

**Minutes – Newfoundland & Labrador Library Association
Annual General Meeting
Friday, May 5, 2006
Marine Institute, St. John's**

Recording Secretary: Catherine Lawton

Welcome by Ron Knowling and declaration of a quorum.

Call to Order by Ron Knowling at 3:30pm

1. Approval of agenda

Agenda approved as circulated with the following additions to Item 8:

- a. Library book rate
- b. NLLA Bulletin

Motion to accept agenda as amended, moved by J. Whelan., seconded by D. Duda.
Motion passed.

2. Approval of past minutes – AGM, May 2005

Some corrections were noted. Replaced “motion failed” with “motion defeated”.
Replaced “Contra minded” with “opposed”. Deleted “waiting on John to send me
electronic copy.” Motions submitted by J. Whelan will be added to the minutes.

Motion to accept minutes as amended, moved by D. Duda, seconded by S. Penney.
Motion passed.

3. Business Arising – minutes of AGM, May 2005

- a. Item 10 - C. Davies inquired about further information regarding NLLA's role in the CLA conference in 2007. R. Knowling stated that he offered to make a call for volunteers for the conference but that we have no official role in the conference. T. LeBlanc stated that CLA proposed that APLA hold a concurrent conference rather than joint conference. APLA executive has not accepted this proposal and has sent a counterproposal to CLA whereby APLA will still have branded APLA events within CLA in return for a percentage of the revenue. APLA has not heard back from CLA on this. C.Davies inquired if there was going to be a discount on the conference fees. CLA has said that there will not be a discounted fee for local librarians. CLA booked hotels and major venues back in May 2005 through St. John's Entertainment. NLLA plans to hold its annual conference in early May 2007 as per usual. This will give local librarians an opportunity to meet and make any necessary plans.

- b. Item 8 - J. Whelan requested that the situation with regard to school librarians be discussed. R. Knowling said he responded to a Statistics Canada report on literacy by a letter writing campaign to the Minister of Education along with the ACI (Association of Cultural Industries), Writers Alliance and Newfoundland & Labrador Teachers Association (NLTA). Copies of the letters and responses have been included with the documentation for the AGM with the exception of the ACI letter.

J. Whelan asked about the discussion held at last year's AGM about encouraging teacher-librarians to join NLLA. He suggested that we should contact those teachers who have the responsibility of the school libraries to invite them to join the NLLA. It was noted that it hard to reach a group that had so formal organization. R. Knowling said there are supposed to be 80 salary units allocated for librarians in the province. This money can be spent on any teaching unit however.

4. President's report.

The document was posted on the website. R. Knowling pointed out highlights:

- Networks of support
- Advocacy for teacher librarians
- Membership in the "Partnership" – set up by the Ontario Library Association, which includes the Education Institute (EI). When one of our members registers for an EI sessions they get a discount and NLLA receives a royalty payment. Also included in the Partnership is a Career web page which is still under development and an electronic journal.
- National Library Week – R. Knowling thanked S. Penney for her excellent work. S. Gordon has agreed to chair Library Week 2006.
- NLLA happenings – continue to occur under the direction of J.Goosney. J. Goosney will be stepping down and we will be looking for a new coordinator.
- R. Knowling thanked the current executive for their help and stated that he enjoyed working with them.

Motion to accept the President's report, moved by R. Knowling seconded by D. Duda.
Motion passed.

5. Treasurer's report

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

- net income should read \$414.67
- the report is up-to-date with the exception of a donation from OVID and new registrations.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, moved by S. Penney, seconded by J. Whelan.
Motion passed.

6. Library Week Report

S. Penney, chair of Library Week 2005, reported that while closing out the Library Week bank account, as recommended at last year's AGM, would have been convenient to avoid service charges, the bank instead agreed to reverse the service charges and keep the account open to avoid the paperwork. The first National Library Week worked well in October with the Canadian Library Association developing the promotional material. It was interesting to collaborate with people across the country. S. Gordon commented on the change from Library Week to Library Month. It was meant to allow for more flexibility for provinces to fit in their needs and schedules.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report for Library Week, moved by S. Penney, seconded by J. Goosney. Motion passed.

7. New Business from executive committee

- a. NLLA membership in the Partnership - R. Knowling felt this was an excellent opportunity for the NLLA membership. It gives us some revenue and allows us to participate in national forums and educational opportunities. There is no revenue commitment from NLLA.

Motion to approve NLLA's continued participation in the Partnership, moved by R. Knowling, seconded by D. Duda. Motion passed

- b. Conference costs – we have been able to cover costs of this conference through generous donations. We cannot always rely on donations to cover costs. Does the membership want to pay more or receive less for the conference (such as no lunch)? R. Knowling opened the discussions to the floor:
 - Ovid sponsored our lunch. The Ovid rep was in town for the NLHLA conference and was stay on for NLLA, which was very beneficial. We could approach some other agencies to sponsor some of our costs.
 - C. Davies said that she would be willing to pay more to attend this conference as it is one of the few ways we get to meet other librarians.
 - J. Mercereau suggests approaching more library workers such as technicians to recruit them to the association. More memberships will help us financially. We need to offer more to the entire membership
 - S. Gordon suggested that employers may be willing to pay more for conference attendance. She also inquired as to what our total membership is. Our membership is low this year – between 30-35.

8. New business from the membership

- a. Library book rate - J. Whelan commented on the Library book rate. He thinks that the library rate is viewed by the corporate culture of Canada Post as a relic

that they would like to abolish. He recommended that we as a profession continue to lobby for the library rate. The library rate is a major benefit to libraries in Newfoundland. R. Knowling stated that the library rate has been approved to 2007. This issue will not be going away and we need to continue to fight for it.

- b. NLLA Bulletin - J. Whelan apologized for the lateness of the bulletin. J. Whelan both edits and writes some portions of the bulletin which is a lot of work. He requested more correspondence from the membership. J. Goosney suggested that if anyone would like to be a correspondent to approach J. Whelan. S. Penney suggested going through other association bulletins for articles which may be of interest to our membership. J. Whelan mentioned that the College of the North Atlantic has decided to send a hard copy of the bulletin to each campus rather than a PDF file. He suggested going back to hard copy. His employer may be able to pick up the cost of the postage and printing as an "in kind." However, most meeting participants said they prefer the PDF version.

9. Nomination of officers: Facilitated by Janet Goosney, Past President

The membership was notified that Ron Knowling was stepping down as President into the role of Past-President. Darrell Squires is now the new 2006-2007 President. J. Goosney stated that there are three openings and that the following people have agreed to stand for election to these positions:

Secretary: Shannon Gordon

Treasurer: Donna Inkpen

Vice President: Dan Duda

With no further nominations and no contention from the floor, the 2006-2007 executive was elected as above.

10. Any other business

R. Knowling asked if there was any other business. There was none.

The AGM adjourned at 4:58

