

**Newfoundland and Labrador Library Association  
Annual General Meeting 2005**

**Date: May 6, 2005**

**Time: 4pm**

**Place of meeting: Memorial University, St. John's**

**Recording secretary: Lisa Wilson**

Welcome by Janet Goosney and declaration of a quorum.

**1. Call to Order by Janet Goosney at 4:00 pm**

**2. Agenda for 2005-2006**

- Strike 6a. Library Week Report
- 2 motions from the floor under Business Arising from Membership

Motion to accept agenda with amendments made by John Whelan. Seconded by Ron Knowing.

**3. Minutes of NLLA AGM 2004-2005**

- John Whelan requested to have his personal response in section 5a amended to read "it was commendable that we received a detailed response from the minister."
- Janet Goosney requested to have her personal response in section 6 read "employers".

Motion to accept minutes with revision made by Bonnie Morgan. Seconded by Lynn Cuff.

**5. Business arising from NLLA AGM 2004-2005**

- Christine Davies inquired whether the Minister of Education was invited to the 205 AGM.
- Response, Janet Goosney: No, the Minister was not contacted but that the executive hoped to correspond with the minister shortly to organize a meeting with him.
- Pam Morgan inquired about the status of the award for graduates of the Library Technician Certificate program.
- Response, Janet Goosney: The award has not been awarded since 2000. There have been no graduates for the Library Technician Program since that time. Dan

Dillon for the Department of Continuing Education spoke at this year's conference to encourage those in the profession to continue the program as well as extending the welcome to qualified members to volunteer to teach or plan courses.

## **6. President's Annual Report (circulated)**

Janet Goosney reviewed her president's report and thanked the 2004-2005 Executive. Select Highlights from the report include:

- Letter to Ian Wilson for the Direction for Library and Archives of Canada (LAC) which is appended to the President's report, as well as the subsequent response from the LAC, which is now available on-line.
- The year saw three successful NLLA Happenings.
- NLLA helped sponsor an Emerging Technologies Customer Service Workshop
- The NLLA worked with other provincial interest groups and stakeholders to help organize the National Library and Archives Library Week set to take place in the fall 2005.
- There were two recipients of the 2005 First Timer's Grant, Shannon Gorden and Karen Pottle
- NLLA's ASCI Membership
- Expansion of The Bulletin from two issues annually, to three.

### Questions/Comments

- Pam Morgan complemented the executive for their efforts on the implementation of the NLLA Happenings. Pam also inquired if the recipients of the 2004 First Timers Grant continued with the association.
- Response, Janet Goosney: Both were still current members.

## **7. Treasures Report (circulated)**

Stacey Penney, Treasurer, presented the report. Highlights from the report include:

- The separating of library Week funds from the main account

- Thanks for donations from the following: College of the North Atlantic, Provincial Libraries and Resources Board, Queen Elizabeth II Library, and The Telegram.

#### Questions/Comments

- Pam Morgan remarked the donation that was made to the Emerging Technologies Customer Service Conference last fall was missing from the ledger.
- Response, Stacey Penney: The report will be revised to include this.
- Pam Morgan inquired if there will now would be a separate financial statement for the Library Week Committee, as it would still have to be part of the association ledger, not separate.
- Christine Davies recommended that the Library Week account be closed after each year in order and as it would be require Library Week executives signing off on accounts, which would prove complicated. She suggested this would be something that TD Bank would be amenable to.
- Response, Stacey Penney: This will be considered and looked at.
- Pam Morgan inquired why the conference fee for members was \$25 and non members. With such a small difference in price, there was little incentive to encourage nonmembers to join when registering for the conference.
- Response, Janet Goosney: This year 30% of the Conference attendees were non-members and she felt that was a way to draw non-members to the conference. However, the executive was committed to following up with the non-members who had attended to encourage them to join.

Motion to approve financial statements with amendments moved by Stacey Penney. Seconded John Whelan.

#### **8. Membership report (circulated)**

Lisa Wilson reported that membership was down from 67 members in the 02-03 year to 51 member for the 03-04 year. The report outlined the previous 5 membership years showing a decline in the membership.

#### Questions/Comments

- Heather Roberts put forth the suggestion that the decline in membership may be due to retirements and the competition for other professional interests groups.

- Pam Morgan suggested the secretary go back in the membership records to identify non-renewed members and that the secretary should ensure that non-renewing members of the previous year are contacted.
- Response, Lisa Wilson: The secretary roll is to contact all members from the previous membership year to encourage them to renew and inform them of the removal of their names from the list serve if they do not renew.
- Heather Myers suggested that the decline in Public Library members may be due to the decentralisation of the Public Library system where by the administration is now located in Steventown. Furthermore for the past number of years where their provincial meeting coincided with the NLLA, but now they are held in the fall.
- John Whelan remarked that this had been a very active and productive year and that the decline in membership may not be any indication of interest.
- Alison Mews inquired what the term LIS meant.
- Response, Lisa Wilson: LIS refers to a Library and Information Studies student membership.
- Trish LeBlanc responded that APLA was beginning a membership drive for this summer and suggested that perhaps NLLA could collaborate with APLA. Trish suggested that after she meets with the APLA executive in May, she will report back to the executive.
- Lisa Wilson suggested that perhaps the upcoming executive could update the NLLA Directory which might encourage those who have allowed their memberships to lapse in the past 5 years, to renew.
- Response, Janet Goosney: The executive plans to do an update of the directory this year.

Motion to accept the Secretary's report was made by Lisa Wilson. Seconded by Christine Davies.

## **9. Professionalisation Committee Report (circulated)**

Ron Whelan reviewed the objectives of the newly established Professionalisation Committee.

Questions/Comments

- John Whelan volunteered to serve on the group.

- Lynn Cuff inquired upon the representation of the committee.
- Response, Ron Knowling: The group is very representative of the various institutions. Heather Roberts is from Health and Community service, Bonnie Morgan is the College, Janet Goosney is the University, and myself, I am from the Public Library system.
- Lynn Cuff suggested the group should have representatives from other library workers to help increase the representation.

Motion to accept the report was made by Ron Knowling. Seconded by Annette Anthony.

## **10. New Business from the Executive**

### a. List Serve Rules (circulated)

Annette Anthony thanked Pam Morgan and the Executive for their help in creating the document.

Motion to accept moved by Annette Anthony. Seconded by Pam Morgan

### Questions/Comments

- John Whelan why there were no birth announcements allowed circulating on the list serve.
- Christine Davies responded that birth announcements could be placed in the Bulletin
- Katy Lawton commented that she does not like receiving email unrelated to the issues concerning the profession on the DAL list serve. And suggested we amend the documents to include “no unrelated business solicitations”
- Pam Morgan stated that she felt that this was covered in the first sentence.
- Christine Davies states she had recently used the list serve to solicit support for a CBC venture and felt that it was still relevant.
- John Whelan suggested that the document be amended to read “no commercial business not library related”
- Bernie Conran asked for the definition of ILL in the document

- Annette Anthony suggested it was a posting for a material that was not in ones own collection and that it was strictly on a library looking form a material basis as opposed to an individual.

Annette Anthony moved to have report accepted with amendment “no commercial business not library related”. Seconded by Bernie Conran.

## **11. New Business from the Membership**

### **a. No membership fees for first time applicants (circulated)**

The text of the motion is as follows: (waiting on John to send me electronic copy)

Motion moved by John Whelan. Seconded by Lynn Cuff.

#### Comments/Questions

- John Whelan explained that this might be one way to attract School Librarians, acknowledging that the situation of School Libraries is dire and getting worse. By offering a free membership to this group we would show them our support.
- Response, Janet Goosney: The motion specifies that all who apply would receive this benefit, not just Teacher Librarians.
- John Whelan responded that he did not think it would be appropriate to single just the Teach Librarians in the motion but that they were certainly to benefit from this.
- Alison Mews reminded the membership that the Learning Resource Council Members already have a decreased membership for \$10.00 annually, and that NLLA members also have the same fee to become a member of the LRC. Alison also mentioned that the LRC was in the process of being disbanded as the School Board was reorganising the Educational Special Groups.
- Janet Goosney inquired Alison had a sense of the numbers of LRC.
- Alison Mews said she did not know, but that the numbers were very low.
- Bonnie Morgan added that there was 1 Teacher Librarian to every 1000 children, meaning many schools only had a librarian .1/2 time or ¼ time.
- Christine Davies pointed out that the membership fee for LCR membership for the NLLA was not very high and suggested that it was not the fee that was an impediment for Teacher Librarians joining, but rather the relevancy of the association. Do Teacher Librarians even feel that there are any benefits to

joining the association? And if not, how could we make the association more relevant?

- Bonnie Morgan suggested that Teacher Librarians would not naturally see the NLLA as their organisation as they are teachers first. Perhaps we should look at how to bolster the value of the association to teachers.
- Alison Mews suggested that the NLLA members be encouraged to become members of the LRC.
- Ron Knowling pointed out that although we might get Teacher librarians to join the membership the endeavor is useless if the NLLA has no plan for lobbying or supporting their cause.
- Bonnie Morgan suggested that to help outreach we could strike a subcommittee of the NLLA.
- Lynn Cuff pointed out that as seconded of this motion, she seconded knowing it was a means of outreach to all potential members, not just Teacher Librarians.

Janet Goosney called for the question.

All in Favour – 9

All Contraminded – 10

Motion failed.

#### **b. Motion to make membership year from date of application or renewal**

The text of the motion is as follows: (waiting on John to send me electronic copy)

Motion moved by John Whelan, seconded by Lynn Cuff.

Comments/Questions

- Bernie Conran commented that this might be a logistical nightmare for the secretary. She acknowledged that this was something that APLA recently started doing this but that they had an automated system.
- Lisa Wilson agreed and said it would be difficult but unless someone knew how to set it up so it could happen with the Membership Database, which is in MSAccess.

- Bonnie Morgan mentioned that the membership fee being so small, unlike other associations, it is not such an issue and perhaps not feasible.
- Annette Anthony suggested that members can post date their checks if they want to make sure that they are applying for the membership year.
- Lisa Wilson responded that starting in late February we put up the new membership year forms and if people apply but had let their membership laps for the year prior they are informed of that they had lapsed.
- Janet Goosney suggested that perhaps we could have a decreased rate for members if they join late in the year
- Lisa Wilson responded that this would not be a good idea as it would be unfair to the rest of the membership and not a good incentive to members to renew.

Janet Goosney called for the question.

All in favour 4

All contra mined 14

Motion failed.

## **12. Election of Officers:** Facilitated by Janet Goosney

Janet Goosney notified the membership that she was stepping down as President into the roll of Past President. She noted that Ron Knowling was now the new 2005-2006 President. She thanked Past President Annette Anthony for her three years dedication to the Executive and noted that Stacey Penney would remain treasurer for the upcoming year.

President: Ron Knowling

Vice President: Darrell Squires

Past President: Janet Goosney

Treasurer: Stacey Penney

Secretary: Catherine Lawton

With no further nominations and no contention for the floor, the 2005-2006 executive has been elected.

## **12. Any Other Business**

- Heather Roberts inquired about the 2007 CLA conference.



- Response, Janet Goosney: The conference is going to be in St. John's as announced on the CLA website.
- Trish LeBlanc responded that APLA was going to join in on the conference to make it a combined venture between the NLLA and APLA and the CLA. She will give a listerve report on the conference planning at the end of the o at the end of the month following the APLA AGM.

The AGM was adjourned at 5:35.