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Candidate for CLA COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE

JIM BENNETT B.A, B.Ed, M.Ed



Candidate Statement

I bring expertise and enthusiasm to Executive Council to assist in restructuring CLA’s governance. I endorse the conceptual model proposed by Executive Council. CLA can transform into a “big tent” federated association of associations.

I have served CLA, Ottawa Public Library and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL). I was FOPL President (2010-2012). FOPL transformed into a lean organization operating within a modest budget supported by stable membership. FOPL spoke with “one voice” for 423 library systems. The focus was on policy, research, and advocacy. I participated in 80 advocacy meetings with government. As one measure of success, additional funds were added to the provincial operating grant of each Ontario Public Library system in each year. This government action demonstrated direct benefit to FOPL members.

I bring pertinent insights and lessons learned to help unite members of our legion of diffuse principled library associations into one unified national voice.

Biography

Education

Teaching Certification	1965-1972
Ontario Ministry of Education - Ottawa Teachers College	
B.A. Psychology and Sociology	1971
Carleton University	
Elementary School Principal Certification	1974
Ontario Ministry of Education - Queens University	
B.Ed., (GPA-9.7/10)	1986
University of Ottawa	
Computer Specialist Certification	1986
University of Ottawa	
M.Ed., (Educational Administration GPA-9.2/10)	1990
University of Ottawa	



Specialized seminars, e-Courses, and Webinars **1965-Present**
Technical Writing, Report and Business Writing/Editing, Collective Bargaining, Public Relations, Computer Graphics Applications, HTML Programming, Advocacy, Board Governance.

Employment Experience

Library Advocate and Activist (Independent, Volunteer) **1999-Present**
Details at:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/JSSBennett/>
Facebook: <https://facebook.com/jim.bennett.102361>
LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jimbennettottawa>

Educator - Ottawa Board of Education **1965-1998**
Taught courses in reading, English as a second language, literature, English grammar, conventions and styles in Junior High Schools to students (regular and special) in English Program as well as other subjects.

Career Skills and Knowledge Endorsements in:

Library Advocacy, Library Management, Library Science, Information Management, Competitive Intelligence, Curriculum Implementation, Community Outreach, Board Governance, Editing/Writing, Computer Applications, New Market Development, Counselor, Corrective Action Planning, Facilitator Leadership Skills, Research, Public Relations, Curriculum Design, Collective Bargaining, Policy Development.

Professional Activities

Canadian Library Association (CLA) – Member: **2014-Present**
CLA Executive Councillor-at-Large: (February-June) 2015
CLA Chair of Member Communications Standing Committee: 2014-2015
CLA Member of CLA Young Canada Works Selection Committee: 2014-2015
CLA Member of CLA School Libraries Advisory Committee: 2014

Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) – Director: **2008-2013**
FOPL Past President: 2013
FOPL President: 2010-2012
FOPL Vice-President: 2009
FOPL Co-Chair of Advocacy Task Force: 2009
FOPL Member of Marketing Task Force: 2008-2009

Ottawa Public Library Board (OPL) – “Citizen” Trustee: **2007-2014**
OPL Member of Governance Ad-Hoc Committee: 2013-2014
OPL Member of Strategic Planning Ad-Hoc Committee: 2013-2014
OPL Vice-Chair: 2010-2012
OPL Chair of Performance Measurement Committee: 2009-2010



OPL Member of Budget and Finance Committee: 2009-2010

OPL Member of Governance and Audit Committee: 2007-2008

OPL Member Facilities and Planning Committee: 2007-2008

Ottawa Health & Social Services Advisory Cmte. (HSSAC) – Member: 2006

HSSAC Member of Health & Services Delivery Models Subcommittee: 2006.

HSSAC Member of Early Childhood Development & Women’s Issues Subcommittee: 2006

City of Ottawa Public Advisory Committee – Member: 2006

Light Rail Transit Community Design Plan

Ottawa Municipal Election – Deputy Returning Officer: 2006

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) – Member: 2005-2008, 2015

Grant Peer Review Committees

CIHR Expert Member of Patient Engagement Peer Review Committee: 2015

CIHR Community Member of Neurosciences Peer Review Committee: 2007-2008

CIHR Community Member of Pharmacology and Toxicology Peer Review Cmte: 2006

CIHR Community Member Pharmaceutical Sciences Peer Review Committee: 2005

Retired Teachers of Ontario – Member: 2004-Present

Ottawa Public Education Retirees Association – Member: 1998-Present

Ontario College of Teachers – Member: 1997-2002

Glashan Public School (OBE) – Staff Member: 1976-1998

Educational Liaison to Parent Advisory Council: 1990-1998

Chair of Promotion, Awards, and Public Relations Committees 1990-1998

Ottawa Elementary Teachers Council (OETC) – Member: 1974-1976

OETC Chair of Economic Policy Committee: 1974-1976

OETC Chair of Professional Development Budget Committee: 1974

Ontario Public School Teachers Federation (OPSTF) – Member: 1965-1998

OPSTF Ottawa Chief Negotiator and Collective Bargaining Consultant: 1973-1976

OPSTF Ottawa Honorary District Life Membership: 1998

Current Memberships

Canadian Library Association (CLA)

Manitoba Library Association

British Columbia Library Association

Library Association of Alberta

Library Association of National Capital Region

Atlantic Provinces Library Association

Special Libraries Association

Quebec Library Association

Saskatchewan Library Association

Canadian Association of Professional Academic Librarians

Librarians without Borders

Ontario Library Association

Pacific Northwest Library Association



Candidate for CLA COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE

CHRISTINA HWANG



Candidate Statement

This is a pivotal time for CLA as there is a potential transformational opportunity for our national association to be revitalized and strategic. As we explore a more focused and reinvented CLA, it is critical that members are engaged and represented in its re-creation. Having served on several CLA Committees, I have had the privilege of working with library and information professionals from various sectors and geographic locations across Canada, including association representatives of OLA, CULC, and CARL. Co-Chairing three CLA conferences and involved in two others, I have had opportunities to connect with the CLA membership and integrate members' feedback to improve and innovate conference formats for subsequent years. As Councillor-at-Large, it would be an honour and privilege to liaise with the membership and contribute to the next rendition of our national association.

Biography

Education

Honors Bachelor of Arts with Distinction

University of Toronto, Trinity College

2001 – 2006

Master of Information

Faculty of Information, University of Toronto

2006 – 2008

Employment Experience

Instruction Librarian, Biological Sciences & Renewable Resources Liaison

Cameron Library, University of Alberta Libraries (UAL)

2009 – Present



Reference, Research, Instruction, and Special Projects Librarian
University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) Library

2008 - 2009

Professional Activities

Member, CLA Ad-Hoc Conference Review Task Force (Spring-Fall)	2013 - 2013
Co-Chair, CLA Conference Program Committee	2011 - 2014
Committee Member, CLA Conference Program Committee	2010 - 2011
Chair, NEOS Library Consortium Mobile Services Task Force (Jan-May)	2011
Past-President, Greater Edmonton Library Association (GELA)	2012 - 2013
President, Greater Edmonton Library Association (GELA)	2011 - 2012
Vice President, Greater Edmonton Library Association (GELA)	2010 - 2011
Co-Chair, CLA New Librarians and Information Professionals Group (NLIPG)	2010 - 2011
Executive Director, Faculty of Information Alumni Association (FIAA)	2008 - 2013
Executive Member, CLA CACUL Re:Generations	2008 - 2011

Current Memberships

Canadian Library Association
American Library Association
Library Association of Alberta



Candidate for CLA COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE

COLLEEN MURPHY



Candidate Statement

I have been a librarian for some 30+ years. Recognizing the important role associations play for the profession, I have been actively involved in their work throughout my career. Just as the library world has seen considerable change over this time period and has needed to evolve in order to remain relevant, library associations also need to challenge the status quo. I am encouraged by CLA's recent efforts to address the changing times and I believe it will ultimately be successful in "building a generally inclusive and sustainable model that ensures the library community can continue to educate the broader public on national issues and advocate for these issues and interests as the federal level." I would be honoured to be given the opportunity to work with the other stakeholders on rebuilding a national association that meets the needs of our times.

Biography

Education

MA, Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians	2011
Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA	
Master of Library Science, Graduate School of Library Science	1984
McGill University, Montreal	
License d'anglais, Universite de Saint-Etienne, UER. Lettres et Sciences Humaines	1982
42023 Saint-Etienne, France	

Employment Experience

Associate University Librarian, Academic Liaison and User Services	2011- Present
Dr. John Archer Library, University of Regina	



Head, access Services	2009-2014
Dr. John Archer Library	
Technical Services Librarian	2004-2009
Dr. John Archer Library	
Communications Librarian	2003-2004
Dr. John Archer Library	
Head, Collections Services	2001-2003
Dr. John Archer Library	
French and French Education Reference and Instructional Services/ Collections Librarian	1996-2001
Education/Fine Arts Library, University of Regina	
Fine Arts and Humanities Collections Librarian	1992-1996
Main Library, University of Regina	
Fine Arts and Humanities Reference and Instructional Service/Collections Librarian	1985-1992
University of Regina Library	
Cataloguer	1985-1984
St. Peter's College and Centre for the Study of Co-op	
Reference Librarian	1985-1984
Information Services Department, Saskatoon Public Library	
Reference Librarian	1982-1984
Government Documents Department, McGill University	
Library Assistant	1982-1984
Government Documents Department, McGill University	
Teaching Assistant for Professor Peter F. McNally	1982-1984
Graduate School of Library Science, McGill University	
Library Assistant	1982-1984
Westmount Public Library	
Professional Activities	
The Partnership: the Provincial and Territorial Library Associations of Canada	
Secretary: 2011-2014	
Education Institute Committee Chair: 2008-14	
Saskatchewan Library Association	
Representative to the Multi-type Library Board: 2015-2017	
Membership and Publications: 2013-2014	
Advocacy Committee. Co-Chair: 2013-2014	
Finance Committee, Member: 2013-2014	
Membership Committee, Chair: 2013-2014	
Frances Morrison Award Subcommittee, Chair: 2013-2014	
Resolutions Subcommittee, Chair: 2013-2014	



Nominating Committee, Chair: 2013-2014

Personnel Committee, Member: 2013-2014

Programming Committee, Member: 2013-2014

Creative Collaborations Network, Founding Member: 2014- Present

Director, Membership: 2011-2012

Mary Donaldson Trust Committee: 2008-2012

Conference Planning Committee. Chair 2010, Member: 2008-09, 2014

Past President: 2006-2008

President: 2005-2006

Vice-President: 2004-2005

College and University Libraries Section

Membership Committee: 1994

Annual Conference Planning Committee: 1994

Past President: 1992-1993

President: 1991-1992

Vice-President: 1990-1991

Editor of FORUM: 1989-1991

CLA Canadian Association of College and University Libraries

Chair of Nom Committee: 2002-2003

Director-Personal: 2000-2002

Current Memberships

Canadian Library Association

Saskatchewan Library Association

American Library Association

Association of College and Research Libraries



Candidate for CLA COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE

TODD GNISSIOS



Candidate Statement

I have been a member of CLA since 2005 and fully believe in the need for a strong national association that represents libraries in the national and international arenas. I also believe that CLA needs to change how it meets this mandate if it is to survive and more importantly thrive in moving the library agenda forward. My interest in being part of the Executive is to ensure that the next change in CLA is both sustainable and also meets the needs of the broadest cross-section of the library community. The reports I have read appear to be positive beginning and I see potential in having CLA work in the Provincial and other associations to represent Libraries nationally.

Biography

Education

Bachelor of General Studies (Humanities and Business)	2001
Simon Fraser University	
Masters of Information Studies	2007
University of British Columbia	



Employment Experience

Director Coquitlam Public Library	2013-Present
Director and Chief Executive Officer Lethbridge Public Library	2009-2012
Associate Director: Branches and Outreach Services Lethbridge Public Library	2007-2009
Various Positions Vancouver Public Library	1983-2007

Professional Activities

CLA Communications Sub-Committee	2011-2013
Treasurer, the Alberta Library Board of Directors	2012

Current Memberships

Canadian Library Association
BC Library Association
American Library Association
Public Library Association
Institute of Corporate Directors



Candidate for CLA COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE

DIANNE OBERG



Candidate Statement:

I will bring the school library voice to the CLA table, based on knowledge gained through 30 years of service to school libraries and to the library profession as a whole. CLA is at a critical point in its history as an organization, and my experience in CLA and other library associations has prepared me to contribute effectively to the efforts to re-imagine the role of CLA in the intellectual and cultural life of the country.

Although CLA has struggled at times to include in its work the voices of librarians working in schools, the well-received standards project, *Leading Learning: Standards of Practice for School Library Learning Commons in Canada*, demonstrates that CLA has the capacity for innovation and change in relation to its school library community. Serving as Councillor-at-Large will continue my service to the profession as a librarian, educator of librarians, and library association member at local, national and international levels.

Biography

Education

BEd (Secondary Social Studies)

University of Alberta

Diploma in Education (School Libraries)

University of Alberta

MLS

University of Alberta

PhD (Library and Information Studies)

University of Alberta



Employment Experience

Professor Emerita

University of Alberta

Professor and Chair, Dept. of Elementary Education

University of Alberta

Associate Professor, School of Library and Information Studies

University of Alberta

Teacher-Librarian

Edmonton Public Schools

Classroom Teacher

Edmonton Public Schools and Forestburg Consolidated School District

Professional Activities

Regional Director for Canada, IASL (International Association for School Librarianship)	Present
Chair, IASL Publications Advisory Committee	Present
Secretary, IFLA School Libraries Standing Committee	Present
Chair, Joint Committee of IASL/IFLA School Libraries	2010 - 2015
Co-editor of two IFLA/DeGruyter books	2011, 2015
Member, IFLA School Libraries Standing Committee	2007 - 2011
	1998 - 2002
Journal Editor, <i>School Libraries Worldwide</i>	1995 - 2010
Pres. & Executive Council, Canadian School Library Association	1986 - 1990
Pres. & Executive Council, Learning Resources Council of Alberta Teachers Association	1980 - 1986

Current Memberships

Canadian Library Association

CLA Voices for School Libraries Network

Alberta School Library Council

International Association of School Librarianship