

**Canadian Library Association**  
**Library and Information Needs of Native Peoples Interest Group**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Calgary, Alberta**  
**Friday June 17, 2005. 7:30 am**

website <<http://www.cla.ca/about/igroups/native/>>

Present: Jim Bruce (Nicola Valley Institute), Jeff Burnham (Goodminds), Wyndy Knox Carr (Union of BC Indian Chiefs), Ann Doyle (Xwi7xwa) [recorder/chair], Annmarie Hillson (Lakeland Library Region), Patty Lawlor (Southern Ontario Library Service), Betty Leslie (North Battleford Public), Janice Linton (U. Manitoba - Aboriginal Health), Rae-Lynne Patterson (Nunavut Arctic College), Chris Pepin (Saskatchewan Provincial Library), Howard Saunders (Edmonton Public Library), Deborah Pelletier (National Library & Archives), Introductions/Leave Taking: Yvonne Earle and Judy Dunn (CLA Councillors)

1. Round Table Introductions -- all

2. Business Arising:

\* The Aboriginal Recruitment and Promotion Special Projects Funding Application has been approved by the CLA. The project is to develop a brochure and website content to recruit Aboriginal people to the profession. Budget \$3500. (Proposal distributed to the listserv: 05 July 2005)

\* Thanks to Janice Linton, University of Manitoba for planning and organizing the IG tour of the Glenbow Library & Archives. Thanks to Patty Lawlor, Southern Ontario Library Service, for choreographing the Hot Topics session: Aboriginal Libraries - Advocacy on the Move. Acknowledging the contributions of Speakers: Camille Callison - Tahltan Nation's House of Traditional Knowledge and BC Aboriginal Child Care Society; Patty Lawlor - Southern Ontario Library Service; Deborah Pelletier - Library and Archives Canada; Chris Pepin - Saskatchewan Provincial Library; Howard Saunders - Edmonton Public Library.

\* Thanks to Lexis Nexis for sponsoring the Hot Topics Session on Saturday June 18, 2005

\* FYI: The Interest Group annual reports and business meeting minutes are posted on the website in addition to the ABIN archive.

3. New Convenors

Deborah Pelletier (National Library and Archives) and Patty Lawlor (Southern Ontario Library Service) agree to serve as co-convenors of the Interest Group. Many thanks to Deborah and Patty for agreeing to steer the boat!

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4. Conference Planning

Deborah and Patty will begin to think about the conference planning for Ottawa 2006. The call for proposals usually has a September deadline. There was a general discussion of possibilities and we'll request input for ideas from the larger group as the summer unfolds ... or the deadline approaches.

ACTION: Deb & Patty - Conference Planning

5. CAP Funding

There was general concern re: the proposed termination of funding of the Community Assistance Program. See: BCLA Letter to Hon. David L. Emerson, Ministry of Industry (27May2005) <<http://www.bcla.bc.ca/memfiles/10079543>>

ACTION: Ann - More info from CLA

6. Development of Aboriginal Libraries

Jeff Burnham of Goodminds.com has asked for information or contacts for those who are involved in establishing First Nations/Aboriginal Libraries. He is committed to access, and the development of libraries for Aboriginal people.

ACTION: All - please contact Jeff with any information about library developments in your areas. Email: burnhamj@goodminds.com

7. Website Development

Janice Linton and Deborah Pelletier are interested in further developing the website content for the IG. We will work on draft objectives for the website and then begin some further content development.

**\*\*GOOD NEWS\*\***

Annemarie Hilsson (Regional Librarian - Lakeland Library Region) and Betty Leslie (Chair - North Battleford Library Board) report that in Saskatchewan there has been successful in changing the provincial legislation to ensure universal access to ALL Saskatchewan citizens through a provincial library card that is free to all residents.

Howard Saunders reports that the Edmonton Public Library has undertaken a major community consultation with Aboriginal peoples, and a cross Canada survey of large public libraries' Aboriginal programs. An e-report has been promised. We all look forward to seeing it!

**Contacts:**

Reegan D. Breu and Howard Saunders "Lets Meet the Library Service & Program Needs of the Aboriginal Community" EPL rdbreu@yahoo.com, hsaunders@epl.ca

Patty Lawlor, Southern Ontario Library Service has initiated a partnership program with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Library partners. It works by request of the FN Library and the public library provides (catalogued 'weeded' materials) according to the profile established by the Aboriginal Library.

See: "First Nation and Public Libraries Working together" Access 22 Winter 2005 (OLA journal) re: Chippewas of Georgina Island and Pickering Public Library partnership.

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Deborah Pelletier has distributed the report from Library and Archives Canada. (Aug "Report and Recommendations of the Consultation on Aboriginal Resources and Services".

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**Reminder!**

The International Indigenous Librarians Forum - September 12-17,2005 (Regina, Saskatchewan)

<<http://www.4iilf.org/>>

**Health Links:**

Aboriginal Health Links on the University of Manitoba Health Sciences Libraries Website

<[umanitoba.ca/libraries/health](http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/health)>

Submitted with respect by Ann Doyle 04 July 2005