



Canadian Library Association



Annual Report
2006-2007

OUR MISSION

CLA is my advocate and public voice, educator and network. We build the Canadian library and information community and advance its information professionals.

OUR VALUES

We believe that libraries and the principles of intellectual freedom and free universal access to information are key components of an open and democratic society.

Informed and knowledgeable membership is central in achieving library and information policy goals.

Effective advocacy is based on understanding the social, cultural, political and historical contexts in which libraries and information services function.

OUR OPERATING PRINCIPLES

A large and active membership is crucial to our success.

Our association will have a governance structure that is reviewed regularly and ensures that all sectors of the membership are represented.

Our association places a high value on each of our members.

Libraries Build Communities *Report of the President*

As my whirlwind year as President of the Canadian Library Association draws to a close, I wish to thank the membership for bestowing on me the honour and the responsibility of representing the Canadian library community within and beyond our borders.

In my capacity as CLA President I spent a great deal of time on the road and in the air, traveling widely to connect with library colleagues and trustees and to raise the profile of our Association throughout Canada, the United States and even internationally.

This exchange afforded me the opportunity to provide details about my presidential theme: **Retain – Recruit – Restructure: Regenerating the Library Community**, and to listen and learn about issues and trends affecting the overall library community.

Being able to visit library schools across Canada was a major highlight of my tenure. I spoke to library science and library technician students about the value of membership in CLA and about current trends in the library profession. I was able to tell the students that they have every reason to feel optimistic about their futures in their chosen field. With more librarians and library technicians in the workforce either approaching or at retirement age, never has there been a better time to enter this profession. The future is particularly bright for those graduates who aspire to library management and leadership positions.

Some of the other initiatives I am most pleased about include the new design for our Web site, which is currently in progress. Consultation with the library community about what they would like to see in a revamped Association Web site will be an important part of ensuring a relevant and dynamic communication tool for the membership.

Solidifying our relationship with the provincial library associations was enhanced with our new involvement as a content provider in The Partnership's Education Institute. The Partnership is a national network of provincial and territorial library associations, and CLA looks forward to its participation in helping to offer educational opportunities for library workers and trustees.

Work has also begun on developing a national summit on human resources, based on the work of the 8Rs Research Team. Plans are well underway and we anticipate that the summit will take place in January 2008, in conjunction with OLA's Super Conference.

Sincere thanks go to my Board of Trustees at the Edmonton Public Library for supporting me in my role as CLA President, and also the Executive Team and staff at EPL. I owe them a debt of gratitude for allowing me the comfort level of knowing that the Library was in good hands while I was away on CLA business. I deeply appreciate their hard work and dedication during the past year and beyond.

It was wonderful to be able to work with a dedicated Executive Council which always had the best interests of the membership at heart. I also wish to acknowledge the efforts of the CLA administrative staff, a fine bunch who keep the wheels turning in the day-to-day operations of the Association.

The Canadian Library Association is well-positioned to build for the future and I look forward to continuing to work towards the betterment of our Association with incoming President Alvin Schrader and Vice-President/President Elect Ken Roberts.



Linda C. Cook
President

Activities Report

June 2006 ~ June 2007

One of the arts of operational management is balance: between stability and advancement; between preserving the past and letting it go; between the tried-and-true, and beta-testing and innovation.

CLA's operational departments came down on different trays of the balance scales this year. Planning and implementation of conference 2007 has been relatively stable, and not just in comparison to the creativity of 2006. The peak of instability in the membership department was also reached in the previous year when a new program was initiated; activity on that project, and thus in that department, gradually tapered down into steady state this year.

Yet in advocacy and external relations, the situation was far from calm. CLA undertook and delivered on two major activities while continuing to monitor and be involved in ongoing issues. In both communications and in serving the professional community, it was a mix: two new projects were initiated that will not bear fruit until 2007-2008; and two long-standing innovations were wrapped up after intense final pushes.

In 2004, CLA members defined the thrusts of their association to be, in priority, advocacy and continuing professional development. CLA's Executive Council defined four strategic initiatives, again in priority, and CLA's operational activities are designed to move on these fronts.

Advocacy and External Relations

CLA undertook two major activities to represent the voice and view of library users and librarians in 2006-2007.

At the 2006 Annual General Meeting, the membership voted to oppose the "Captain Copyright" initiative of Access Copyright (see Resolution 2006-4). Supported by the Copyright Working Group, CLA President Linda Cook led communication with Access Copyright, expressing the library community's concerns with Captain Copyright. Ultimately, Access Copyright closed the Captain Copyright Web site.

Building on an earlier relationship established by Ottawa Public Library, CLA worked with the Canadian Space Agency to create essay contests to promote reading among children by getting them to imagine a visit in space with Canadian astronaut Steve MacLean. This culminated in an event at which Dr. MacLean and the rest of the space shuttle Atlantis crew presented contest winners with their prizes. The event attracted MP Colin Carrie, parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Industry, and a representative of the United States government as well as senior officials from the Space Agency; and won an international award for community relations.

Advocacy work continued on files such as copyright, access to information for the print-disabled, and library services for aboriginal populations. For example, on copyright, CLA met with Minister of Canadian Heritage Bev Oda, her parliamentary secretary, the chairs of the Industry and Heritage committees, and senior government officials to press the case for users rights. Meetings on access to information for the print-disabled involved MPs, an advisor in the Prime Minister's Office, and senior officials in the department of Canadian Heritage. CLA has met with MPs from all three parties within the past year to discuss library services for aboriginal populations.

CLA is partnering with *Association pour la science et les techniques de la documentation* (ASTED) to create a new foundation for supporting international librarianship through participation in International Federation of Library Associations' conferences.

Future human resources in the library community continues to be of interest to members. CLA published the Cultural Human Resources Council's *Training Gaps Analysis - Librarians and Library Technicians* as a companion report to the 8Rs Team's groundbreaking work *The Future of Human Resources in Canadian Libraries*. The CLA President's Council on the 8Rs is wrapping up its work by encouraging the creation of National Summit on Library Human Resources, scheduled for Toronto in January 2008.

Continuing Professional Development

CLA's 2006 Conference was both an educational and financial success despite the unprecedented challenge of relocation because of a labour dispute at the original venue. Due to extraordinary efforts by CLA staff and flexibility by exhibitors and delegates, CLA was able to hold true to the values of the library community and still create a positive learning and marketing experience for participants.

For 2007, CLA is partnering with the Atlantic Provinces Library Association and the Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association. There is significant excitement as CLA returns to St. John's for the first time since 1969.

As a preconference session to the 2006 Conference, CLA's Action for Literary Interest Group spearheaded a highly successful second National Summit on Libraries and Literacy. The Summit was able to bring together adult learners, literacy workers and librarians to review developments since the first Summit and to build networks for future collaborations. Its reports are available on CLA's Web site.

CLA's flagship magazine *Feliciter* continued to provide top-quality professional articles for information-sharing. The blend of articles on specific themes (e.g. outreach, school libraries) combined with overarching topics (technology, risk management) and practice-setting specific stories (small libraries, special libraries) has proven to be both educational and entertaining.

Access to books on librarianship and library services published by the American Library Association was streamlined in early 2007 through the introduction of on-line ordering.

CLA has accepted an invitation from The Partnership to contribute programming to its Education Institute, and will be working with CLA units like divisions, interest groups and committees to identify and fill professional development needs.

Member Services

In 2005-2006, CLA undertook a partnership with Canada Post and ASTED to revamp the operational aspects of the Library Book Rate (LBR). Prior to this project, Canada Post had no database of libraries eligible for the Rate, and no precise usage figures. Part of CLA's role was to create the database and (using Canada Post regulations) approve the libraries eligible to access the LBR. In 2006-2007, more than 2,000 applications later, the LBR database exists; all shipments using the Rate are done by electronic shipping tools including a barcode; and usage data is being gathered. The goal is to demonstrate the LBR's importance to public, academic, school and special libraries to public policy makers. The Rate itself has been extended to January 2008.

CLA continues to participate in the Young Canada Works program, and in 2006 created over 120 summer jobs and four internships in Canadian libraries.

Members had requested that CLA investigate and implement electronic voting in CLA elections. A pilot project in April 2006 led to full-scale implementation for 2007. The voting system also encourages awareness of the other membership features available in the members-only section of the CLA Web site.

CLA continues to wait for the federal government to invest its promised \$1 million per year for three years to test the proposed National Network for equitable library service for the print-disabled; however, in preparation for that day, CLA formed an Interest Group on Library Services to Individuals with Print Disabilities.

Communications

CLA's Web site has served the association well, but needs some serious attention. Following an analysis by members of the Member Communications Advisory Committee in early 2006, CLA's Executive Council charged staff with investigating options for renewing CLA's web presence. After work to define CLA's needs and a call for proposals over the fall, Executive Council authorized a budget expenditure in February 2007 to fund a Web site rebuild. Subsequently, software has been purchased; an advisory task force of members has met; and staff have been assigned to create a new Web site.

CLA's electronic newsletter *CLA Digest* began as a plain-text e-mail with links to expanded articles on the Web site, with the plan to upgrade it at some point. The new-look *Digest* debuted in April 2007 with a sharper image and expanded functionality.

Internal Operations

Governance

CLA started the 2006-2007 year with a seven of the 11 members of Executive Council being new to Council, resulting in both fresh energy and a significant learning curve for the new team. Again this year, Executive Council was confronted with an issue that involved core principles of librarianship, and used those principles to chart an effective course. Members can be proud of their leaders' principle-based approach.

Finances

Through one-time revenue resulting from the sale of an asset, a conference that generated more revenue than planned, and a tight rein on expenses, the planned operational deficit of \$54,000 was turned into a surplus of \$116,000. This has allowed CLA's unrestricted reserves to grow from about 15 percent of annual revenue in 2002 to about 22 percent in 2006. While this is still below a safe minimum of 25 percent, it does allow CLA to make strategic investments in projects like the Web site rebuild. The complete Audited Statements are included in this Annual Report.

Staff

CLA was well-served again this past year by staff who are dedicated to serving members and the library and information community. They demonstrate their passion for librarians, trustees and Master and library technician students, and suppliers to the library community by going the extra mile again and again: "not in my job description" does not seem to be in their vocabulary. I am honoured to work with them to serve Executive Council and all the members of the Canadian Library Association.



Don Butcher
Executive Director

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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2006

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members,

CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

We have audited the Statement Of Financial Position of the Canadian Library Association as at December 31, 2006 and the Statements Of Changes In Net Assets, Operations and Cash Flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at December 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Parker Prins Seel Chartered Accountants Professional Corporation
Authorized to practice public accounting by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario

Ottawa, Ontario
February 16, 2007

| CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION | | |
| AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2006 | | |
| | 2006 | 2005 |
| ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| Cash | \$ 340,054 | \$ 237,615 |
| Short term investments | 55,000 | 55,000 |
| Accounts receivable | 134,967 | 68,248 |
| Inventories | 27,722 | 26,124 |
| Prepaid expenses | 98,484 | 148,130 |
| | <u>656,227</u> | <u>535,117</u> |
| INVESTMENTS | 547,779 | 528,746 |
| CAPITAL (note 3) | 48,393 | 43,498 |
| OTHER (note 4) | - | 50 |
| | <u>\$ 1,252,399</u> | <u>\$ 1,107,411</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 5) | \$ 276,317 | \$ 292,447 |
| DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS | <u>218,213</u> | <u>177,967</u> |
| | <u>494,530</u> | <u>470,414</u> |
| NET ASSETS | 505,830 | 497,533 |
| Mary Elizabeth Allan Operating Fund | 302,024 | 310,767 |
| Special Purpose Funds (note 7) | <u>(49,985)</u> | <u>(171,303)</u> |
| Unrestricted | <u>757,869</u> | <u>636,997</u> |
| | <u>\$ 1,252,399</u> | <u>\$ 1,107,411</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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| CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS | | |
| AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2006 | | |
| | 2006 | 2005 |
| NET ASSETS RESTRICTED TO MARY ELIZABETH ALLAN OPERATING FUND | | |
| Balance, beginning of year | \$ 497,533 | \$ 470,603 |
| Gain on investments | 8,297 | 26,930 |
| Balance, end of year | <u>\$ 505,830</u> | <u>\$ 497,533</u> |
| NET ASSETS RESTRICTED TO SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS | | |
| Balance, beginning of year | \$ 310,767 | \$ 270,348 |
| Transfer (to) from unrestricted net assets | <u>(8,743)</u> | <u>40,419</u> |
| Balance, end of year | <u>\$ 302,024</u> | <u>\$ 310,767</u> |
| UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS | | |
| Balance, beginning of year | \$ (171,303) | \$ (209,282) |
| Excess of revenue over expenses for the year | 116,437 | 78,398 |
| Transfer from (to) net assets restricted to Special Purpose Funds | <u>4,881</u> | <u>(40,419)</u> |
| Balance, end of year | <u>\$ (49,985)</u> | <u>\$ (171,303)</u> |

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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

| | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| Membership services | \$ 453,371 | \$ 451,245 |
| Conference and exhibits | 723,508 | 633,094 |
| Book sales | 166,544 | 186,383 |
| Felciter and website | 122,340 | 116,266 |
| Investments and miscellaneous | 22,900 | 18,180 |
| Executive | 8,900 | 7,402 |
| Projects | 534,082 | 452,006 |
| Continuing education | 1,943 | 20,485 |
| Special purpose funds and projects (note 7) | <u>23,971</u> | <u>67,150</u> |
| | <u>2,057,559</u> | <u>1,952,211</u> |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Member services | 140,838 | 120,635 |
| Conferences and exhibits | 387,581 | 329,917 |
| Book sales | 135,593 | 113,277 |
| Felciter and website | 117,652 | 117,712 |
| Finance | 97,942 | 144,657 |
| Executive | 584,152 | 544,659 |
| Projects | 496,496 | 452,457 |
| Continuing education | 1,336 | 60,640 |
| Recovery of administrative costs | <u>(49,325)</u> | <u>(36,872)</u> |
| Special purpose funds and projects (note 7) | <u>28,857</u> | <u>26,731</u> |
| | <u>1,941,122</u> | <u>1,873,813</u> |
| EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR | <u>\$ 116,437</u> | <u>\$ 78,398</u> |

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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

| | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Excess of revenue over expenses for the year | \$ 116,437 | \$ 78,398 |
| Items not requiring an outlay of cash: | | |
| Amortization | 12,414 | 18,878 |
| Net change to non-cash items related to operations: | | |
| Accounts receivable | (66,719) | 81,229 |
| Inventory | (1,598) | 15,254 |
| Prepaid expenses | 49,646 | (44,572) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (16,130) | (6,346) |
| Deferred contributions | <u>40,246</u> | <u>(10,080)</u> |
| | <u>134,296</u> | <u>132,761</u> |
| CASH FLOWS USED FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Increase in investments | (14,598) | (11,744) |
| Acquisition of capital assets | <u>(17,259)</u> | <u>(9,179)</u> |
| | <u>(31,857)</u> | <u>(20,923)</u> |
| NET INCREASE IN CASH POSITION | 102,439 | 111,838 |
| CASH POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR | <u>237,615</u> | <u>125,777</u> |
| CASH POSITION, END OF YEAR | <u>\$ 340,054</u> | <u>\$ 237,615</u> |

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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2006

1. THE ORGANIZATION

PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Canadian Library Association's mission is to promote, develop and support library and information services in Canada, and the people who provide those services, by being a national advocate, public voice, educator and network for the Canadian library and information community. The Association is incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act as a not-for-profit organization and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act.

PURPOSE OF THE FUND

The Mary Elizabeth Allan Operating Fund represents a donation received in 1973 from the Estate of Mary Elizabeth Allan. This donation was bequeathed by Mrs. Allan to ensure the continuous work of the Canadian Library Association.

THE SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS have been established by groups of members, divisions and others for specific projects and purposes.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

INVENTORY

Inventory is valued at the lower of average cost and net realizable value.

INVESTMENTS

Investments in mutual equities and bonds funds are recorded at market value.

AMORTIZATION

Amortization of capital assets, other than leasehold improvements, is calculated using the declining balance method. Amortization of leasehold improvements is calculated using the straight-line method. Amortization of other assets is calculated using the straight-line method. The rates are as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Office furniture and equipment | 20% |
| Computer hardware | 30% |
| Computer software | 20-100% |
| Leasehold improvements | 5 years |
| Reorganization | 5 years |

Amortization of additions to capital assets is calculated at 50% of the rates reflected above in the year of acquisition.

REVENUE RECOGNITION

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
DECEMBER 31, 2006

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

| | COST | ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION | NET BOOK VALUE 2006 | NET BOOK VALUE 2005 |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Office equipment | \$ 48,655 | \$ 30,485 | \$ 18,170 | \$ 21,347 |
| Computer hardware | 50,322 | 36,264 | 14,058 | 14,570 |
| Computer software | 25,766 | 10,195 | 15,571 | 6,520 |
| Microfilm collection | - | - | - | 1 |
| Leascholds | 50,375 | 49,781 | 594 | 1,060 |
| | <u>\$ 175,118</u> | <u>\$ 126,725</u> | <u>\$ 48,393</u> | <u>\$ 43,498</u> |

Amortization expense of capital assets for 2006 is \$12,364 (2005 - \$17,136). During the year the Microfilm collection was sold for \$50,000.

4. OTHER ASSETS

| | COST | ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION | NET BOOK VALUE 2006 | NET BOOK VALUE 2005 |
|------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Relocation | \$ 16,951 | \$ 16,951 | \$ - | \$ 50 |

Amortization expense of other assets for 2006 is \$50 (2005 - \$1,742).

5. FUNDS HELD IN TRUST

The Canadian Library Association is a custodian of funds allocated to various Divisions and Interest Groups. These funds amount to \$115,542 as at December 31, 2006 (2005 - \$116,207) and are included in the accounts payable.

6. COMMITMENTS

The Association is committed to the leases of office facilities and equipment over the next four years as follows:

| | |
|------|-----------|
| 2007 | \$ 81,307 |
| 2008 | \$ 74,034 |
| 2009 | \$ 61,877 |
| 2010 | \$ 28,600 |

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CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
 DECEMBER 31, 2006

7. SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS AND PROJECTS

| | BALANCE OPENING | REVENUES | EXPENSES | TRANSFER TO UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS | BALANCE ENDING |
|---|--------------------|-----------|-----------|---|-------------------|
| Book Award Fund | \$ 45,838 | \$ 8,084 | \$ 5,927 | - | \$ 47,995 |
| Intellectual Freedom Fund Research And Education Fund | 54,124 | 1,596 | 166 | - | 55,554 |
| Scholarship Bursary Funds Echo Program Fund | 33,172 | 855 | 1,000 | - | 33,027 |
| Northern Exposure To Leadership Fund | 81,237 | 8,596 | 4,500 | - | 85,333 |
| Library Advocacy Now Fund | 3,652 | - | - | 3,652 | - |
| Strategic Direction Advocacy Award | 3,749 | 226 | - | - | 3,975 |
| Chancellor Award | 4,717 | 3,717 | 3,670 | - | 4,764 |
| Angela Thacker Fund | 205 | - | - | 205 | - |
| Disaster Relief | 30,844 | 596 | 1,017 | - | 30,423 |
| Hurricane Relief | 6,711 | 124 | 500 | - | 6,335 |
| SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS | 8,199 | 177 | 806 | - | 7,570 |
| Information Rights Week Book Rate PROJECTS | 25,802 | - | 11,000 | - | 14,802 |
| | 1,915 | - | 200 | - | 1,715 |
| | 300,165 | 23,971 | 28,786 | 3,857 | 291,493 |
| | 5,095 | - | - | - | 5,095 |
| | 5,507 | - | 71 | - | 5,436 |
| | 10,602 | - | 71 | - | 10,531 |
| | \$ 310,767 | \$ 23,971 | \$ 28,857 | \$ 3,857 | \$ 302,024 |

Division Reports

June 2006 ~ June 2007

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Submitted by Sandra Hughes, President

CASL and CLA

As one of the Divisions, CASL works within the broader CLA structure while retaining its autonomy.

A CASL Strategic plan and annual budget were developed with the CASL executive and shared with the CLA Executive Council. A CASL Strategic Action plan was developed with the CASL executive and used to implement the Strategic Plan.

CASL submitted to CLA:

1. Call for More Research on School Libraries
 - a. Presentation at CLA Annual Conference June 2006 -
Challenges and Achievements: School Libraries in Canada
This presentation looked at what the *Canadian School Libraries and Teacher-Librarians: Results from the 2003/04 Information and Communications Technologies in Schools Survey* means to Canadian school libraries. It explored the challenges and the achievements this report reveals and their implications. It challenged the participants to help pursue further research into school libraries in Canada.
 - b. Presentation to CLA Executive Council September 2006 emphasizing the need for further research into school libraries and requesting CLA support for this. Support in principal was given to pursue further research and bring a research proposal to Council for financial support.
 - c. I submitted to CLA Executive Committee my concern regarding the 8Rs research being inadequate in regards to school librarians and requested in the minutes of the February 2007 Executive meeting that any further 8Rs research include School Libraries in a more thorough fashion.
2. Fall issue of *Felicitier* entitled *School Libraries* Vol.52 No.5 (2006): guest edited by Marlene Turkington and Sandra Hughes.
3. Membership Recruitment and Retention Plan - Feb.-Dec. 2007

CASL EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

The term of office of the CASL President was reviewed, and the decision was taken to propose to the membership amendments to the constitution and by-laws to enable a two-year term of office in line with the two-year terms common to the other CLA Division Presidents. The total time commitment for the individual accepting this responsibility was kept to four years by creating a rotation of the President-Elect and Past-President positions. This then created a situation where our executive council would have one less member. We decided to change the by-laws to increase the number of councillors to three to enable us to maintain a council of six members. The process for amending the constitution and by-laws was followed with the support of the CLA Executive Director and legal advice from CLA Parliamentarian Jim Lochrie. The changes will be taken to the CASL AGM in May 2007.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Publications Editorial Board – The Board presented its recommendations to CASL in June 2006, when the chair was passed from Gloria Hersak to Marlene Turkington. In January 2007 the chair passed to Sandra Hughes. A teleconference was held March 2007 and a face-to-face meeting is planned for St. John's in May 2007.
2. Achieving Information Literacy (AIL) - The revision process has been initiated. French translation possibilities have been identified. Funding is still a concern.
3. Copyright monograph - John Tooth has agreed to form a committee to begin work September 2007.
4. The CASL website has been re-created with a fresh new look by Richard Beaudry on the CLA server as a temporary vehicle to keep our communications open until the new CLA site is created. CASL is involved in the development of the CLA cite through the participation of Richard Beaudry in CLA's task force.
5. SLIC, our online journal, has been transferred to the CLA server by Richard Beaudry with ongoing communication with Judy Green and the CLA office to resolve problems as they arise.
6. SLIP/PIBS our school library information portal continues to be updated on a frequent basis. Information on how to access School District School Library related documents will be linked to so that even if they are not available in full text online researchers will be aware of their existence and how to access them.
7. CASL President's Update has been initiated as a regular feature for IMPACT as well as SLIC.

NETWORKING AND LOBBYING

1. **CASL-PAC** – The Provincial Advisory Council is a critical part of CASL. It acts as a communication link between all of its members including the CASL Executive and the presidents or designates of the provincial and territorial school library associations. It also provides a framework for joint efforts on issues relevant to both national and provincial levels. This year CASL-PAC has had 4 teleconferences and will have a meeting in St. John's. Changes: action plan – Role of Teacher-Librarian, Advocacy; Traditional CASL-PAC Breakfast changed to full morning meeting Friday May 25, with a 45-minute discussion session with school library leaders at the end of the morning.
2. **CCSL** – Discussions were held with the Canadian Coalition for School Libraries at Word on the Street Sept.2006, and at the OLA Superconference Feb. 2007. A Parent Survey designed by Helaine Becker of the Ontario Coalition for School Libraries and based on AIL was offered to CASL for adaptation to all of Canada. This survey is meant to be used by parents and community members who are interested in how their school library is doing according to the standards. Sandra Hughes developed this Canadian version and it is to be mounted on the CASL website as an Advocacy item for downloading.
3. **CAP** – Discussion with Ted Whiteland, President of Canadian Association of Principals, in February 2007 explored common areas of interest, particularly school library research and copyright. A CASL presentation to CAP Executive by Richard Beaudry April 10, 2007 in Vancouver was facilitated.
4. **National Librarian and Archivist** – Correspondence with Ian Wilson resulted in an up to date quote in support of school libraries for publication on CASL websites, in our newsletter and brochures and a clearer understanding of NSLD.
5. **Media Awareness Network** and the **Canadian Council of Ministers of Education** were approached regarding the need for more school library research.
6. A meeting was held with **Education Institute (The Partnership)** representative Liz Kerr.
7. **TALCO** (The Association of Library Coordinators of Ontario) meetings held every other month at the OLA office were attended. Greetings and CASL updates were given at each meeting.

PUBLIC IMAGE AND ADVOCACY

National School Library Day

National School Library Day and Canada Library Month were assigned to Councillor Mary Louise Mills. CASL member Ann O'Keefe and Mary Louise were on the CLA committee preparing for Canada Library Month 2007. To facilitate their work contacts were made with Ministers of Education across the country regarding support for the day.

OLA Superconference

The CLA booth at the Trade Show was staffed by CASL Executive members for the majority of the show. Many contacts were made and information shared in promotion of CASL.

Advocates for Canada's Children

The Canadian Association for School Libraries (CASL) is striving to ensure that all of the children in Canada have an opportunity to have school libraries, with appropriate resources and staffing to help them become life long learners.

Visit our poster session at the CLA Annual Conference to learn more about CASL, meet members of the executive, and discuss with them the needs of the school libraries in your province and Board. *Achieving Information Literacy: Standards for School Library Programs*, a nationally recognized and internationally acclaimed document, will be on display. Information on other CASL initiatives such as SLiP/PiBS (School Library Information Portal/Le Portail d'Information sur les Bibliothèques Scolaires), SLIC (School Libraries in Canada- online journal), National School Library Day and research on school libraries will be available. If you are interested in getting more involved in helping CASL support the work school libraries are doing for children's literacy and learning let us know at the poster session or contact CASL through our website at <http://www.cla.ca/casl/index.html>.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

As CASL president, I extend my thanks and appreciation to our members who have served on the 2006/7 Executive Council and in the capacity of

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Past President Marlene Turkington; President-elect Richard Beaudry; Secretary-Treasurer Diana Gauthier; Councillor Marie-Louise Mills; Councillor Terri Lyons.

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I also thank Don Butcher for his advice and counsel and Jim Lochrie for his parliamentary advice.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Submitted by Janice Hayes, President

This has been good year for CACUL its sub-committees and taskforces. This Executive acknowledges that within the academic library community there is an expectation and a desire to conduct library-based research, and participate in professional development activities. During this past year, CACUL has strengthened its existing programs to support these needs.

CLA CONFERENCE 2007 ~ ST. JOHN'S, NFLD

Su Cleyle and Jan Guise, Memorial University are the CACUL conference conveners this year. Conference Sessions approved: Second Life: Virtual Reference Librarians with Wings (Donna Bourne-Tyson, Mt St Vincent and others)

Defining a core collection of science journals at a medium-sized university: an example of evidence-based practice (Louise White – MUN)

Restructuring our resources: development and administration of a regional research portal (Gillian Byrne – MUN)

Librarianship and the open access journal: state of the union (Jennifer Richard – Acadia)

The Spirit of Place – CTCL Program, (Keith Walker – Medicine Hat College)

Great Debate: Be it resolved...Print resources are a waste of money; exclusive use of online resources is warranted now

Peer Reviewed: Transforming the academic library: creating an organizational culture that fosters staff success (Lyn Currie; Carol Shepstone – U Saskatchewan)

Peer Reviewed: If it is negotiated, will it be used? An investigation into the use of sabbatical leave provisions by librarians (Leona Jacobs – Lethbridge)

As tradition has it the CACUL/CASLIS reception follows the AGM and will be a wonderful social event. We are so pleased that Micromedia ProQuest has agreed to sponsor the reception for the second year.

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE SESSIONS

In order to provide librarians with a venue in which to present peer-reviewed, library-based research, CLA Executive Council approved the inclusion of a minimum of two program sessions at each CLA annual conference that will be selected through a process of blind peer-review.

CACUL Director Institutional has worked with CLA to develop the peer reviewed guidelines and taken on the task of reviewing these programs on behalf of all CLA.

Program session proposals submitted to the peer-review process will be blind-reviewed by the CACUL Research Board, which also peer-reviews papers for CACUL's Occasional Papers series, and adjudicates research awards and grants. The Research Board consists of CACUL's Director – Institutional (chair) and two other CACUL members.

AWARDS

The CACUL awards program provides an opportunity for members to celebrate the accomplishments of their peers. Without generous sponsorship these awards would not be possible. Thanks to Blackwell's which sponsors the Miles Blackwell Award for Outstanding Academic Librarian, SirsiDynix which sponsors the CACUL Innovation Achievement Award, Bibliocentre which sponsors the CTCL Award for the Outstanding College Librarian, and Micromedia ProQuest which sponsor the CTCL Innovation Achievement Award.

CACUL offers several awards and grants to encourage conference attendance, research, and publishing. These include Workshop Grants, Conference Grants, Mid-Career Conference Grant, IFLA Grant (2008), and the 9 Student Membership Awards. In addition, the CACUL Research Board acknowledges contributions to research through its Occasional Papers Series, Research Support Grants, and the Robert Blackburn Award.

RE-GENERATION COMMITTEE

The Re-Generations Committee recently had a successful ambassador visit to the University of Toronto, Dalhousie, and McGill University. Students were very engaged, and very interested in how to get further involved in CLA. This led to much discussion among committee members about how to offer more opportunities for students and new professionals within both CACUL and CLA. Re-Generations Committee has been busy reaching out to younger professionals. The resume reviewing service has been so successful the committee is looking to expand its pool of resume reviewers.

Membership on this committee includes: Gillian Byrne (Chair), Donna Bourne-Tyson, Pascal Lupien, Stan Orlov, Andy Fowler, Heather Matheson, and Leeanne Romane. Contribute to the blog by applying to Gillian Byrne (gbyrne@mun.ca) for an account.

TELECONFERENCE SERIES

CACUL's 2006/07 Teleconference Series offers workshops of interest to Canadian Academic Librarians while allowing members to participate from their homes or offices. The Committee of Anna Stoute (chair), Beth Dunning, Annette Linton, Andy Fowler, and Joanne Naslund organized one teleconference this year. Presenters were Lyn Currie and Carol Shepstone who presented a one hour session on Assessing organizational culture: moving towards organizational change and renewal. The session focused on a method for assessing a library's organizational culture which provides a starting point for organizational change, renewal and improvement.

STANDARDS FOR LIBRARIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The taskforce members agree that the ACRL standards cannot be adopted as is to the Canadian context. The committee has been working on several initiatives and will update the CACUL Executive with their work plan, a conceptual statement regarding standards, and a list of current standards. The committee has also started to cultivate a network of contacts to assist in developing benchmarks. Committee members are Jennifer Soutter, Chair, Donna Bourne-Tyson, Isla Jordan, Patricia Moore, Brigitte Peter-Cherneff, Brent Roe, and, Laraine Tapak.

CACUL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

On behalf of the CACUL Executive CTCL organized an institutional membership drive. Letters were sent to 79 academic institutions outlining the benefits of belonging to CLA and CACUL. In addition, E-mail messages were sent to lapsed members many have now renewed their membership.

COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE LIBRARIES (CTCL) SECTION

Two issues of the *Communiqué*, the CTCL newsletter, were produced under the editorship of Susan Brayford, the CTCL Secretary/*Communiqué* Editor: a fall 2006 and a spring 2007 issue. The newsletter is circulated to members electronically through the CLA Web site and in print format.

Excellent nominations were received for both of the CTCL awards: the Outstanding College Librarian Award, sponsored by Bibliocentre and the Innovation Achievement Award, sponsored by Micromedia ProQuest. The recipients of the awards will be announced at the CTCL AGM and the Awards presented at the CACUL AGM.

LISA (Library & Information Science Abstracts)

CACUL has renewed access to Library and Information Science Abstracts (LISA). Access details can be found on the CACUL Web site. LISA is an expensive service for CACUL and we want to encourage its use.

ELECTIONS

CACUL had elections for three positions this year and we eagerly await the election results. Joan Dalton chaired the Nominations Committee this year. Thanks to all those members who agreed to let their name stand for election to the CACUL or to the CTCL Executive.

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU

Thank you to the volunteer members of the taskforces who work so hard delivering programs to academic librarians across Canada.

I have had the opportunity to work with some of this country's finest academic librarians and I wish to acknowledge four of our very best – Su Cleyle, President 2003-5, Nancy Black, Director-at-Large 2005-07, Jan Guise, Secretary-Treasurer 2005-07, and Susan Brayford, CTCL Secretary 2005-07, who are outgoing members of CACUL Executive and of CTCL.

They have contributed so much to this association and to academic librarianship and we all owe them our sincere gratitude.

Thank you.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SERVICES

Submitted by Ingrid Moasil, President

CASLIS uses the strategic plan developed some years ago to direct our activities.

Strategic Objectives:

1. CASLIS will develop an active, diverse membership

We actively pursue students to become part of CASLIS: the Calgary chapter has a student who is organizing production of the 2007 CASLIS Directory as part of her coursework; the Toronto chapter extended invitations to programs to students at no cost; CASLIS Executive met with students from library schools.

This year's Award for Special Librarianship in Canada was awarded to Christine Corston and will be presented to her at the AGM.

2. CASLIS will develop and provide services that are meaningful to its members

Three conference submissions were accepted - *Communicating What Makes Us "Special": Increasing Our Influence with Current & Potential Clients*; *Power Politics: Positioning for Survival*; *The Insider Report*. We have submitted much more sessions and we're hoping that next year more sessions with a "special" flavour will be offered to our members.

One pre-conference session had been planned - *Demonstrating our Value through Story-telling*. It was cancelled due to low registration. Micromedia ProQuest is again sponsoring the joint CASLIS/CACUL social.

Twenty one programs were held throughout the country at the chapter level.

Presentation of Maggie Weaver's "Making the Business Case", a program that was delivered in five locations, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Ottawa and Vancouver.

3. CASLIS will continue to develop, as a dynamic organization that is responsive to its members' needs

The Chapter Advisory committee had its first face-to-face meeting in Ottawa, June 2006.

Benefiting of the dedication and hard work of local members, the Calgary chapter restarted offering programs after a year's hiatus. We have developed three models of chapter financial governance in order to provide support to chapters. The National treasurer is thus handling some of the duties usually incumbent to chapter's treasurers.

4. CASLIS will ensure its membership is visible within the library, information management, and employer communities

Robyn Stockand, Registrar of the Toronto Chapter, participated at the ninth Northern Exposure to Leadership Institute (NELI). The Manitoba chapter is working with the MLA around the bi-annual conference.

The Ottawa chapter is organizing a fundraiser for Librarians Without Borders.

Several chapters developed programs in collaboration with other local professional organisations.

I was privileged to rely and benefit from the hard work, passion and dedication of many people. I would like to thank CLA staff, Chapters Executive, all the volunteers and speakers who made our programs possible, CASLIS coordinators Juanita Richardson, Rebecca Richardson Beausejour, Michel-Adrien Sheppard and Claudette Clouthier. Special thanks to my colleagues on the Executive: Ingrid Langhammer, Maggie Weaver, and Nancy MacKenzie.

Interest Group Reports

June 2006 ~ June 2007

The terms of reference and membership information on all Interest Groups is available on the CLA Web site, www.cla.ca.

ACTION FOR LITERACY

There have been various behind the scenes efforts conducted on behalf of the interest group:

Post- Literacy Summit

- the final report from the Summit was published and distributed to attendees and the federal government.
- AfLIG was represented at ALA Midwinter. ALA's Literacy Officer Dale Lipschultz was presented with a copy of the Literacy Summit report.
- participants have been clustered into email listservs for targeted communications on literacy.
- Press release was prepared for International Literacy Day.
- 'Reach a Reader' project received NLS funding. CLA is a partner in the project. The objective is to publish, distribute and market a series of 20 easy-to-read fiction and non-fiction books authored by well-known English-speaking Canadian authors. AfLIG members were surveyed to suggest authors for this project.
- AfLIG co-convenors met with ABC Canada in November 2006. Family Literacy Day, My Bee in a Box, ad placements in *Felicitur*: there are a variety of partnership opportunities for CLA and ABC Canada. ABC Canada was given a copy of the Literacy Summit report for inclusion in its quarterly periodical, *Literacy at Work*.
- CLA (via AfLIG) is a partner with The Centre for Literacy (Montreal) for the 2007 Summer Institute "Libraries and Literacy: Making it Work" June 27-29, 2007 This three-day session will look at the possibilities and challenges of library-literacy collaborations.
- AfLIG prepared a conference proposal but was not successful in getting a session placed at the CLA conference in Newfoundland.
- A resolution was made at the '06 conference, about pan-CLA Literacy body. CLA has sent an email surveying people on literacy activities as a first step for gathering information

Submitted by Thomas Quigley & Dawna Rowson, Co-convenors

ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Activities Completed

- Communications
 - Amanda Wakaruk continues to maintain the AGIIG listserv which is used for disseminating information amongst AGIIG members. Information includes:
 - Issues regarding government publications including preservation and access
 - Professional development opportunities such as conferences
 - Employment opportunities
 - Promoting new publications and resources
 - Community building, such as the annual Government Publications Dinner at the OLA Super Conference
 - Established, maintain and contribute to an AGIIG blog (<http://agiig.wordpress.com>) to further assist communication. Private AGIIG business is conducted through the listserv while general government publications information is posted to the blog.
 - Maintain an unofficial website at <http://www.yorku.ca/awakaruk/AGIIG/AGIIG.htm>
 - Drafted a welcome letter for new members.
 - Drafted information for a CLA brochure, including achievements, which is sent to new CLA members
 - Updated AGIIG information on CLA website

Activities Pending

- Preparing for the 2007 CLA conference in St. John's:
 - AGIIG members looked into possible government library tours.
 - Submitted four proposals for conference session (three with the support of CASLIS)
 - Preparing for annual AGIIG Business Meeting (May 25, 2007).
 - DSP staff have been invited to discuss issues of usage statistics and DSP items at the Business Meeting.
 - Implement new mentoring program for incoming convenors. New convenor acts as co-chair and become lead in second year.
 - Considering establishing a wiki for the IG
 - Projects
 - Steps are under way to digitize and share archived copies of AGIIG minutes and proceedings. Thanks to Fran Rose, Amanda Wakaruk, Myra Clowes, and June Dutka.

Submitted by Krista Godfrey, Convenor

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

With its terms of reference in mind, the Collection Development and Management Interest Group (CDMIG) has been involved in a number of interesting activities and projects in the last year.

Collections Pre-conferences

The collections pre-conference is an almost-annual event (it has been held every year since 2002, save for 2003) and has become the primary project for the CDMIG.

The 2006 pre-conference, entitled "Collections 2006: Collections, Communities, and the Future", was held on June 14, 2006 at the Wellington St. building of Libraries and Archives Canada. It was well attended, with over 70 people taking in several collections-themed presentations.

On May 23, 2007, the latest edition of the pre-conference, "Collections 2007: Reinvigorating Collection Development and Management", will be held at the INCO Centre on the Memorial University of Newfoundland. We believe that it will be as successful as earlier events, though the number of attendees will likely be a little less than in previous years.

Steps are underway to organize a pre-conference to take place before the 2008 CLA conference in Vancouver.

CDMIG Award

CDMIG members have developed a collections-themed award, the **CLA/YBP Award for Outstanding Contribution to Collection Development and Management**. This award is designed to "recognize an individual member in good standing of CLA who has made an outstanding local, national or international contribution in the field library collection development or management". YBP Library Services has very kindly provided a prize of \$1,000 to be awarded to the winner. The first presentation of the CLA/YBP Award for Outstanding Contribution to Collection Development and Management will be at the 2008 CLA conference.

Sponsoring Sessions at the CLA Conference

As in past years, the CDMIG will be a sponsor at the main CLA conference. This year, we will be sponsoring #37 Seeing Ourselves: Images of LGBT Families in Children's Books and #38 An Evidence-Based Approach to Defining a Core Journal Collection.

Other Projects

Other projects for the CDMIG include:

- Publishing the pre-conference papers. While this is slightly behind schedule, this project is still being worked on.
- Improving communication. For the most part, intra-group communication is carried out over email, primarily in email updates to members. This is OK but a more fluid form of communication is preferable. Perhaps the lists that CLA will be setting up in the summer will help. There may be a need for a collections-themed list or similar vehicle for communication that is Canadian-based; this doesn't necessarily have to be limited to CDMIG members (unlike other communication outlets) but perhaps it is something that the CDMIG can coordinate.
- Improving the Web presence for the CDMIG. This is tied to improving communication. A few members have been working on this since last year but there is more to do.

- Provide grants or scholarships for CDMIG members to attend professional development activities. This could focus on new collections workers, perhaps. Now that the award has in place, this could be a useful related step to work on.

Submitted by Andrew Waller, Convenor

EVIDENCE-BASED LIBRARIANSHIP

The terms of reference for EBLIG are available on the CLA website; in essence, they are to encourage and support evidence-based librarianship.

Activities of EBLIG in 2006/07:

- Successful submission of a half-day post-conference workshop proposal for the 4th International Evidence Based Librarianship Conference in Chapel Hill-Durham, North Carolina in May 2007 at the organizers' invitation: *How to Assess the Evidence: A Critical Appraisal Tool for Library and Information Research* with Lindsay Glynn, Instruction Coordinator, Health Sciences Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland. This session is an exciting continuing education opportunity for librarians.
- Organized a pre-conference workshop proposal to CLA 2007: *How to Assess the Evidence: A Critical Appraisal Tool for Library and Information Research* with Lindsay Glynn, Instruction Coordinator, Health Sciences Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland. (Workshop was subsequently cancelled due to low registration.)
- Successful submission of a conference session at CLA 2007: *Evidence-Based Librarianship: A Toolkit for Public Libraries*. This session will introduce a practical EBL toolkit tailored to public libraries. Speakers: Virginia Wilson, Coordinator, Saskatchewan Health Information Resources Partnership, Saskatoon, SK (and co-convenor of EBLIG) and Stephanie Hall, Chief Librarian, Powell River Public Library, BC.
- Creation of a wiki entitled ***e*librarianship: the wiki of the Evidence Based Librarianship Interest Group (EBLIG)** to facilitate interest group collaboration, sharing, and information access, as well as to be a means of communication: <http://eblibrarianship.pbwiki.com/>
- Promotion of international membership opportunities for EBLIG in CLA through the CLA IG web space, the EBLIG listserv, the eblibrarianship wiki, and the Evidence Based Librarians group on Facebook.
- EBLIG members edited and contributed to an EBL-themed issue of *Feliciter*.
- EBLIG members are participating as editors, on the editorial advisory board, and on the evidence summary team of the open access journal, *Evidence Based Library and Information Practice*.
- As a result of seeing a posting on the eblibrarianship wiki for the CLA session *Evidence-Based Librarianship: A Toolkit for Public Libraries*, Virginia Wilson and co-presenter Stephanie Hall have been invited to present a 1-hour audio conference for the Education Institute in the fall of 2007.

Submitted by Virginia Wilson & Lyn Currie, Co-convenors

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY INTEREST GROUP

ETIG's Role is to survey and analyze new information technologies for the Canadian library community and CLA itself via the establishment of a volunteer network of technology 'reporters'; and to facilitate and promote the widespread use of new information-based technologies in Canadian libraries.

'Technology' is defined quite broadly to include electronic information resources, hardware, software, communication networks and protocols.

Feliciter columns

Two new editors were appointed this year, Heather Matheson and Amanda Etches-Johnson.

Member communication

The ETIG co-convenors are planning a redesign of the website in the coming year. A newsletter to ETIG members, a semi-annual release by email, is ongoing. ETIG members have expressed strong interest in a listserv, which we hope will be offered through CLA in the near future.

Conference Grants

ETIG awarded two \$500 conference travel grants, one to ACCESS and one to CLA.

Conference Activities

ETIG is sponsoring a pre-conference for CLA 2007 with CASLIS entitled *Getting to Library 2.0*. ETIG will again provide financial support to the ACCESS Conference, being held in Victoria in 2007.

Plans for 2007-2008

ETIG members will meet at CLA with a couple of important items on the agenda. One is a reconsideration of the standing budget, as several lines have not been used in years (in particular, the money set aside for ETIG workshops). It is also clear that ETIG is losing money (although not membership) each year. This will have to be addressed. Finally, the group will consider staggering the terms of the convenors so that there is continuation.

Submitted by Gillian Byrne & Peter Zimmerman, Co-convenors

INFORMATION LITERACY

The Information Literacy IG promotes information literacy instruction as an integral library service; and provides a forum for discussion of activities, programs and challenges in information literacy.

This past year, the ILIG has been less active than in previous years, but hopes to find new and exciting ways for people to be involved.

Plan/activities/goals/issues for upcoming year:

ILIG is working on a Facebook presence, <<http://www.facebook.com>>.

ILIG will be at the CLA Conference 2007.

ILIG will be working with its members to ensure that it continues to be a useful resource for its membership and establishes new directions for progress in Information Literacy.

Submitted by Karen Hunt, Convenor

LIBRARIES IN COMMUNITIES

This interest group focuses on using community development approaches in communities and neighbourhoods to build inclusive and collaborative libraries. Concerned primarily with socially excluded communities and individuals the group focuses on the philosophies, strategies, empathies and self support that librarians need to reduce the rigidity of the relationships between socially excluded communities and the library.

Libraries in Communities was established at the Canadian Library Association's annual conference in 2006. The focus of the first year has been on recruitment and on disseminating information about community development in a library context. The convenor, Annette DeFaveri, has given a national audio conference through the Education Institute, and workshops in British Columbia to familiarize librarians with the concept and practise of community development work. The most interesting issue is defining community development as something more than developing our communities. Libraries have always worked to develop and support their communities, but with a community development approach we articulate a specific service model that emphasises a responsive, inclusive and needs-based library. At the heart of this service model is a focus on integrating community consultation and collaboration in to the library's planning process. Developing an inclusive library culture ensures that all members of our communities, including those that are socially excluded, benefit from the library's resources.

The *Let's Talk* discussion board that supports *Libraries in Communities* was established this year and can be found at www.librariesincommunities.ca

Submitted by Annette DeFaveri, Convenor

MONTREAL CHAPTER

1. The CLA Montreal Chapter participated in the national Librarians Run for the Cure team on Oct. 1, 2006. Ten local team members ran or walked the route in Montreal; Laura May represented the Chapter as our local team captain, and Jocelyne Andrews, Alexandra Yarrow and Pat Riva also attended.
2. The Chapter participated in the 23rd annual Christmas Fund-raiser for CODE, co-hosted by ABQLA, SLA and the Chapter. The event was held on Dec. 6, 2006 at the Fraser-Hickson Library and 65 people attended.
3. The Chapter co-sponsored a Library of Congress "Basic Subject Cataloguing Using LCSH" workshop, held at Concordia University on Nov. 23-24, 2006. This event was co-sponsored by Concordia University Libraries and CACUL. There were 26 attendees.
4. We supported the CLA McGill Student Chapter's Reception for the CLA President Linda Cook, held on Feb. 6, 2007.
5. We will be sponsoring a session at the 75th annual ABQLA conference May 3-5, 2007. We will be sponsoring the keynote speaker on May 5, 2007, Rebecca Jansen of Librarians Without Borders.

Communications

1. We have set up a blog for Chapter news and local events at <http://clamontrealchapter.blogspot.com>. We hope to expand the blog's content over the coming months and draw up guidelines for its use. It is listed on the CLA Blogs page, on the popular CASLIS Ottawa blog and on the Blogging Libraries Wiki (under library association blogs). The launch of the blog was celebrated at the CLA McGill Student Chapter's reception in February: flyers were distributed publicising the blog.
2. Excellent relations have been maintained between the Chapter and ABQLA and CASLIS Ottawa, in part because of the involvement of the President and Vice-President of the Chapter in these other associations. This has provided opportunities for collaboration, sharing of ideas and cross-promotion of events.

Meetings/Representation

Members of the Executive represented the Chapter at the following meetings and events:

1. Alexandra Yarrow represented the Chapter at the 6th Annual Canadian Library Association Open House on Sept. 15, 2006. She also helped organize a tour of the new Greenboro Branch of the Ottawa Public Library for CLA McGill Student Chapter students attending the Open House.
2. Jocelyne Andrews attended the kickoff events for both ABQLA (Oct. 5, 2006) and SLA (Sept. 19, 2006)
3. Alexandra Yarrow represented the Chapter at a round-table at McGill's Graduate School of Library and Information Studies on Nov. 23, 2006. The topic was Professional Associations: The Benefits to Students and New Professionals, and ABQLA President Mary Jane O'Neill and CASLIS Ottawa President Cabot Yu joined Alexandra in speaking about professional associations in Canada and personal involvement in association work.
4. Laura May represented the Chapter at the "Basic Subject Cataloguing Using LCSH" workshop on Nov. 23-24, 2006. Jocelyne Andrews handled registration at the event.
5. Christmas CODE Fundraiser (co-hosted by ABQLA, SLA and the Montreal Chapter), Dec. 6, 2006. Daphné Bélizaire, Jocelyne Andrews and Alexandra Yarrow represented the Chapter. Daphne assisted with set-up and equipment, Jocelyne thanked a speaker, sold raffle tickets at the door and introduced the raffle prize giveaway, and Alexandra helped with publicity and set-up.
6. Daphné Bélizaire, Jocelyne Andrews, Alexandra Yarrow, Pat Riva and Laura May, along with many other Chapter members, represented the Chapter at the CLA McGill Student Chapter's Reception for the CLA President Linda Cook, held on Feb. 6, 2007. The Chapter also split the cost of the event with the Student Chapter and invited all Chapter members. The Chapter contributed a student membership to a draw held by the students at the event, won by Janis Dawson.

Submitted by Alexandra Yarrow, President

NEW LIBRARIANS AND INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS

At last year's CLA conference, our interest group membership expressed concern about the affordability of the CLA conference. This year we have been working on improving affordability including reducing the price of the First Timers' Breakfast and initiating discussions about the reduction/elimination of conference registration fees for students.

We'd like to coordinate with CLA student chapters to brainstorm some more effective ways to make the national conference a more affordable option for students and new professionals. This may involve planning and networking with our IG members who live/work in the conference city to assist with accommodation options.

We are currently working on a newsletter but are aiming to move away from this mode of communication to venues that support two-way communication with our membership; pending projects include the development of a blog/website and a Facebook group. CLA has been working on a listserv system that we look forward to implementing.

First Timers Breakfast

Heather is heading up the First Timers Breakfast at the St. John's conference. Coutts and Elsevier are co-sponsors of the event for the third year in a row and will have representatives attending the event. Over 70 people had registered for the breakfast by the early-bird deadline.

Pub Crawl

Although NLIP-IG has organized the Pub Crawl in the past, we called on the members of the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) to spearhead this activity this year. Hopefully we can collaborate with Vancouver's LAC and local SLAIS students for next year's social event.

Conference Colleagues

Angie is organizing this activity for the 2007 conference. Feedback from participants indicates that this is an important program for both First Time conference attendees and more experienced members. We will continue to support this activity at future conferences as a way we can connect new professionals to the Association.

Submitted by Angie Mandeville and Heather Tones White, Co-Convenors

LIBRARY SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH PRINT DISABILITIES

The CLA's newest interest group, Library Services to Individuals with Print Disabilities, is now accepting members. Its terms of reference are as follows:

- To provide a forum for discussion, advocacy and professional development in regards to providing service to individuals with print disabilities;
- To collaborate with other interest groups, libraries and organizations;
- To analyze and promote technologies and initiatives that improve service to individuals with print disabilities;
- To encourage the utilization and sharing of alternative format materials among libraries for the benefit of individuals with print disabilities;
- To coordinate and contribute to advocacy efforts regarding equitable library service in all types of libraries for persons with print disabilities.

Though this interest group is very new, our members have already been able to share advocacy opportunities. At our inaugural meeting at the CLA conference in St. John's in May, we will be electing an executive member, choosing communication methods for the group, and planning for next year's conference.

Submitted by Debra Mann, Convenor

RESOURCE SHARING INTEREST GROUP

CLA/OCLC Canada Award for Resource Sharing Achievement

Work has continued on finding a recipient for the CLA/OCLC Canada Award for Resource Sharing Achievement. This is an annual award consisting of \$1,000 and a plaque recognizing and honouring an individual, an organization or a project team for outstanding professional achievement, leadership and contributions to library resource sharing in Canada. Candidates must be an individual employed in a Canadian institution or an organization or consortium based in Canada.

The award will be presented during the Canadian Library Association Conference this May. The winner will be announced at that time.

New Co-Conveners

Rob Tiessen announced his resignation as convener of the interest group in November, as he took on convening CLA's copyright working group. We sincerely thank him for his hard work over the years.

Carol Shepstone and Anna Linville have agreed to be co-conveners for the interest group. Carol is Head of Access Services at the University of Saskatchewan. Anna Linville is at Chinook Arch Regional Library System (Alberta) and acts as the interlibrary loan software administrator for Alberta public libraries.

Submitted by Carol Shepstone & Anna Linville, Co-Conveners

RURAL AND REMOTE LIBRARIES

Primary Goal

The Rural and Remote Libraries Interest Group provides a forum for library service in rural areas of Canada.

Objectives

- To undertake projects or activities to further understanding of rural library services
- To work together to advance the needs of rural libraries

2006 Activities

The Interest Group "reconnected" at the 2006 CLA Conference and had a good discussion on the challenges facing rural libraries. Plans were made to work together to lobby for the continuation of Canada Post's Library Book Rate (LBR), which is an essential program for rural libraries to participate in provincial and national interlibrary loan activities. A subsequent announcement that the LBR would be in place until January 2008, deferred these lobbying activities until fall 2007.

Plans for 2007

- With CLA's government relations consultants, develop strategies to lobby for the Library Book Rate
- Present a rural perspective on the topic of Recruitment Challenges and Opportunities at the 2007 CLA Conference
- Improve communication with Interest Group members by facilitating electronic communication
- Promote the Interest Group in order to build membership

Submitted by Linda Duplessis, Convenor

SERIALS

All efforts this year focused on preconference planning. Our current budget is \$2,748.84 and much of this will go toward subsidizing the expenses of the preconference.

SIG will hold its annual general meeting in conjunction with TSIG in St. John's, on May 25, 2007.

The SIG convenor continues to participate in the IG Convenors conference call meetings, the most recent one being April 12, 2007.

The SIG convenor continues to act as the NASIG Professional Liaisons representative for CLA.

Submitted by Trina Grover, Convenor

TECHNICAL SERVICES

All efforts this year focused on preconference planning. Our current budget is \$4,697.98 and much of this will go toward subsidizing the expenses of the preconference.

A wiki was created to facilitate the organization of the pre-conference, and will have further application as a central source of information for TSIG/SIG members. The wiki is located at <http://tsig-sig.wikispaces.com/>.

Pat Riva continues to be the representative on the Canadian Committee on MARC, and Chris Oliver on the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing. Both delivered their reports at the AGM in Ottawa. Also at the CLA 2006 conference in Ottawa, TSIG sponsored two very well attended and lively sessions: #24 - Electronic resource management systems (ERMS): overview and implementation and #47 - Demystifying FRBR and FRAR.

Laura May will continue her duties as the Secretary Treasurer through until 2008, and Jane Binksma continues her role as convenor until 2007. We will put out a call for the Secretary Treasurer-elect at the AGM.

TSIG will hold its annual general meeting in conjunction with SIG in St. John's, on May 25, 2007.

The TSIG convenor participated in the IG Convenors conference call meeting that took place on April 12, 2007.

Submitted by Jane Binksma, Convenor

WORLD LIBRARIES

The Interest Group was asked by CLA to give advice about how to spend last \$14,000 of Tsunami Fund. After consultations with WLIG members, UNESCO, and representatives from organizations in Sri Lanka, the WLIG proposed giving \$7,000 to the National Institute of Library & Information Sciences (University of Colombo) to be spent on school libraries, and \$7,000 to the National Library and Documentation Services Board, where it would be directed to the Sri Lanka Libraries Disaster Management Committee and put toward public libraries.

The Group has approved budget for the following:

- Honoraria and speaker fees (local librarians with international work experience to speak at library schools in an effort to generate interest in issues related to international librarianship): 6 x \$100 = \$600
- Publication of pamphlet: "Being Responsible Book Donors" (design, printing and postage): \$450
- Development of an International Work Experience database (presumably by a LIS student): \$300

One of the Group's submissions for CLA Conference sessions was granted, "The Grand Adventure: Canadian Library Works Go Abroad" with Sue Adams (Coady Institute, St. Francis Xavier University), Sybil Harrison (Hamilton Public Library, and recently returned from the United Arab Emirates), Larry McCallum (recently returned from the United Arab Emirates), Bob McKee (Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, United Kingdom), and Janis Rapchuk (Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan).

The WLIG seems to have become a touch-group for people from other countries interested in working in Canada, Canadians interested in international projects, and people interested in various aspects of international and multicultural librarianship.

Evette Berry, a WLIG member, interviewed Janis Rapchuk of Women for Women in Afghanistan and wrote an excellent article for *Feliciter*. The article appeared in the Vol. 52, No. 6 issue.

Submitted by Shawn Whatley & Sabina Iseli-Otto, Co-Convenors

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND PUBLIC ACCESS COMMITTEE

Copyright Working Group

The CWG drafted a letter regarding Captain Copyright in response to the resolution at CLA's general meeting in June. We believe that CLA's stand was instrumental in the eventual demise of Captain Copyright.

The Convenor of the CWG went to Ottawa for highly successful meetings on Feb. 14, 2007 with the Minister of Canadian Heritage, several other key MPs and with the two Director Generals responsible for copyright at both Canadian Heritage and Industry Canada. The meetings focused on fair dealing; technical protection measures; and crown copyright.

Work was done on putting together a Copyright Preconference which had to be abandoned when there was insufficient registration by the deadline.

Submitted by Rob Tiessen, Convenor

Information Policy Working Group

The inaugural Information Policy Student Poster Display Travelling Exhibition wound up at the University of British Columbia in the last week of term in April. The five posters, from five different library schools, were displayed at each of the seven Canadian schools. These displays involved a great deal of effort from students, staff and faculty at each school and were very well received by each school. The schools have indicated to the committee that they would be pleased to participate in next year's display. Several sources within CLA eventually offered to defray the costs associated with shipping the posters but it appears that the schools, for this year at least, have absorbed these costs (for which the committee is grateful). No funding was directly available to support the student creators of the posters to get to Ottawa to present them: eventually about half were able to come and speak to their own posters — in the other cases, members of their school communities spoke on their behalf.

In 2006-2007, the Working Group is sorry to report that only The University of Western Ontario mounted its Information Policy course. Having ascertained this in advance, the Working Group decided to open the terms of its Poster Display at the Convention in Newfoundland to any student poster nominated by a school that has an Information Policy theme. Even so, there will be only three Information Policy posters on display this year: The University of Western Ontario, Dalhousie and Alberta. The Working Group Chair has been working with the student advisors and the students in efforts to assist all three students to obtain funding to get to Newfoundland to speak to their posters - to date, it would appear that two will be able to be there for certain. For the future, it would be wonderful to have CLA support these students on an ongoing basis. On the other hand, as mentioned, all seven schools have indicated their interest in hosting these three in the "follow-up" cross country tour in 2007-2008 which it is hoped the Working Group will organize on the model of this year's tour.

The Working Group has had some membership changes and will be welcoming new members in Newfoundland. Several members have expressed interest in using technology to join that meeting even though they will not be in Newfoundland. It will be very challenging to do, but we are investigating it.

As it has every year for the past three years, the Working Group proposed a session at the annual Conference. This year, spearheaded by Professor Sandra Toze from Dalhousie, the Committee program proposal was accepted without changes by the Conference Committee: "Does Privacy Place Limits on Collaboration" - with Sandra as Convenor and presenter, Carol Perry (Guelph) and Working Group Convenor Margaret Ann Wilkinson. Carol and Margaret Ann will present the results of two different new national surveys and Sandra will speak of the practical implications of collaboration.

The Working Group is a small one, and we have requested appointments of new members. Recently great concern has been raised within its membership over CLA's position concerning MNet at the CRTC and media concentration issues. One concern of the Working Group is that this issue was not canvassed with our Working Group before CLA took a position on it. Other concerns involve both the process by which the CLA position was arrived at generally and the merits of CLA's position. All these matters are on the Working Group's agenda for CLA.

Finally, I will be passing the "convenor" torch to another member after the May meeting.

Submitted by Margaret Ann Wilkinson, Convenor

CLA Award Winners 2007

Outstanding Service to Librarianship
Larry Moore

CLA/Information Today Award
University of Lethbridge Library

CLA Research & Development
Matthew Griffis

Award for the Advancement of Intellectual Freedom in Canada
Canadian Journalists for Free Expression

CLA/Ken Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship
Christiane Charette

24th Student Article Contest
Melissa Poremba

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