64 from AHS for its portion of the costs of the Medical Library Association webinar on reviews held by SAHLA/AHS/U of C on February 3, 2017.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report: Kathryn Tippell-Smith
- Seconded: Jillian Yawney

6. Election of the new SAHLA Executive

- Nominations were accepted prior to the meeting.
- Since Heather Ganshorn stepped down from the President-Elect position, Diane Lorenzetti agreed to let her name stand as incoming President for 2017-2018. (acclaimed)
- Marcus Vaska agreed to let his name stand for President-Elect (acclaimed)



- Zahra Premji agreed to let her name stand for Secretary (acclaimed)
- Kathryn Tippell-Smith agreed to let her name stand as Treasurer (acclaimed)
- Yongtao Lin will transition into the position of Past President.

7. New Business

CHLA funds/grants for Continuing Education

- Pamela Harrison reported on two funds available from the Canadian Health Libraries Association that SAHLA could use to foster member development and continuing education activities:
 - The CHLA/ABSC Chapter and Interest Group Initiatives Fund is awarded to chapters year-round, so can be applied for at any time of year. Details of the fund at: https://chla-absc.ca/chapter_and_interest_group_ini.php
 - The Professional Development Grant fund is awarded to individuals by the CHLA Board in February, October, and June. Details of the fund at: https://chla-absc.ca/professional_development_grant.php
- Jillian Yawney indicated she would be willing to help the SAHLA executive draft a SAHLA application for the Chapter and Interest Group Initiatives Fund, since she is very keen to promote continuing education initiatives.

Future plans

- Yongtao Lin lead a discussion about what kinds of activities SAHLA members and attendees would like to undertake in the coming year. Consensus was that it was useful to hold events in different locations and at either the beginning of the work day or at the end of the work day to maximize attendance. Suggestions for future activities included:
 - Social networking events
 - “Show & Tell event”, or “lightning-style” CE events where members/attendees briefly share a new technique, new practice, new skill they use in their workplace or research.
 - Diane suggested sending a survey to members asking for input on activities, continuing education topics.
 - Several attendees expressed a preference for webinars and for Skype participation in meetings and CE events – these enable more to participate, since many members/attendees cannot often take the time away from work to travel to and attend events in person.

8. Roundtable Report

- Yongtao Lin started a new position as Library Manager for the Chief Information Officer and Security Branch, Natural Resources Canada earlier this year. Marcus Vaska has taken on Yongtao’s former position in the Tom Baker Cancer Centre.
- Connie Bolding has moved into an education consultant role, focusing on children and youth.
- Kathryn Tippell-Smith works as an educational coordinator in the Office of Continuing Medical Education in the Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary. She is currently working on environmental scan and curricular development projects.
- Helen Lee Robertson continues to be heavily involved in teaching and participating as a co-author in systematic reviews.



- Lourdes Yturzaeta reported that the past several months 3 AUPE staff at the U of C Health Sciences Library have moved to positions in the TFDL Library on the main campus. Some of their duties have been absorbed by the three remaining AUPE staff in the Health Sciences Library.
- Elizabeth Aitken has been busy with collection mergers and evaluating point of care databases for nursing.
- Rachel Zhao has been promoting Mendeley use among her client base.
- Carrie Sherlock is working on various research synthesis projects.
- Diane Lorenzetti will be taking on the role of Director of the University of Calgary Health Sciences Library on November 1st.
- Zahra Premji has completed a year in her positions at the U of C Health Sciences Library and the Haskayne Business Library.
- Lorraine Toews has been elected as Secretary of the Veterinary Medical Libraries Section of the Medical Library Association for 2017 to 2019, so will be attending meetings of the section at the MLA conferences.
- Cari Merkle has been busy transitioning into the new Riddell Library and Learning Centre, together with all of her colleagues.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Pamela Harrison

Seconded: Jillian Yawney

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.

10. Tour of Riddell Library and Learning Centre, Mount Royal University

Cari Merkle provided an in-depth tour of the Riddell Library and Learning Centre.