



Alberta Association of Academic Libraries

AAAL Annual General Meeting, Spring 2013 Minutes

Thursday April 18, 2013
Location: Mount Royal University
4825 Mount Royal Gate SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T3E 6K6
9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Business Meeting

9 am – 9:15 am

Coffee and Snacks

9:15 am – 9:35 am

Introductions & Ice-Breaker Activity

- Geoff Owens and Randy Genereux, Associate Vice-President Academic, Mount Royal University, welcomed attendees. Samuel Cassady, AAAL Co-Chair, thanked MRU for hosting.

9:35 am – 9:45 am

Co-Chairs' Report: Samuel Cassady and Susan Brayford

- Note: See report submitted in advance of meeting
- Samuel Cassady thanked the executive and committee members for their work this past year.
- The executive will focus on listserv and communication issues, the goals and business plan of AAAL, and strengthening professional development workshops as a component of AAAL.

9:45 am – 9:55 am

Webmasters on Progress of aal.ca: Yvonne Phillips & Sonya Betz

- Yvonne Phillips demonstrated the brand-new website and its features.
- If any AAAL members have documents that might be missing from the website, such as older newsletters, please send them to the webmasters.
- Google Groups is being investigated as a communication tool to replace the listserv.
- Patrick Lawless will disable the listserv and the old website. All content will be migrated to new site.
- Eve Poirier thanked the webmasters for creating a functional website for AAAL members.

9:55 am – 10:05 am

Secretary-Treasurer Report: Leigh Cunningham

- Note: See report submitted in advance of meeting
- Information with both the Corporate Registry and TD Bank is now up-to-date.
- Finances, including expenditures and membership fees, of the AAAL will be reviewed by the Executive in the next year.

- Discussion on the affiliate membership fee that AAAL pays to TAL. This fee of \$398 represents approximately 30% of AAAL's income. Clive Maishment explained the affiliate membership benefits (listing on TAL's website; attendance at TAL meetings (non-voting). Considering TAL's membership in AAAL is \$40, and the relative little value received from the TAL affiliate membership for the price, it was proposed to cancel this membership. **Robin Minion moved that AAAL cancel its Affiliate Membership in TAL. Motion seconded by Fiona Dyer. Motion passed.**
- Robin Minion moved to increase AAAL membership fees. Dan Mirau suggested that goals should be considered when reviewing fee structure. Claudette Cloutier suggested the executive make a proposal at the fall meeting. Christine Loo noted that the AAAL bylaws allow fees to be voted on at the AGM only. Fees will be reviewed by the Executive in light of revisions to AAAL's mission and goals and presented to the membership in Fall 2013. New fees will be voted on at the AGM in Spring 2014.
- Suggestions for the Executive to consider: Brad Neufeldt suggested a fee schedule be implemented. Susan Brayford recommended that funds be used to encourage attendance of other library staff. Tim Janewski suggested that lunch payments be streamlined. Dan Mirau suggested that fee increases could be used to cover coffee breaks, and that we should sponsor our own coffee breaks, rather than conference coffee breaks.

10:05 am – 10:15 am

Membership Coordinator Report: Liz Fulton-Lyne

- Note: See report submitted in advance of meeting
- The membership list as currently presented on the website will be used. Institutions should make sure the link to their staff directory is correct, and that the staff directory is accurate.
- An online form or email will be implemented for AAAL members to submit membership changes or information updates.

10:15 am – 10:20 am

AAAL ILL Pilot Agreement: Dan Mirau

- Dan Mirau will send out a revised report on the ILL Agreement to AAAL members.
- Agreement will be posted on the website.
- University of Calgary is still considering its involvement.
- Clarification on the book rate/return shipping method wording needed.
- This agreement is in place as of April 1, 2013.

10:20 am – 10:40 am

LAA & CLA Reports: Karen Hildebrandt

- LAA: ALC is next week in Jasper, where LAA will reveal its new logo and website. A membership survey revealed that LAA has a strong base membership but new librarians are not joining. LAA is seen as public library focused. LAA offers free memberships to SLIS and Tech program students. A focus of LAA in the future will be on webinar development and better communication.
- CLA: Priorities in 2013 include library values work, advocacy, and new IT infrastructure. CLA reworked its mission statement, held advocacy boot camp at its conference, and launched *Felicitier* online. The website issues are ongoing but should be resolved by the

fall. CLA has proposed new institutional membership fees and seeks input:
www.claconsult.pwwebhost.com

- Tim Janewski asked about CLA's work with Library and Archives Canada. Karen reported that LAC has been meeting with CLA, but that CLA's questions are not being answered sufficiently. Daniel Caron has not attended meetings with CLA. ILL is apparently not closed; AMICUS is "dead"; there is no money allotted for digitization. A Commission involving Partnership members is looking at a strategy for LAC advocacy.
- Karen encouraged AAAL attendees to write to their MLAs/MPs.

10:40 am – 10:45 am

Newsletter Report: Luke Malone

- Send institutional reports to Luke Malone (luke.malone@sait.ca) for inclusion in the next newsletter.
- Roundtable moved to afternoon session.

10:45 am – 11 am

Coffee Break sponsored by Medicine Hat College

11 am – 11:05 am

Fall 2013 AAAL Meeting

- NAIT volunteered to host the next AAAL meeting, to be held in Edmonton on **Thursday November 21, 2013**.

11:05 am – 11:10 am

Workshop Committee: Lisa Shamchuk, Tara Stieglitz & Corene Kozey

- Samuel Cassady thanked the workshop committee for their work during the term.
- Corene Kozey reported on the workshop committee, and asked for new volunteers.
- Christine Loo (NAIT) and Adrienne Connelly (ACAD) volunteered to serve as the new Workshop Committee.

11:10 am – 11:20 am

Nominations Committee: Brad Neufeldt, Keith Walker & Eve Poirier

- Election of AAAL Chair for the term 2013-2015.
- Eve Poirier announced that Samuel Cassady, current AAAL Co-Chair, let his name stand for the position of Chair. Eve called for nominations from the floor (none).
- **Samuel Cassady was elected AAAL Chair by acclamation.**

11:20 am – 11:30 am

AAAL Annual Statistics: Susan Brayford & Keith Walker

- Susan Brayford presented the statistical package to members, and had voting representatives acknowledge receipt
- Discussion of all or selected statistics being publically available as not every library supports having statistics on website without context.
- Statistics currently posted on the website will be removed by the webmasters.
- Susan and Keith Walker will review the statistics and make a proposal to AAAL on what information might be included on AAAL's website publicly.

- **Susan Brayford moved to provide a \$200 honorarium to Tom Skinner for his work on the statistics. Christine Sammon seconded. Motion passed.**

11:30 am – 12 pm

AAAL/PLD Opportunities: Terry Donovan, Fiona Dyer, Keith Walker & Samuel Cassidy

- Note: See Business Item #2 in the Meeting Package submitted in advance of the meeting
- Terry Donovan reported on the background of this issue and the discussion at PLD's meeting held on April 17, 2013.
- AAAL members were polled. Results:
 - 9 in favour of merger
 - 4 undecided
 - 1 to disband PLD
- Terry reported that TAL supports coordinating meetings with AAAL.
- Dan Mirau proposed an agenda that incorporates AAAL business, workshops, and a meeting for directors.
- **Dan Mirau moved that the fall 2013 meeting would include both AAAL and PLD on the same day with meeting coordinated by AAAL executive and PLD group. Robin Minion amended the motion – the meeting will include 3 AAAL workshops and PLD meeting in the evening. Debbie McGugan seconded. Vote: 20 for; 2 against. Keith Walker opposed the motion.**

12 pm – 1 pm

Lunch & Tours of the MRU Library and Campus

Afternoon Workshop Sessions

To Infinity and Beyond: Innovations in Libraries

Mount Royal University, Calgary

Workshop Committee: Lisa Shamchuk, Tara Stieglitz and Corene Kozey

Due to last minute workshop cancellations, the afternoon session was revised to include discussion of AAAL's mission.

1:00 – 1:45 pm

Small & Large Group Discussion: AAAL Mission Statement Brainstorming (AAAL Executive)

Attendees were asked to review the current Mission, Values, Goals, and Business Plan of AAAL. Brainstorming results will be used by the AAAL Executive in revising these statements. New statements will be presented to the AAAL membership in fall 2013.

1:45 – 2:45 pm

Panelist Presentations & Questions Period

A. 1:45 – 2:15 pm: Service & Collaboration Innovation

Debbie McGugan, Grant MacEwan University: Edmonton Public Library at MacEwan, The Lending Machine

Hear about MacEwan University's partnership with the Edmonton Public Library, including their offering of a free EPL membership for all students, faculty and staff, and the inclusion of an EPL resource lending machine at the MacEwan City Centre Library.

More information:

mk LibDispenser: <http://www.mk-sorting-systems.com/en/products/libdispenser.html>

MacEwan/EPL L-Pass: <https://library.macewan.ca/lpass>

B. 2:15 – 2:45 pm: Staffing Innovation

Keith Walker & Kris Samraj, Medicine Hat College: Shared Intern Librarian Position

Learn about what it's like to be the new Intern Librarian that is being shared by three libraries in Medicine Hat: the college, public library and regional library.



2:45 – 3:00 pm

40th Anniversary Celebration

Cake provided by SAIT.

3:00 – 3:30 pm

Large Group Discussion

Innovations/Successes

- Terry Donovan (Portage) reported that the library is now part of the Teaching & Learning Centre and that it is working really well. Students now have access to writing support in the library at point of need.
- Eve Poirier (NorQuest) reported that they are working to launch ebooks to be used in prison and remand centre curriculums.
- Dan Mirau (Concordia) reported that the library hosted poster presentations from a psychology class on Human Sexuality.
- Tim Janewski (King's) reported that the library received a donation of \$400,000 to create an archive on post-war Dutch and German immigration. Should be ready by October despite a hiring freeze. Some items will be digitized. Students will be involved, creating oral history records with people from the community.
- Isobel Rancier (NAIT) reported that the library hosted campus-wide program allowing therapy dogs to support stress reduction for students.
- Corene Kozey (Lethbridge College) reported that the library has started a roving reference service "Pop Up Library" with staff using a laptop to answer questions.

Budget Cuts/Lois Hole/Universal Core

- Dan Mirau reported that Lois Hole, funded through U of A, is funded through April 2014; Universal Core is funded through TAL by members, so it shouldn't be affected.

What would you like to take back to your library?

- Lending machines and animal-assisted therapy in libraries
- Explore shared library staff positions

AAAL Spring 2013 Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm



AAAL Spring 2013 Attendee List

Institution	Name
ACAD	Christine Sammon
ACAD	Adrienne Connelly
Ambrose University College	Sandy Ayer
Banff Centre	Patrick Lawless
Bow Valley	Kristen Holm
Canadian University College	Sheila Clark
Concordia University College	Dan Mirau
Concordia University College	Karen Hildebrandt
Grande Prairie	Jennifer Thomas
Grant Macewan University	Debbie McGugan
Keyano College	Della Nelson
King's University College	Tim Janewski
Lakeland College	Wanjiku Kaai
Lethbridge College	Fiona Dyer
Lethbridge College	Corene Kozey
Medicine Hat College	Leigh Cunningham
Medicine Hat College	Kris Samraj
Medicine Hat College	Keith Walker
Mt Royal University	Pearl Herscovitch
Mt Royal University	Geoff Owens
Mt Royal University	Cari Merkley
Mt Royal University	Sara Sharun
Mt Royal University	Jessie Loyer
Mt Royal University	Rebecca Cleaver
NAIT	Helga Kinnaird
NAIT	Isobel Rancier
NAIT	Chrisine Loo
NorQuest College	Liz Fulton-Lyne
NorQuest College	Eve Poirier
Northern Lakes College	Deborah Kendze
Olds College	Robin Minion
Portage College	Terry Donovan
Prairie Bible Institute	Veronica Lewis
Red Deer College	Yvonne Phillips
Red Deer College	Kristine Plastow
SAIT	Samuel Cassady
SAIT	Susan Brayford
SAIT	Dave Weber
SAIT	Luke Malone
St Mary's University College	Brad Neufeldt
TAL	Clive Maishment
University of Alberta	Margaret Law
University of Calgary	Claudette Cloutier
University of Lethbridge	Brenda Mathenia
Vanguard College	Brad Fawcett
Yellowhead Tribal College	Rachel Hertz-Cobb