

**Alberta Public Library Administrators Council
Stuart MacPherson Public Library
Lac La Biche, AB
August 21, 2015**

10:45 am. Tour of Library and the Bold Centre followed by Lunch

Present

Jen Anderson (Public Library Services Branch PLSB)
Kerry Anderson (PLSB)
Peter Bailey (St. Albert)
Katrina Borowski (PLSB)
Grant Chaney (CEO, The Alberta Library)
Deb Cryderman (Camrose)
Kim Johnson (PLSB)
Rhonda O'Neill (Parkland Regional)
Sheryl Pelletier (Sexsmith)
Maureen Penn (Lac La Biche)
Shelley Ross (Medicine Hat)
Sharon Siga (Strathcona County)
Ina Smith (Bonnyville)
Christina Wilson (Red Deer)
Mary Zazelenchuk (Stettler)

1:05 p.m.

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Sharon Siga that the Agenda be approved, CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes of April 16, 2015 Meeting

Motion: Moved by Deb Cryderman that the Minutes of April 16 be approved.
CARRIED.

4. Review Status of Action Item List

1. That the staff side of the APLAC list server be examined by Tammy Svenningsen of Spruce Grove, carried forward.
2. Review of the "Leading from Any Position" ALC pre-conference – very successful, great comments.

Motion: Moved by Christina Wilson that APLAC attempt to offer the “Leading from Any Position” pre-conference every other year at Alberta Library Conference but that in the interim we pitch an ALC session for 2016 to encourage discussion about the session outcomes, follow through, support and encouragement while also promoting APLAC membership and benefits.
CARRIED.

3. APLAC Website updating. Rhonda has the server login and is ready to get going – item carried forward.
 4. Treasurer responsibilities – Mary Zazelenchuk and Sharon Siga worked out transfer of the financial records and signing authorities.
 5. Sharon Siga reported the change of Treasurer to the APLAC list server.
 6. Christina will take ALC Leading from Any Position conference session proposal forward.
 7. Allison completed a survey of APLAC library membership fees and shared with PLSB’s Ken Feser and the APLAC admin list server.
- 5. Treasurer and Membership Report**
- 5.1. Financial Report :**
- Motion** by Mary Zazelenchuk, seconded by Christina Wilson, that the Financial Statement as at 21-August 2015 as distributed by email and presented at the meeting be approved, CARRIED.
- 5.2. Membership Report:** APLAC currently has 51 paid up members.
- 6. Update: Public Library Service Branch, Municipal Affairs –**
- Katrina mentioned that Press Reader (aka Press Display) is now licensed to allow unlimited simultaneous readers and we have a 2 year extension of support of Mango Languages, Zinio (platform) and Hoopla so these licenses now expire September 30, 2017;
 - Supernet: if you’re moving or renovating your library best to get in touch with PLSB asap to find out if there will be Supernet moving/installing costs.
 - Kim is doing a review of government courier costs, many thanks for everyone’s information and support;
 - Next up, a finalized Print Disability policy, watch for website and email notices.
 - Kerry discussed work on grants, e-content priority areas, finding that in terms of pre-K most libraries seemed to prefer support for service delivery/programming;
 - questions on annual report tweaked but big changes to 2015 unlikely;

- Jen mentioned Board Basics offering for the fall, status of Minister's Awards and Library People's Choice Awards, and her huge school-housed public library project with a hopeful first draft of best practices for spring 2016.
- PLSB staff members encouraged library managers to get in touch with comments, suggestions and questions. See also albertalibraries.ca for news.

7. Update: The Alberta Library, Grant Chaney, CEO – Grant discussed:

- The TAL Core licensing with a majority of members voting to keep on with the provincially licensed core (Wood Buffalo, Shortgrass and Parkland the exceptions);
- reminded library managers that TAL will work with you to explore all licensing opportunities so if you've had a chat with vendors you might want to place a call to TAL before writing any cheques as TAL can often improve your licensing agreement/save you money.
- Reminder that ORC (Online Reference Centre) is funded directly by Alberta Education for schools in Alberta. Library managers can reach out to TAL for access in order to help teachers and students make good use of these resources.
<http://www.thealbertalibrary.ab.ca/services/online-reference-centre>
- talonline.ca contract with OCLC expires June 2016; we're currently averaging >10,000 requests per month through talonline; TAL has been gathering stats and 384 have responded so far but we can make it to 500 so if you haven't responded yet,
<http://www.thealbertalibrary.ab.ca/news/2015/08/tal-online-survey> please and thanks.
- TAL will be exploring all alternatives to OCLC and this will be discussed at the November TAL Board of Directors meeting.
- [Shelley](#) who is your public library rep on TAL is happy to hear your opinions and your regional director is the person who will be at the director's meeting, in most cases, so let them know what you're thinking.
- Discussion about one shared provincial ILS (integrated library system) or one library service platform, how convenient, how lovely, how controversial, if only we could all work together. We are great at working together so there is hope.

8. Update: Library Association of Alberta (LAA), Peter Bailey (1st VP) & Maureen Penn (Director):

- 2015 The best ever conference; Mayors' Session a big hit and available on website; September 30th the deadline for session proposals;
- the LAA Partnership Educational Institute webinar winter catalogue is available:

https://www.accessola.org/WEB/PARTNERSHIP/Education_Institute/Calendar.aspx
7800 members altogether and a reminder that when you register for a session a little money finds its way back to LAA so we all win and you can work towards a Continuing Education Certificate, too!

Update: Canadian Library Association (CLA), Peter Bailey –

- CLA is likely to be radically reformed, may lead to the creation of the Canadian Federation of Library Associations to fill the gap by joining together the various provincial and other library associations;
- Discussion of role of APLAC and general agreement that APLAC is in support of talking further about this as LAA and ALTA also look into it.

9. Business Arising from the Minutes

9.1 ALC Pre-Conference Session for 2015 Wrap Up and Discussion for 2016 – see action items. Also a discussion of Dan Buchner’s potential to lead a Design Thinking for Libraries session.

Motion: Deb moved that we work up a proposal for a half-day session on Design Thinking for Libraries and present it to Karen Hildebrandt, ALC Chair, before the deadline of September 30. CARRIED

Many thanks were offered to Janine Jevne (Airdrie, now retired) and Gayle Sacuta (Drayton Valley, now Spruce Grove) for all their work on the very successful 2015 pre-conference.

9.2 Eliminating Billing between Libraries for Lost or Damaged Items – TRAC guidelines already specify how and when so doing away with billing Alberta wide and altogether is off the table for now.

9.3 Serving the Print Disabled – Discussion of [CELA](#) and [NELS](#) and how things are generally gradually improving for people with print disabilities across the country ; the federal government has ratified the [Marrakesh Treaty](#) (Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled), but there are not yet 20 ratifications or accessions worldwide to come into effect.

10. New Business

10.1 Authorizing to Transfer Funds from Savings to Chequing

Motion: Sheryl Pelletier moved, seconded by Ina Smith that we authorize the Treasurer to transfer funds from savings to chequings whenever funds are low, to a maximum of \$2,500. CARRIED.

11. Round Robin: as distributed by email and discussed – a lot of very valuable information was exchanged including a wide variety of equipment details, program ideas, membership drive ideas, community partnership ideas, advocacy and strategic planning ideas

12. Next meeting: November 19 in Camrose

13. April 14, 2016 -- looking for library host locations in the Calgary area

14. Adjournment at 3:50 p.m.

Action Item	Timeline	APLAC Member in Charge
Check usefulness of APLAC Staff Side List Server	Before next meeting	Tammy Svenningsen
Propose ALC session on follow-up "Leading from Any Position" successes, etc.	Before deadline of September 30, 2015	Christina Wilson
APLAC Website updates	Ongoing	Rhonda O'Neill
Get list of pre-conference attendees from both years for Mary to invite to APLAC.	Before next meeting	Deb Cryderman Mary Zazelenchuk
Get updated membership numbers to add to ALC information; update info	Before September 30, 2015	Mary Zazelenchuk Deb Cryderman
Work up ALC proposal for a half day on "Design Thinking for Libraries"	Before September 30, 2015	Rhonda O'Neill Christina Wilson

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