



## Alberta Association of Academic Libraries

### **AAAL 2016 Fall Meeting Minutes**

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

**Location:** University of Alberta

**Room:** Henry Marshall Tory Building rm. 3-36

*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, Associate University Librarian, University of Alberta Libraries

### **Introduction of Members**

**9:30 am**

**Meeting called to order**

**Motion by Janet Sainsbury to approve the Spring 2016 Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Dan Mirau. Motion passed.**

**Motion by Tim Janewski to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Terry Donovan. Motion passed.**

### **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 the University of Calgary for hosting the Spring 2016 meeting. They also thanked Mary Medinsky, Suzanne Rackover, and Yvonne Phillips for their work on AAAL Committees over the last several years. The Chairs have had ongoing discussions with LAA regarding increased academic library participation, and this will be discussed later on the agenda. They have been working with the Mentorship Working Group and Valla McLean will provide an update later in the meeting. The AAAL List-serve is being discontinued, and the AAAL distribution list and Jerome listserves will be used to communicate instead. The membership was asked how we can ensure that AAAL and PLD meetings do not conflict in the future, and several people recommended that PLD and AAAL be held in the same location as a starting point.

#### **Secretary/Treasurer: Genevieve Luthy**

Genevieve asked for volunteers to audit the annual financial statements in the spring. Tim Janewski and Janet Sainsbury volunteered.

#### **Communications Committee: Dana Ouellette**

Hannah Pearce is taking on AAAL social media and Erik Christianson will be the new webmaster. We will continue 7 questions on AAAL website.

### **Professional Development Committee: Janet Sainsbury**

The criteria for the PD Award have changed so that the recipient must be applying to present at the AAAL meeting to be eligible.

### **Special Resolution: Bylaw Amendments**

The AAAL Executive proposed a special resolution to amend the AAAL's Bylaws. The proposed changes are:

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.

### **Motion by Trish Rosseel to accept the bylaws as amended. Motion seconded by Chuck Payne. All in favour. No votes apposed.**

Bylaws will take effect immediately and will be filed by the executive. Revised bylaws will be posted to the AAAL website. The Executive will create a transition plan and elect a new Executive at the Spring AGM.

*9:55 am - 10:10 am*

### **Mentorship Working Group Updates - Valla McLean**

Valla provided an update on the mentorship survey that was distributed in the fall. See Appendix A. Sonya explained that AAAL would need to establish a structure and provide training, but a mentorship committee fits AAAL's mandate of professional development. The Executive will send out a call for participation in this group.

*10 am - 10:15 am*

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

*10:15 am - 10:30 am*

Janet Sainsbury offered Bow Valley College as a location for the Spring meeting.

### **Coffee Break**

*10:30 am – 11:30 am*

Coffee Break provided by AAAL

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

News from Libraries:

- Ambrose: Put together a disaster program. Circulation manager is retiring, hoping to fill with a professional librarian.
- Bow Valley College: Restructuring in college, library now in the same division as Learner Success Services so have done joint programming. Completed a business continuity plan. The University of Calgary's RFP for a new LMS will impact Bow Valley. Creating student technology support position.
- Burman University: added a half time archivist, planning a library expansion
- Concordia University of Edmonton: Renovations, expanded from 95 to 150 seats. Planning a visit from CACQ in anticipation of offering new graduate programs. Awarded funding to build a new research and innovation centre, library has been working to anticipate supports required.
- King's University: New instructional librarian, Shannon. Building relationships with the school of business, new

business databases, involved with the business case study competition.

- Lakeland College: Participating in NEOS pilot for joint acquisition. Renovation to entrance of Lloydminster campus, removed security gates. Working on a space strategy to make room for accommodated exams and group study.
- Lethbridge College: New website, restructuring of positions, new position - coordinator of Access Services
- MacEwan University: Holding a Late night against procrastination event. Also started a Textbook Collection. Author recognition event, getting a new space in an attached classroom.
- Maskwacis Cultural College: Strong role in political lobbying. Language declaration was signed to encourage people to speak Cree. Hosting OER gathering in December, focussed on Instructional Design. Name of Library was changed to reflect the Archives.
- Medicine Hat College: Built a new IT help desk facility in the library, new position which provides library and front line IT support, working with student engagement area to do programming in the library. Held a long night against procrastination which received positive feedback. Officially launched makerspace.
- NAIT: Held a long night against procrastination. Students want more food, less programming. NAIT has opened new building with computer commons. Library restructuring, have renamed outreach and engagement area
- Norquest College: Academic Integrity orientation pilot was launched. High satisfaction rates. New building, library will be 75% larger than it is now. Started a personal librarian program, specifically targeted at distance students.
- Northern Lakes College: Accepted into NEOS. Redesigned website. Will be cataloguing Northern Alberta Development Council's reports.
- Olds College: Hosting a long night against procrastination until 3am. Acquired an Oculus Rift which students can use. Painted a wall with white board paint, used for math problems, and Pictionary for ESL.
- Portage College: Second year using WorldCat, discovery service has improved. Usage statistics are going up, and the College has fewer upgrading students, more career and university students. Ran a program called Money Matters with TD Bank which was perfect for upgrading students.
- Red Crow Community College: Still rebuilding after fire. Received many donations, are still looking for general arts and science. Research papers from Adolf Hungrywolf were donated. The retired librarian from sister tribe in Montana will be coming to assist and is donating her book collection to Red Crow. Lethbridge campus is buying a bigger building. Going through reaccreditation with National Aboriginal Accreditation board. Helped MRU indigenize their Library with Blackfoot language. Looking at TRC education.
- SAIT: New Staff, Kevin Tanner, Instruction Librarian and Morgan Hordal, Student Engagement Librarian. Involved in Program Quality Assessment, and a new process for reviewing programs. Redesigned website, developed new Citation Guides.
- University of Alberta: three big building projects, First floor of Rutherford, Bibliotheque Saint-Jean, South Campus, High Density Library. Building a digital scholarship centre. New programming, book club, equipment lending programs – laptops and digital cameras, support staff showcase. Hosting WILU.
- University of Lethbridge: University offered volunteer exit program, 6 staff left, now working on realigning existing staff and new staff, and reorganizing services. Trying to promote open access, hosted Gerald Beasley, consolidated physical collection, working with COPPUL on benchmarking and utilization rates for online journals.

*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)**

Christina provided an update on ALC's umbrella vision and noted that OLA has an Ontario College and University Library Association division which might be a good model for LAA's vision. The idea is that the structure would not be hierarchical and each group would maintain autonomy. LAA is striking a working group and want to include all parties to develop an interests structure. They hope to strike the group in January so they can present a framework at the LAA Town Hall in April. The AAL Executive will put out a call for participation in a working group to participate in LAA discussions and bring forward some concrete recommendations at the Spring Meeting.

Anne and Christine provided an update on the LAA conference and asked for feedback on how to increase academic library participation. In response to questions about whether the location and cost impede academic library

participation, Anne noted that the overwhelming feedback has been to maintain the location. There was discussion about whether the capacity at Jasper supports a large enough conference to appeal to a wide range of library types. The executive will ask for volunteers to work with ALC to bring more academic content to the conference.

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

**Lunch**

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

**Afternoon Schedule of Events**

*1:00pm -- 2:20pm*

Keynote Panel: Opening Up About Library Data

*2:40pm -- 3:00pm*

Copyright, Open Licensing and Academic Authors: What Librarians Need to Know

*3:00pm -- 3:20pm*

"But you don't look like a Librarian": Reflections of an Early Career Professional on Identity and Professional Practice

*3:20pm -- 3:40pm*

Enhancing Reference Services with Proactive Chat

*3:40pm -- 4:00pm*

Beyond Perception Metrics: Lessons Learned from the MacEwan Library 2015 LibQual Survey

*4:00 pm*

**Meeting Adjournment**

## AAAL Fall 2016 Attendees (Morning Business meeting)

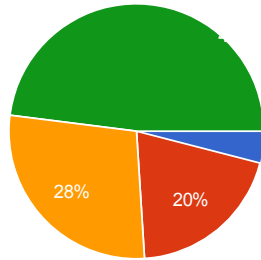
Sandy Ayer	Ambrose University
Janet Sainsbury	Bow Valley College
Sheila Clark	Burman University Library
Dana Ouellette	Concordia University of Edmonton
Dan Mirau	Concordia University of Edmonton
Wanjiku Kaai	Lakeland College
Ben Harrison	Lakeland College
Lilian Li	Lethbridge College
Eva Revitt	MacEwan University
Tara Stieglitz	MacEwan University
Robyn Hall	MacEwan University
Alison Pitcher	MacEwan University
Alison Foster	Macewan University
Manisha Khetarpal	Maskwacis Cultural College
Chuck Payne	Medicine Hat College
Shawna Murphy	Medicine Hat College
Isobel Rancier	NAIT
Christine Loo	NAIT
Kalin Jensen	NAIT
Myah Slade	NAIT
Leah Townsend	NorQuest College
Shiloa Thomas	Northern Lakes College
Louise Brittain Boisvert	Olds College
Terry Donovan	Portage Colllege
Mary Weasel Fat	Red Crow Community College
Jessica Norman	SAIT
Genevieve Luthy	SAIT
Morgan Hordal	SAIT
Kevin Tanner	SAIT
Ebony Magnus	SAIT
Shannon D'Agnone	The King's University
Tim Janewski	The King's University
Sonya Betz	University of Alberta
Denis Lacroix	University of Alberta
Trish Rosseel	University of Alberta
CJ de Jong	University of Alberta
Anne Carr-Wiggin	University of Alberta
Christina Hwang	University of Alberta
Deb Feisst	University of Alberta
Kim Frail	University of Alberta
Patti Sherbaniuk	University of Alberta
Christopher Nicol	University of Lethbridge
Nicole Palanuk	Yellowhead Tribal College

# Appendix A: AAAL Mentorship Survey Results

25 Responses

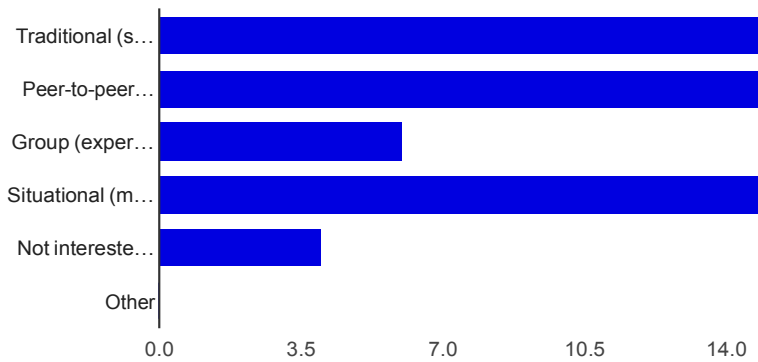
## Summary

### 1. What is your professional experience in the library field?



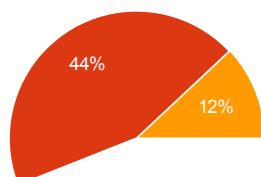
0-2 years	1	4%
3-5 years	5	20%
5-10 years	7	28%
10+ years	12	48%

### 2. What types of mentoring are you interested in? (Check all that apply):



Traditional (senior colleague paired with junior colleague)	15	60%
Peer-to-peer (individuals at the same level)	15	60%
Group (experienced mentors with multiple mentees)	6	24%
Situational (mentoring for a specific skill or project)	15	60%
Not interested...	4	16%
Other	0	0%

### 3a. If AAAL offered a mentorship program, would you participate?



Yes	11	44%
Maybe	11	44%
No	3	12%

**3b. If no, please explain why not. Continue to question 9.**

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**4. If yes, in what capacity would you be willing to participate? As a...**



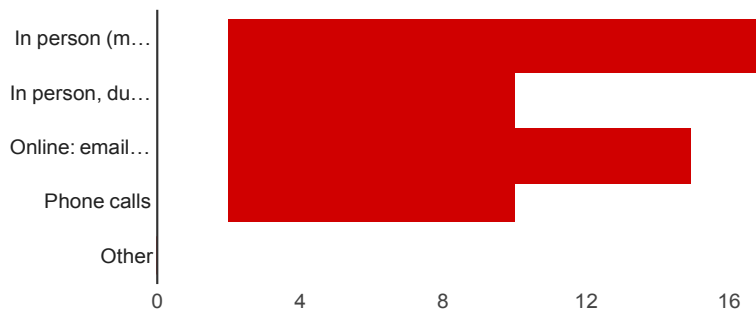
**5. What are your expectations as someone seeking a mentor or being a mentee?**

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**6. What would be the ideal duration of one term of the program for you (with possibility of renewal)?**



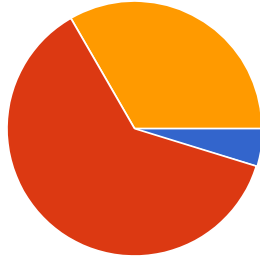
**7. How would you like to communicate with a mentor or mentee? (Check all that apply)**



In person (meaning you would ideally like to be paired with someone local to where you live)	<b>17</b>	81%
In person, during AAAL Fall and Spring meetings (e.g. during lunch breaks or following meetings)	<b>10</b>	47.6%
Online: emails, Skype, social media	<b>15</b>	71.4%
Phone calls	<b>9</b>	42.9%



i. **8. Would you be interested in volunteering to sit on an AAAL Mentoring Committee to help facilitate a mentorship program if the AAAL goes ahead with such a program (to be determined at the Fall meeting November 17)?**

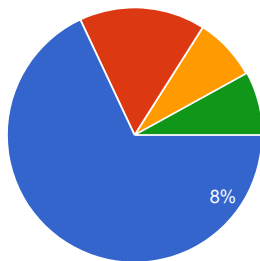


Yes	1	4.8%
No	13	61.9%
Maybe	7	33.3%

**If yes or maybe, please include your name and email address:**

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**What is your position?**



Librarian	17	68%
Library Director/Administrator	4	16%
Library Technician	2	8%
Other	2	8%