



CLA LTIG BEACON

a newsletter for Library Technicians

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Greeting fellow LTIGers!

It's amazing how quickly the time has passed since the Victoria conference.

To those of you that were there, I'd like to express how much it meant to have the opportunity to meet you. To those who weren't, I'm sure you are wondering just who I am.

My name is Karen Hildebrandt and I'm the past president of AALT. Having finished my term on AALT as first conference co-chair in 2002, President-Elect in 2002-2003 and then President in 2003-2004, I felt somewhat at loose ends. I also wanted to communicate with my fellow library technicians across Canada. I'm sure the concerns that Library Technicians face in Alberta must be similar to those across the country. I also would like to see us have our voices heard.

With this in mind, I contacted Maggie Weaver the convenor for CLA LTIG. Through various email correspondence, Maggie asked if I'd consider taking over the convenor for our group as she already had commitments with OALT. I'm always willing to try something once as long it doesn't involve life and limb, so I agreed.

At this time I'd like to thank Maggie for all the years of service she's given to our group. It's her blood, sweat and tears which has made us a recognized group within CLA as well as a recognized profession within the library community. Maggie's advocacy and voice has made an impact with CLA and because of her endeavors, and CLA has become much more inclusive.

I realize I have awfully big shoes to fill. I have spent the past months learning more about CLA as well as CLA LTIG. I've had a chance to come up with some goals and a few projects and look forward to serving you in the year to come.

One of my first goals is Communication. I'd like to us communicate better amongst the group. CLA has come up with a great forum for

this to happen. As you are aware we all have Member Only access to CLA's E-Community. If you haven't yet logged on to this site, I'd like to encourage you to do so. The LTIG web page has three components: The first component contains Announcements, Press Releases and a current Newsletter; the second component is a Discussion Forum; the third component will be a Document Archive for meeting documents, old newsletters and other documents. So please log on and start the discussion going. So far only 3 of us have logged in and it's difficult to have any kind of discussion or get member feedbacks with so few participating!

I have also become involved with Cross Canada Connections which has representation from each of the provincial LT associations and groups. It's a great way to let others across Canada know what's happening with the various associations. I also submit articles to the various associations through the discussion group that each association can print in their newsletter.

CLA conference will be in Calgary 2005. We're planning an social evening out on the Thursday evening. The plan is to walk over to the Silver Dragon for supper and an evening of getting to know one another, sharing laughs, and having a chance to network with other Library Technicians from across Canada. So please plan to attend!!! Please email me at karen.hildebrandt@concordia.ab.ca by June 10th so I can reserve your spot.

Spring is a time of growth and renewal. What a great time for us to grow as an interest group as well.

If you've got news to share, email me at karen.hildebrandt@concordia.ab.ca and I'll get it out there.

Best wishes,

Karen 😊

