



Alberta Association of Academic Libraries

AAAL Spring 2017 AGM Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2017

Location: Bow Valley College - 345 6th Avenue SE, Calgary, AB

Room: N231

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Coffee and Breakfast Pastries sponsored by AAAL

9:00 am – 9:15 am

Welcome from Host: Lynn Connell, Director, Learner Success Services, Bow Valley College

Introduction of Members

Meeting called to order

Motion by Isobel Rancier to approve the Fall 2016 AAAL minutes. Motion seconded by Brad Fawcett.

Motion passed.

9:15 am – 9:30 am

AAAL Executive & Committees: Verbal Reports

Co-Chairs Update - Robyn Hall & Sonya Betz

The Co-Chairs formally thanked Bow Valley College for hosting the meeting, and thanked executive members CJ de Jong and Jessica Norman who are finishing terms as Director at Large and Membership Coordinator. Dana Ouellette, was thanked for his work on the Communications Committee, and Samuel Cassady, Isobel Rancier, and Jane Duffy were thanked for their work on the nominations committee. Congratulations were offered to Terry Donovan, who is retiring this summer. Over the last year, a mentorship working group has been started. AAAL Newsletters have been digitized and a blog post will be coming to provide information about this project.

Secretary Treasurer Update

Sonya presented the annual financial statement as prepared by the Secretary-Treasurer and reviewed by auditors Tim Janewski and Rene Martin.

Motion by Tim Janewski to approve the financial statement. Motion seconded by Claudette Cloutier.

Motion approved.

Statistics and Assessment Committee Update - Ebony Magnus and Tara Stieglitz

Ebony presented a new personalized dashboard which can be filtered by institution to see changes from 2014/15 to 2015/16. They are available here <https://goo.gl/jqUNop> and will be posted to the AAAL website soon. Please let Ebony know if you see any information that needs to be corrected, or if you would still like to submit data for 2015/16. The Statistics and Assessment Committee is working on additional dashboards that will allow for institutional comparison, and they are exploring the possibility of a Tableau workshop for AAAL members. Please email Ebony if interested.

9:30 am - 9:55 am

AAAL/LAA Working Group Update

Terms of reference for this group are included in the agenda package and a fuller discussion will follow later in the meeting.

9:55 am - 10:00 am

Fall 2017 Host (Edmonton - Thursday, November 16, 2017) -- Robyn Hall & Sonya Betz

There were no volunteers to host the next meeting in Edmonton, so the next executive will put out a call.

Mentorship Working Group

Ali Foster gave an update on the Mentorship Working Group. The program will be goal-focused and matches will be made based on expertise of mentors and interests of mentees. See Appendix C of the Spring AGM 2017 Meeting Package for more information. The pilot will begin in Fall 2017.

10:00am – 10:15 am

Coffee Break sponsored by AAAL

10:15 am – 11:00 am

AAAL/LAA Discussion

The AAAL/LAA Working group discussed their work to date and the next steps. The group discussed the potential benefits and risk of being part of LAA's umbrella vision. Benefits include professional development, programming and service opportunities. Risks include lack of autonomy, changes in the composition of membership, and cost. See Appendix A for an FAQ document to be shared with the membership.

Motion by Trish Rosseel that the AAAL approve the Terms of Reference of the AAAL/LAA working group and support the AAAL's continued participation in the LAA's United Voice for Alberta Libraries Working Group. Seconded by Jessica Norman. Motion passed.

11:00 am – 11:50 am

Round-table

ACAD – We are increasing our information lit activities. The uptake has been great and there have been a large number of requests. ACAD is also relaunching our learning management system, so we plan to be involved in that process.

Ambrose University College – We have begun weeding a microforms weeding project, as well as creating an institutional repository. After several years of work, we have completed a disaster plan for the library. Athabasca University – The Library is participating in the development of a new student services plan, as well as relaunching the institutional repository.

Banff Centre for the Arts – The Centre has a new director (Mark Black) and a new archivist will be starting

in May 2017. Major renovations are occurring in the archival and other spaces.

Bow Valley College – The Library has transitioned to continuous positions and has applied for 2 new positions. Using AAAL stats, we have also applied for a budget increase for acquisitions.

Concordia University of Edmonton – We started late hours at the Library. The student association is providing funds to keep the Library open later in the short term and the institution will be funding the continued extended hours.

Keyano College – Due to the Fort McMurray fire, the library experienced service disruptions in the past year. Since we have returned to our facilities, there has been much cleaning and we had to completely rearrange the collection. We also have filled several new vacancies.

Lakeland College – We are alive and well. The College website is being revised and the library website will follow. We are in the early stages of talking about establishing an archives at the College.

Lethbridge College – After a review of database statistics, we've gone through a major update to our offerings. After a facilities review, we are getting a new instruction space, new furniture, and expanded power access for users. We will also begin a pilot program to integrate information literacy within one of our programs.

MacEwan University – We are closing the west campus and consolidating to the downtown campus. The Library on that campus will close and move items to the downtown Library. We have been funded to develop an emerging technology collection via an institutional grant.

Medicine Hat College – We are involved in the development of an academic plan for the College. We are also working with academic integrity activities on campus and have received funding to review our service desk design.

Mount Royal University – The new library will be opening soon, with the move to the facilities occurring in June.

NAIT – We have been funded to implement a new ILS with additional features. The Library has been tasked with content development for an academic integrity course.

Olds College - An open position for a library technician will post later this semester. An indigenous strategy is being developed for the College. The Long night against procrastination event this spring was very successful.

Portage College – A student survey is currently ongoing. We've formed a relationship with ABC Literacy to offer financial literacy classes. The core audience for the classes is the academic upgrading classes and the feedback has been great.

Red Crow Community College – Still working to rebuild the collection. New computers will be ordered soon. A new Library Science 100 class has been developed (3 credit) to teach strong library and research skills – very exciting! We also have a new grant to do an oral history project with our elders. Last, we finished a self-study as part of our re-accreditation and will be continuing that process.

Red Deer College – A new librarian, Kymberly Sobchysyn, has started. We just finished a 2 year weeding project with great success. Work has started on a library maker space.

SAIT – The Library received an institutional grant to purchase a set of LEGO Mindstorm robotics kits. These are the first elements in a mobile maker space that we hope to develop. The robots were used in drop-in workshops this semester with great success.

St. Mary's University College – The Library will be renovated this summer. Temporary space will be set up and the collection moved into storage. We will be installing mobile shelves and building an indoor annex for special collections.

TAL – The Netspeed conference is returning in October. TAL will also be launching a new portal for unique primary source collections with perpetual access.

University of Calgary – The 50th Anniversary campaign is wrapping up later this summer. The Library has received funding to increase storage at the High Density Library, as well as separate funding to implement a new ILS (Alma). We will also be completing 3 renovations projects in the TFDL and redesigning the library

website this summer.

University of Lethbridge – U of L is celebrating its 50th Anniversary and a new science and academic building will open in 2019. We are installing compact shelving to house most of the collection and are renovating the Archives to provide more capacity. We are consolidating services into one single service point and planning to redevelop the main level of the Library.

Vanguard College – We had therapy dogs visit the library at Christmas time, to the delight of the students.

11:50 am -- 12:00 pm

Vote on Executive Positions

- A vote was held for the position of Chair. **CJ de Jong was elected AAAL Chair for a two year term.**
- A vote was held for the position of Membership Coordinator. **Morgan Hordal was elected Membership Coordinator for a two year term.**
- **Nicolle Lemay was acclaimed as Chair-Elect for a two year term.**

Motion by Elaine Fabro to destroy the ballots. Seconded by Chris Nicol. Motion approved.

1:00pm -- 2:20pm

Keynote: Inspiring Student Learning with New Library Spaces - Carol Shepstone, Mount Royal University

2:20pm -- 2:40pm

Coffee Break

2:40pm -- 3:00pm

Understanding Digital Scholarship Needs to Support the Evolving Nature of Academic Research - Christie Hurrell & Kathryn Ruddock, University of Calgary

3:00pm -- 3:20pm

A Year in Student Engagement and Outreach Programming at UAL - Nicole Loroff, University of Alberta

3:20pm -- 3:40pm

Using Play to Reduce Stress & Increase Cognition - Kim Clarke & Lianne Morrow, University of Calgary

3:40pm -- 4:00pm

Re-Designing the Service Desk for Collaboration - Christine Brown, University of Alberta

4:00pm -- 4:20pm

Maker Studio: Digital Literacy in Academic Libraries - Sandra Sarmiento, Mount Royal University

4:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned

AAAL Spring 2017 AGM Attendees

Rene Martin	Alberta College of Art and Design
Sandy Ayer	Ambrose University
Elaine Fabbro	Athabasca University
Mark Black	Banff Centre for the Arts
Janet Sainsbury	Bow Valley College
Dana Ouellette	Concordia University
Corinne Hope	Keyano College
Ben Harrison	Lakeland College
Wanjiku Kaai	Lakeland College
Corene Kozey	Lethbridge College
Lillian Li	Lethbridge COLlege
Alison Foster	MacEwan University
Debbie McGugan	MacEwan University
Lindsey Whitson	MacEwan University
Nicolle Lemay	MacEwan University
Robyn Hall	MacEwan University
Tara Stieglitz	MacEwan University
Chuck Payne	Medicine Hat College
Leigh Cunningham	Medicine Hat College
Carol Shepstone	Mount Royal University
Erik Christiansen	Mount Royal University
Christine Loo	NAIT

Isobel Rancier	NAIT
Shiloa Thomas	Northern Lakes College
Louise Brittain Boisvert	Olds College
Mary Weasel Fat	Red Crow College
Terry Donovan	Portage College
Kymerly Sobchyshyn	Red Deer College
Yvonne Phillips	Red Deer College
Dave Weber	SAIT Polytechnic
Ebony Magnus	SAIT Polytechnic
Jessica Normal	SAIT Polytechnic
Morgan Hordal	SAIT Polytechnic
Brad Neufeldt	St. Mary's University
Brian Lin	TAL
Shannon D'Agnone	The King's University
Tim Janewski	The King's University
Andrea Quaiattini	The University of Alberta
CJ de Jong	The University of Alberta
Kathryne Brattland	The University of Alberta
Sharon Murphy	The University of Alberta
Sonya Betz	The University of Alberta
Trish Rosseel	The University of Alberta
Nicole Loroff	The University of Alberta
Claudette Cloutier	The University of Calgary
James Murphy	The University of Calgary

Marc Stoeckle	The University of Calgary
Chris Nicol	University of Lethbridge
Brad Fawcett	Vanguard College

Appendix A

Questions: AAAL / LAA

Possible questions that our members may have about a relationship with the LAA

1. What benefits would a formal relationship with the LAA provide to AAAL members that they don't currently enjoy?
2. What possible risks would a formal relationship with the LAA present to AAAL members?
3. What could a new executive structure look like?
4. How could membership fees work? Currently we have bargain-basement prices of \$100 / institution with unlimited staff membership. Individual staff do not pay fees.
5. Our membership fees go towards supporting our twice annual meetings. How can we continue to provide valuable and free opportunities for staff networking and development as a group?
6. How will AAAL members have a voice in a larger umbrella organization? How will they be able to influence decision-making and strategic direction of the organization?
7. How will the following activities of the AAAL be affected by a formal relationship:
 - a. Statistics collection and analysis
 - b. Resource sharing agreement
 - c. Professional development: workshops, roundtables
 - d. Mentorship program
 - e. AAAL website and online hosted materials
 - f. AAAL communications channels: blog, social media, email list
 - g. Working groups, committees (Workshop committee, PD committee, Nominations committee, Communications committee)
 - h. PD award
8. How will a formal relationship with the AAAL change the character and tone of the AAAL community?
9. What will happen to the AAAL's status as a non-profit association?
10. Timelines?

