



## Alberta Association of Academic Libraries

### AAAL 2016 Fall Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Thursday, November 17, 2016

**Location:** University of Alberta

**Room:** Henry Marshall Tory Building rm. 3-36 ([map](#))

**Lunch Cost:** Free! (RSVP Required)

**Parking:** [Visitor parking info](#) ([parking map](#))

**Hotels near the University of Alberta:**

[Lister Centre](#), [Campus Tower Suite Hotel](#)

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## Morning Schedule of Events

*8:30 am – 9:00 am*

**Coffee and Breakfast Pastries provided by AAAL**

*9:00 am – 9:15 am*

**Welcome from U of A Host** - Trish Rosseel

**Introduction of Members**

**Approval of Minutes of the Spring 2016 AGM** (See Appendix A)

**Approval of Agenda**

*9:15 am – 9:25 am*

**AAAL Executive: Verbal Reports**

- Co-Chairs - Robyn & Sonya
- Director at Large - CJ

*9:25 am – 9:40 am*

**AAAL Committee: Verbal Reports**

- Communications Committee
- Professional Development Committee
- Statistics and Assessment Committee

*9:40 am - 9:55 am*

**Special Resolution: Bylaw Amendments** (See Appendix B)

*9:55 am - 10:10 am*

**Mentorship Working Group Updates** - Valla McLean

*10:10 am - 10:15 am*

**Spring 2016 Host (Calgary April 20, 2017)** - Robyn & Sonya

*10:15 am - 10:30 am*

**Coffee Break**

*10:30 am – 11:30 am*

**Round-table news from local associations & member Libraries** - CJ

*11:30 am -- 11:45 pm*

**LAA Update** (Christina Hwang) **and Discussion: How do we increase academic library participation at the Alberta Library Conference** - Anne Carr-Wiggen & Christine Loo, Library Association of Alberta

*11:45 pm -- 1:00 pm*

**Lunch**

Participate in lunch table talks (TBA) followed by optional tours of University of Alberta Libraries

## Afternoon Schedule of Events

1:00pm -- 2:20pm

### Keynote Panel: Opening Up About Library Data

What does all of the data academic libraries and associations collect say about us as a profession and the services that we offer? *A lot!* This panel presentation will highlight a variety of local initiatives to collect, preserve, and openly share data on libraries, library services, and library staff, and why it is so important to do so. Come learn about the University of Alberta's recent efforts to share subscription data openly, the Canadian Association of Professional Academic Librarians' (CAPAL) first census of Canadian academic librarians, and the Alberta Association of Academic Libraries' own efforts to make statistics collected by our member libraries more widely available.

Panelists:

- *Eva Revitt, MacEwan University & Chair, Advocacy Committee, CAPAL*
- *Ebony Magnus, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology & Convenor, AAAL Statistics and Assessment Committee; Tara Stieglitz, MacEwan University & Member, AAAL Statistics and Assessment Committee; Nicole Palanuk, Yellowhead Tribal College & Member, AAAL Statistics and Assessment Committee*
- *Denise Koufogiannakis & Michelle Brailey, University of Alberta*

2:20pm -- 2:40pm **Coffee Break**

### 2:40pm -- 3:00pm **Copyright, Open Licensing and Academic Authors: What Librarians Need to Know**

This session will introduce librarians to the impact that publisher agreements can have on access to academic works. Participants will learn how copyright transfer agreements, licensing agreements, and open licensing (e.g., Creative Commons) options can enhance or restrict use of the work by future readers. Resources and tips for helping authors navigate these agreements (before signing them) will be offered.

*Amanda Wakaruk, University of Alberta*

### 3:00pm -- 3:20pm **"But you don't look like a Librarian": Reflections of an Early Career Professional on Identity and Professional Practice**

Professional identity is defined by Deborah Hicks as "a description, or representation, of the self within specific professional practices" (2014, p. 252). Distinct from professional stereotypes or image, professional identity is an ever changing and a developing concept that is defined by one's beliefs, motives, experiences, traits, and attitudes (Slay & Smith, 2011).

For early career professionals, identity is fragile, and shaped by each and every experience and interaction. As a young service-oriented librarian at a post-secondary institution, one's professional status

may be questioned by students, faculty, and even coworkers, causing professional identity to be misconstrued, misplaced, and degraded.

This session will recount the speaker's experience as an early career librarian, explore the importance of professional identity formation in librarianship for a sense of belonging, and reflect upon early career experiences to give participants some perspective into hiring recent graduates.

*Kevin Tanner, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology*

### **3:20pm -- 3:40pm Enhancing Reference Services with Proactive Chat**

The University of Alberta Libraries (UAL) have provided an online chat service for many years. In fall 2015, UAL introduced LibraryH3lp's proactive chat feature to its website. With proactive chat, a pop-up window appears on library web pages after a designated trigger time, prompting users to chat with library staff if they have questions. In the past year, UAL has seen a significant increase in chat questions after adding proactive chat to several webpages and to our new, federated library search tool. Proactive chat allows the library to "pop up" at the right moment and make library services more visible and available to users.

In this session, participants will:

- Gain an understanding of how proactive chat works in an academic library context
- See evidence of how proactive chat has impacted reference services at UAL
- Learn about strategies for implementing proactive chat

*Kara Blizzard, University of Alberta Libraries, Augustana Campus*

### **3:40pm -- 4:00pm Beyond Perception Metrics: Lessons Learned from the MacEwan Library 2015 LibQual Survey**

The LibQual+ survey remains the evaluation instrument of choice by which academic libraries in North America assess their users' value perceptions of their services. It would appear, though, based on the experiences of MacEwan University Library with LibQual+, that there are newer and/or emerging areas of their services, resource acquisition, and space improvements for which quality perception is not always discernible via this survey.

At MacEwan Library, LibQual+ was conducted in the spring of 2007, 2011 and 2015. Despite major changes over that 8 year period in staffing, online services, physical renovation projects and in number of electronic resources which had become accessible, the quality perception scores in each of those areas were remarkably similar over each survey period.

Working with MacEwan's Office of Institutional Analysis and in consultation with library colleagues, the author sought other survey instruments to find the answer to the question: Why, given the steady improvements in library resources and service development had the library user "perception needle" not moved in any discernible way in light of these improvements and developments?

Attendees will take away from this session a different perspective on LibQual's merits as well as an overview of alternative, less expensive survey options for academic library use.

*Jane Duffy, MacEwan University*

4:00 pm

**Meeting Adjournment**

## List of Reports

- **AAAL Co-Chair's Report**
- **Secretary Treasurer Report**
- **Membership-Coordinator Report**
- **Director-at-Large Report**
- **AAAL Professional Development Committee Report**
- **AAAL Workshop Committee Report**
- **AAAL Communications Committee Report**
- **AAAL Statistics and Assessment Committee Report**
- **AAAL Nominations Committee Report**

*Appendix A: Spring 2016 Minutes*

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## AAAL Co-Chair's Report

October 27, 2016

Now more than a year into our term as co-chairs it has been a true pleasure serving the Alberta Association of Academic Libraries. We are grateful for the support provided by the AAAL executive, AAAL committees, and overall membership in our efforts to provide meaningful professional development and networking opportunities to academic library staff across the province.

### **Acknowledgements:**

We'd like to thank our outgoing committee members for the work they have done on behalf of the AAAL. They include Mary Medinsky who served on our Communications Committee and provided leadership and direction in giving the AAAL a presence on social media. We wish her all the best in her new position at Olds College. We are also grateful for the work Suzanne Rackover has done to help establish the AAAL PD award while serving as a member and convener on the PD Committee, and we congratulate her on becoming the new University Librarian at Emily Carr University. Thank you also to Yvonne Phillips who has served as webmaster of the AAAL website for the past four years; the website has come a long way since its original inception!

### **Meetings:**

The Spring Annual General Meeting was hosted at the University of Calgary on April 14 with 49 attendees; we are grateful to staff at the University for their tremendous help ensuring a successful meeting enjoyed by all in attendance. Thank you also to each of our workshop and keynote presenters for providing us with engaging and thoughtful presentations. In addition to library tours, for the first time, we also offered table talks over lunch where members could discuss shared topics of interest, which was positively received and is something we will continue with at future meetings.

## Activities:

Looking to the future, we are actively exploring a number of ways we can continue to serve our member's needs and interests:

- The AAAL Mentorship Working Group has been busy researching mentorship program possibilities for the association, and distributed a survey to members in recent weeks to help gauge interest. Results of the survey and overall recommendations will be shared with members at the fall meeting November 17.
- After ongoing discussions with Alberta Library Conference organizers about ways we might help encourage broader academic library participation in this annual conference we look forward to having representatives come discuss this further with our membership at the fall meeting.
- We have also been having conversations with TAL about ensuring that we can continue to schedule the AAAL meeting in coordination with the TAL meeting. We hope to find solutions to enable directors to attend both meetings!
- After ongoing technical issues, the executive has decided to discontinue the AAAL listserv. Starting in late November, association communications will instead be transmitted using a distribution list that members can subscribe to on our website (details to follow) along with the AAAL blog and Jerome-I listserv as appropriate. We encourage our members to continue to use existing library community listservs like Jerome-I when posting information items like job ads, and to send us content and updates for posting to the AAAL blog at any time.

Submitted by:

Robyn Hall and Sonya Betz, AAAL Co-Chairs

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## AAAL Secretary-Treasurer's Report

October 26, 2016

Leigh Cunningham filed the Society Annual Return with Service Alberta before ending her term, and I submitted the change of officers and change of address paperwork to the Registry in the Spring. Sonya, Robyn, and I arranged to open a Community Spirit account with ATB. This account, designed for not-for-profits, has no monthly banking fees which will save us \$60/year. We are in the process of transferring the remaining balance from TD Bank and closing the account there.

### Membership Fees Payment

As of October 26th, Membership fees have been received from 25 of 32 member libraries. Nineteen libraries paid fees online via PayPal.

### Auditors Requested - Annual Financial Statement

Two volunteer auditors from AAAL member libraries are required to review the annual financial statements prior to the AGM in April 2017. Please consider volunteering if you have an eye for detail and will be available to complete the required paperwork within a short timeframe in April 2015.

Submitted by:

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## AAAL Membership Coordinator's Report

October 26, 2016

- All institutions have been invoiced and membership has been renewed by 25 of 31 libraries as of this date. No new libraries have joined. **Peace River Bible Institute** confirmed they will not be renewing this year.
- A review of voting members was completed and contact information updated for all institutions. The membership listing on the AAAL website has been updated to reflect these changes.
- The AAAL Listserv continues to serve as one of the primary means of communication. There have been several issues with the list this summer blocking messages and not sending emails. Therefore the AAL Executive, in conjunction with the Communications Committee, have researched alternative forms of electronic communication. Results will be reported during the Fall Meeting.

Submitted by:

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## AAAL Director-at-Large Report

October 27, 2016

*AAAL Bylaws* - I worked with the Executive Team to re-think the role of the Director-at-Large as a Chair-Elect, which will provide more continuity in the future and an appropriate distribution of workload.

*Fall Meeting* - I have looked into locations to hold this meeting, but it's difficult to find a suitable location without asking previous hosts to host again. Not all institutions have the facilities to accommodate the size of this group. The easiest option was to hold the meeting at the University of

Alberta and taking responsibility for the arrangements.

*Committee Vacancies* - I have put out calls for vacancies on committees identified by the Executive Team and followed up with those who put themselves forward.

Submitted by:

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## AAAL Professional Development Committee Report

October 31, 2016

Two items of note have occurred for the Professional Development Committee.

1. Suzanne Rackover has stepped down from the Committee, leaving a vacancy to be filled to return the Committee to its full membership. Janet Sainsbury will continue to sit on the Committee, assuming the convenor position.

2. The executive examined the Professional Development award criteria and the scope of the award has been changed to only go to people who have a) submitted a workshop session proposal, b) indicated financial need, and c) scored the highest on a session proposal rubric that the workshop committee recently created. An update will be presented at the November meeting regarding the number of applications for the award and the names of any successful applicants.

Submitted by: Janet Sainsbury, Bow Valley College

## AAAL Workshop Committee Report

- Solicited and reviewed feedback on Spring 2016 professional development program; incorporated feedback regarding more time for each lightning talk into Fall 2016 planning.
- Developed rubric for use in selecting lightning strike sessions. The [rubric](#) is now available on the AAAL web site.
- In process of adding Spring 2016 meeting [presentations](#) to AAAL web site.
- Worked with Professional Development Committee to integrate call for PD support to attend and present at AAAL meetings into the lightning strike submission process.
- Issued call for lightning strike submissions and organized keynote panel for Fall 2016 meeting.

Submitted by the AAAL Workshop Committee: Claudette Cloutier, Shawna Murphy, & Trish Rosseel

## AAAL Communications Committee Report

- We are continuing to increase our reach with new likes on Facebook and new followers on Twitter.
- We have decided to continue the AAAL 7 questions blog for at least 1 more year.
- Mary Medinsky resigned after years of serving on the communication team as our social media expert. Please give a huge thank you to Mary for her service.
- Also Yvonne Phillips will be stepping down as webmaster after this meeting. Huge thank you Yvonne for her many years of service as webmaster.
- We have two new members. Erik Christiansen will be the new webmaster. And Hanne Pearce will be taking over our social media presence.

Submitted by: Dana Ouellette (on behalf of the AAAL Communications Committee: Yvonne Phillips, Mary Medinsky, and Dana Ouellette, Hanne Pearce, Erik Christiansen)

## AAAL Statistics and Assessment Committee Report

In June, we distributed a survey to gather information on how member institutions are currently using the AAAL data set and which fields are most useful. Using this information and considering data collected by other library organizations in Canada and the US, we elected to remove five fields from the survey (Computing devices available for borrowing; Volumes added; Volumes deleted; Number of campus libraries; Back issues of periodicals). We reviewed the data definitions and made modifications to clarify metrics that previously caused confusion (updated definitions can be found here: <https://aal.ca/resources/statistics/>). Rather than collecting the data via Excel spreadsheet, this year we opted to use a Google form which was distributed in early September with a target submission date of November 1.

Beyond collecting this year's data, we've also been working on a way to provide better access to past years' data and conduct retrospective analysis. University of Alberta Libraries agreed to host the cumulative AAAL data set in its data repository. Work is underway to reformat and transfer data.

Submitted by: Ebony Magnus (on behalf of the AAAL Statistics & Assessment Committee: Ebony Magnus, Nicole Palanuk, & Tara Stieglitz)

## AAAL Nominations Committee Report

No report.

Submitted by: Samuel Cassady (on behalf of Isobel Rancier, Jane Duffy & Samuel Cassady)

## **APPENDIX A: Spring AGM 2016 Minutes**

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2016

Location: University of Calgary

Calgary, Alberta

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

*9:00 am – 9:30 am*

**Introduction from Host: Tom Hickerson, Vice-Provost, Libraries and Cultural Resources, University of Calgary**

### **Introduction of Members**

*9:30 am*

**Meeting called to order.**

**Motion by Sonya Betz to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Ann Gish. Motion passed.**

**Motion by CJ de Jong to approve the Fall 2015 Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Elaine Fabbro. Motion passed.**

*9:30 am – 9:50 am*

### **AAAL Executive and Committee Updates**

Note: Reports submitted in advance and included in the meeting package.

Verbal Reports:

#### **Co-Chairs: Robyn Hall and Sonya Betz**

The Co-Chairs formally thanked MacEwan University for hosting in Fall 2015, the Workshop Committee and presenters, and executive members CJ de Jong and Leigh Cunningham. The revised Bylaws were successfully filed. Digitization of AAAL files in in the executive's future plans. A new Statistics and Assessment Committee was formed and each committee appointed a convener to liaise with the executive. The Chairs have also been working with Jason Openo, President, Library Association of Alberta.

Tim Janewski thanked the executive.

#### **Secretary/Treasurer: Leigh Cunningham**

The annual financial statement was presented at the AGM as prepared by the Secretary-Treasurer and reviewed by AAAL auditors Rene Martin and Jane Duffy.

**Motion by Rene Martin to approve of the financial statement. Motion seconded by Sonya Betz.**

**Motion approved.**

#### **Director-at-Large: CJ de Jong**

CJ introduced the idea of changing the Director-at-large position to a Vice President/Vice Chair role, to be reviewed by the new executive.

#### **Membership Coordinator: Jessica Norman**

Jessica thanked the membership for providing feedback on the member survey. The Resource Sharing members have been added/updated on the AAAL website.

**Communications Committee: Dana Ouellette**

Dana provided an update from the committee: AAAL has 80 Twitter followers and 68 likes on Facebook. The “7 Questions” series is very popular. AAAL needs to review the listserv. Three options: no listserv, Google Groups, Jerome (U of A list).

A survey about the listserv will be prepared and sent to membership for feedback.

**Workshop Committee: Trish Rosseel**

Trish thanked Rene Martin for filling in on the Workshop Committee.

**Professional Development Committee: Leigh Cunningham**

The committee recommends a review by the executive and a merging or alignment with the Workshop Committee in order to solicit competitive applications that meet the criteria of the AAAL PD Award.

**Statistics and Assessment Committee: Ebony Magnus and Tara Stieglitz**

Nicole, Ebony and Tara will be working with U of A to move AAAL data to DataVerse.

*9:50 am – 10:00 am*

**AAAL Working Group Updates**

**Mentorship Working Group: Robyn Hall**

A survey about mentorship will be prepared and sent to membership in September 2016 for feedback and interest. Depending on outcome, a committee may be formed at the Fall meeting.

**Resource Sharing Working Group: CJ de Jong**

The working group has collected data from four participating institutions. Information will be presented at the Fall meeting.

*10:00 am – 10:10 am*

**Nominations Committee: Vote for Vacant Executive positions – Secretary/Treasurer and Director-at-Large.**

**Motion by Isobel Rancier to elect CJ de Jong, University of Alberta, to a second two-year term in the position of Director-at-Large by acclamation. Seconded by Ann Gish. Motion passed.**

**Motion by Claudette Cloutier to elect Genevieve Luthy, SAIT, to a two-year term in the position of Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation. Seconded by Wanjiku Kaai. Motion passed.**

Robyn Hall thanked the Nominations Committee.

*10:10 am – 10:15 am*

**Fall 2016 Host: Sonya Betz**

Discussion on Fall meeting host possibilities. Dan Mirau will look into hosting at Concordia University of Edmonton. Another option may be Edmonton Public Library. CJ will investigate meeting rooms at EPL, as EPL is set to undergo major renovations.

*10:15 am – 10:30 am*

**Coffee Break provided by AAAL**

*10:30 am – 11:30 am*

## Round-table – News from Member Libraries and Local Associations: Facilitated by CJ de Jong

### News from Libraries:

- ACAD: Sustainability plan. Plan to double enrollment. Partnering with Olds College on Fashion program. Working on a Learning Commons Strategic Plan.
- Ambrose: Move to YBP vendor services. Developing an institutional repository. Moving to OCLC WMS. Developing LibGuides, archives and a new website.
- Athabasca: Revising university website to include more library information. Discarded 8000 VHS tapes plus more weeding. Launched a series of webinars on library orientation – 400 “attendees” and 2000 recording views.
- Bow Valley: Implementing EBSCO Curriculum Builder and an APA Toolkit.
- Concordia: Developing tutorials on research autonomy. Have 3000+ followers on Tumblr. Institutional LGBT and Indigenous policies.
- Grande Prairie: Steps to Success program (punch card program for students). Now loaning Google Chromebooks. Installed a green screen and converted presentation practice rooms in the library. Reviewing journal subscriptions.
- Lakeland: Participating in NEOS shared acquisitions and ebooks. New logo and website at the college.
- Lethbridge College: Continued weeding project and developing new spaces. Lilian Li is the new manager. Working on new college website. Integrating library with curriculum.
- MacEwan: Expended \$90,000 to develop a textbook collection of all required textbooks. Hiring an Instructional Design Librarian. Hosting IL (Information Literacy)-Palooza in April. Developing “teaching triangles” for assessment of library instruction.
- Medicine Hat: Revised academic structure. Soft launch of MakerspaceMHC. Funding for new furniture and equipment, and renovations to the service desk.
- Mount Royal: New library being built. Hiring two manager-librarian positions (non-faculty) in the areas of collections and systems. OER is now part of the library’s regular budget. Converting to RFID in the summer.
- NAIT: Planning for new spaces and makerspace. Now use one large single service desk. Working on a new website. New collaboration rooms. Held a Long Night Against Procrastination.
- NorQuest: Launching a campus-wide academic integrity course. Launched personal librarian program with online students.
- Northern Lakes: Using EBS Discovery and CREDO Information Literacy modules. New college website. Considering joining NEOS.
- Olds College: Lots of weeding, renovations. Hired a Digital Services Librarian.
- Portage: Roving collections, working with WMS and WorldCat Discovery. Management changes.
- Red Deer: Using NEOS Centralized ILL and Acquisitions. Usability testing. All staff working on a “teaching philosophy” instead of the concept of customer service.
- SAIT: New name – Southern Alberta Institute of Technology. Sabrina Wong named ALA Emerging Leader. Jessica Norman holds a CISCO eLearning Chair.
- St. Mary’s: Creating more group study space.
- U of A: New Collections Strategies unit. New off-campus storage. Held a photography contest for “images of research”. Renovations at multiple branches.
- U of C: 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ranked 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> library in the world on various rankings. Content strategy for archives and museums. Indigenous strategy. New spaces: one button recording space, quiet spaces. Closing two service points.
- Vanguard: Staffing changes.

## **TAL Update**

### **Overview**

TAL has focused on two major items in the past 6 months. TAL Online continues to be a focus and the Strategic Plan is the document that will continue to drive the consortium over the next few years. A solution to continue TAL Online will be presented to the Board on April 15th 2016.

### **Strategic Plan Implementation**

In January, thirty-seven TAL members participated in a survey designed to identify and prioritize activities that are required to operationalize the strategic plan. Work has already started on a number of the activities. A summary of the results will be sent to all members.

### **TAL Online**

Working groups were set up to review alternatives for the replacement of TAL Online. TAL staff have reviewed and analysed the work of the groups. This has enabled TAL to bring forward a specific recommendation at the April 15th Board meeting.

### **Licensing**

The Licensing program continues to adapt to member's needs. In particular the following accomplishments should be noted:

- TAL renewed over 200 licenses in the past six months. Many vendors were able to provide some discounts in light of the current exchange rate with the American dollar.
- New Products: 18 new products have been introduced since last June as TAL continues to become as responsive as possible to meet the needs of Members.
- The Licensing Service Committee met in person and agreed to compile a list of electronic subscriptions from all members.
- A number of alternatives for establishing the content of the Universal core are being considered.

### **Library Toolshed**

The Toolshed continues to grow as a means for promoting collaboration between libraries. Over 500 items are currently listed in the database. Alberta libraries have contributed over 180 items with BC a close second. Manitoba and Saskatchewan are also making significant contributions. A focus on summer reading programs is currently being promoted.

### **Online Reference Centre (ORC)**

An application to continue this program has been made to Alberta Education and it is anticipated that funding will be renewed for the upcoming year. The resources of the ORC continue to be well used. Training for teachers, teacher librarians and librarians continued over the past six months. Work also continues on mapping the K-12 curriculum to the resources in order to make them easier to use. The ORC Coordinator also maintains a website and an extensive listserv to effectively communicate the ORC.

### **Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library (LHCADL)**

The University of Alberta Libraries and TAL collaborated on a business case to move the management of LHCADL resources to TAL. The business case has been presented to Alberta Advanced Education and is intended to maximize the value of LHCADL while meeting the business objectives of Alberta Advanced Education.

### **Governance**

The Strategic Plan Survey indicates that this is a priority for many members. A formal process will be initiated with the support of those members that indicated an interest in this initiative.

## Government Relationships

The economic downturn will provide numerous opportunities for members as Alberta attempts to cope with new economic realities and diversify its' economy. Libraries around the world are perceived to be a key component of the engines of economic development and entrepreneurship. TAL is ideally positioned to work with the library sector as whole to deliver in this area and align sector priorities with government priorities.

### **AALT Report to AAAL Meeting April 2016:**

Submitted by Karen Hildebrandt; AALT President-Elect

Registration is now open for the AALT Conference which will be held from May 12 – 15 at SAIT.

We invite you to join colleagues from across the province each morning for exciting keynotes by:

- Stephen Abrams: an expert in library planning and leadership
- Dr. Lauryn Oates: a human rights and development expert
- Glenda Goertzen: a successful children's and YA fantasy author

This year's conference features a range of informative sessions including:

- Service Excellence: Serving Persons with Disabilities
- Blurred Lines: Redefining Technical Services
- By the Numbers: Using Statistics and Data to Simplify Weeding
- and many, many more.

We will also have tours of the Military Museums Library and the Taylor Family Digital Library. Accommodations are at the beautiful SAIT campus close to city transit, shopping and a variety of restaurants.

Our AGM and Board election will be held on Saturday May 14.

We have approximately 125 members (personal, student, institutional and affiliate). We have two student reps from each of the Library Technician programs in Alberta (MacEwan and SAIT) that sit on our Board.

AALT will also have a bit of a presence at ALC. Sarah Stephens, AALT President, will be part of the panel session "Library Landscape: It's Time to Shake it Up!" at ALC. An open dialog discussion between the audience and leaders of our library associations in Alberta (LAA, ALTA, AALT, AAAL, TAL, ALPAC) about the library landscape in Alberta. Questions like "How can we be stronger together? What is our Relevancy? How can we collaborate?" are just some of the areas that will be covered. With CLA in the process of dissolution and the new CFLA forming this conversation is very relevant for our Provincial Associations. It is definitely an interesting time.

### **NEOS News for AALT April 2016:**

Shared acquisitions

MacEwan University is taking the lead on a pilot project for a Shared Acquisitions Service to centralize some acquisitions processes for some NEOS members. This will mean a new role for MacEwan as service provider for other member libraries, deepening our network of consortial relationships. Along with MacEwan, libraries participating in the pilot project are Red Deer College, NorQuest College, and Lakeland College.

Shared ebook purchase

A collection of shared ebooks has been purchased by NEOS members. The Collaborative E-resources Task Force (CERT) worked with members and the vendor to develop a framework for how e-books purchased from EBSCO could be shared by members of the consortium. Libraries committed funds to the purchase and a team of librarians selected titles. As NEOS libraries, collections, and client needs change, we hope that sharing e-books will add a useful dimension to the work that we do together.

#### Other initiatives

Other new and current initiatives are being guided by member task forces in the areas of Collection Analysis, Return on Investment, ILS Interface, Centralized ILL.

#### Expansion of service to external clients

External clients who sign up at one NEOS library can now borrow and place holds at all other NEOS libraries. In addition to more choice, this means that people can pick up items from distant NEOS libraries at a more convenient NEOS library, including locations in Calgary and Medicine Hat.

#### Miniconference

A reminder to NEOS staff members that the NEOS miniconference will be held Friday, June 10 at MacEwan University in Edmonton. The NEOS miniconference is a one day conference for the staff of NEOS member libraries. There is no charge for NEOS staff to attend.

*11:30 am – 11:45 am*

#### **CLA Update - Robyn & Sonya on behalf of Jason Openo, Library Association of Alberta**

Discussion on [Agenda Item 3.1](#) "Canadian Federation of Library Associations," as to be reported at the LAA AGM. Suggestions and discussion about AAAL participation/representation at Alberta Library Conference. LAA will be the Alberta representative under the new CLA model. Suggestions included AAAL co-hosting or sponsoring a panel.

*11:45 am – 1:30 pm*

#### **Lunch and Tours of University of Calgary Taylor Library and Nickel Gallery**

*1:30 pm – 4:00 pm*

#### **Afternoon Schedule of Events coordinated by the Workshop Committee**

- **Keynote:** Embedding Librarians in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. Nancy Chick and Caitlin McClurg, University of Calgary.
- **Lightning Strike 1:** How Faculty Can add your LibGuides Content to Moodle. *Kathy Zarft, NorQuest College*
- **Lightning Strike 2:** Library Consulting Overseas: The Engagement de l'Afrique Project. *Sandy Ayer, Ambrose University.*
- **Lightning Strike 3:** Developing an Embedded Librarian Program at a Polytechnic Institution. *Jessica Norman, SAIT Polytechnic*
- **Lightning Strike 4:** Blurred Lines: Redefining Technical Services in an Academic Library. *Leigh Cunningham and Valarie Westers, Medicine Hat College*
- **Lightning Strike 5:** Long Nights Against Procrastination at the Red Deer College Library. *Yvonne Phillips, Red Deer College.*

*4:00 pm*

#### **Meeting Adjournment.**

**AAAL Spring AGM 2016 Attendees (Business Meeting)**

Rene Martin	Alberta College of Art + Design
Sandy Ayer	Ambrose University
Elaine Fabbro	Athabasca University
Matthew Black	Bow Valley College
Salma Nisar	Bow Valley College
Dan Mirau	Concordia University of Edmonton
Dana Ouellette	Concordia University of Edmonton
Ann Gish	Grande Prairie Regional College
Sheena Gardner	Grande Prairie Regional College
Ben Harrison	Lakeland College
WANJIKU KAAI	Lakeland College
Lilian Li	Lethbridge College
Corene Kozey	Lethbridge College
Tara Stieglitz	MacEwan University
Robyn Hall	MacEwan University
Debbie McGugan	MacEwan University
Chuck Payne	Medicine Hat College
Leigh Cunningham	Medicine Hat College
Joanne Mokry	Medicine Hat College
Valarie Westers	Medicine Hat College
Jordan Crate-Serhal	Mount Royal University
Geoff Owens	Mount Royal University
Julie James	Mount Royal University
Isobel Rancier	NAIT
Kathy Zarft	NorQuest College
Shiloa Thomas	Northern Lakes College
Louise Brittain Boisvert	Olds College
Corey Johnson	Olds College
Terry Donovan	Portage College
Mary Medinsky	Red Deer College
Yvonne Phillips	Red Deer College
Ebony Magnus	SAIT
Dave Weber	SAIT
Genevieve Luthy	SAIT
Sabrina Wong	SAIT
Jessica Norman	SAIT
Lori Pichette	SAIT
Luke Malone	Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
Brad Neufeldt	St. Mary's University (StMU)
Tim Janewski	The King's University
Sonya Betz	University of Alberta
CJ de Jong	University of Alberta
Trish Rosseel	University of Alberta
Claudette Cloutier	University of Calgary
Caitlin McClurg	University of Calgary
Leeanne Morrow	University of Calgary
Christie Hurrell	University of Calgary
Laura Koltutsky	University of Calgary
Brad Fawcett	Vanguard College

## **Appendix B: Special Resolution- Bylaw Amendments**

The AAAL Executive are proposing another special resolution to amend the AAAL's Bylaws.

In brief, we are proposing two major changes to the Bylaws:

1. We would like to create the position of Chair-Elect, replacing the current position of Director at Large, to be elected each year. The Chair Elect would occupy the position for one year, and would become Chair the following year. This change will allow for some much needed continuity on the AAAL Executive.
2. We would like to propose reducing quorum of voting members from 75% to 50%. Every year we struggle to meet quorum for our meetings and this change should make the process significantly easier.

For details of the proposed changes to the Bylaws and Appendices, please see:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/OBwXbqVc9w\\_ukNmpoTTdiamRPaDg?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/OBwXbqVc9w_ukNmpoTTdiamRPaDg?usp=sharing)

Our current Bylaws and Appendices are available on the AAAL website at <http://aaal.ca/about/bylaws/>