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OCULA 2016 Annual General Meeting

Thursday, February 2nd, 2017

5:40 p.m., MTCC 104B

Toronto, Ontario

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Welcome

President Denise Smith called the meeting to order at 5:40

p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

President Denise Smith added an item under **8. New**

Business: OLITA Lending Library

Motion: to approve the agenda.

Moved by: Peter Duerr

Seconded by: Sarah Shujah

Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the Annual General Meeting 2016 (January 28, 2016)

Motion: to approve the Minutes from the **Annual General**

Meeting 2016

Moved by: Sarah Shujah

Seconded by: Kristin Hoffmann

Carried.

4. Business arising from the Minutes of the 2016 Annual General meeting

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

5. Introduction of the 2016 Council Members:

Denise Smith introduced the 2016 Council Members:

Council:

Denise Smith (President)

Sarah Shujah (VP/President-Elect)

Shanna Pearson (Past President)

Fiona Inglis (Treasurer)

Jaclyn Chambers Page (Secretary)

Andrew Colgoni (Councillor-at-Large)

Jack Young (Councillor-at-Large)

Jennifer Browning (Councillor-at-Large)

Super Conference Co-Planners:

Jennifer Peters

Courtney Lundrigan

Editorial Team:

Elizabeth Yates (Editor-in-Chief)

Graeme Campbell (Deputy Editor)

Michel Castagné (Junior Editor)

6. **President's Message / Annual Report for OCULA** (Denise Smith)

President Denise Smith thanked Council for their dedicated service to OCULA with special acknowledgment to OCULA Past President Shanna Pearson and then delivered the following report (full 2016 OCULA AGM report):

Strategic Initiative: Building Career Paths & Potential:
OCULA Spring Conference (April 29, 2016)
Our spring event was held on April 29th in Jordan Ontario. This year's theme focused on making space: in our physical libraries, creating digital space and also mental space. The conference hosted 48 delegates this year. Our keynote speaker, Jutta Treviranus, came to us from the Inclusive Design Research Centre at OCAD University. She spoke to us about digital inclusion, access for all to knowledge in our digital society and the role libraries play in mitigating the disparities that presently exist. Conference delegates were also tasked with the challenge of building the "Library of Spectacular Spaces" to create a digitally augmented library space. This small group activity produced a lot of fun, interesting, and creative ideas. The day also featured 10 Lightning Talks, a presentation from the OLITA lending library and an opportunity

for delegates to share how they create some much needed mental space with "The Little Box of Calm," followed by an exploration of guided meditation.

I would like to thank Jack Young, Fiona Inglis, and our New Librarian Resident Chris Landry for organizing and hosting a fun, inspiring, and creative event.

OCULA Spring Dinner (May 19, 2016)

The annual OCULA Spring Dinner was held on May 19 in the Library Room at Hot House Restaurant and Bar. It hosted 23 guests. This year's theme was "Open Access, Open Minds." The event we encouraged a community of sharing using Pinterest by asking libraries and librarians to share how they celebrate and advocate for Open Access (OA) week. We collected OA ideas in the form of a Pinterest Board that everyone can access, to help the community brainstorm ideas for future Open Access Week events. During the first part of the dinner, attendees mingled and viewed a slideshow of postings from the Pinterest board. The evening featured a special presentation by the Open Robarts team. Nelly Cancilla and Bobby Glushko from the University of Toronto's Scholarly Communications Office discussed how their Open Robarts library used an alternate reality game to promote Open Access

Week. The evening also invited discussion about how Ontario's college and university libraries celebrate Open Access Week and their response to the changing landscape of Open Access. Thank you to Sarah Shujah, Andrew Colgoni, and Chris Landry for another successful spring dinner.

OCULA Fall Event (November 23, 2016)

The 2016 OCULA Fall Event took place online, in collaboration with OLITA, via Adobe Connect on November 23, 2016 and was well attended with 53 participants. The conference theme was, "The Next Transformation: Libraries and the Future of Higher Education" which included two speakers and a collaborative activity. Our opening speaker, Dr. Alec Couros from the University of Regina spoke to us about how he perceives academic libraries as an edtech professional

Our closing speaker, Louise McGillis from Memorial University, addressed the ongoing conversation about the future of academic libraries, whether or not we've been effective in doing anything about our concerns, and just how much has actually changed since this conversation began trending 10 years ago. Thank you to Jaclyn Chambers Page, Courtney Boudreau, Sarah McIntyre, and Susanna Galbraith for organizing this engaging event.

Sponsorships

We had another successful year securing sponsorship for our events. Securing money from sponsors is critical to keeping our events affordable for our members and so I'd like to say a very heartfelt thank you to Centennial College Libraries, McMaster University Libraries, GOBI, formerly YBP Library Services, and Mintel for their contributions this year.

New Librarian Residency Award & New Librarian Residency Award Fundraising Committee

Chris Landry was the successful recipient of the New Librarian Residency Award for 2015-16 and was hired by OCAD U as a Scholarly Communication Librarian/Digital Projects Officer. Chris worked on a lot of exciting projects during his contract at OCADU, including: organizing Open Access Week events, drafting policies for OCAD's institutional repository, including a non-exclusive license agreement for deposits, and developing user guides for faculty members on how to deposit items into OCAD's digital repository. I am pleased to report that Chris still holds his position at OCAD U.

The OCULA NLRA Fundraising Committee has been hard at work this year with the goal to fund the award independently. I

am pleased to report that today we officially launch the New Librarian Residency Award Fundraising Campaign. With your support, we are going to crowdsource this valuable award that has proven to be critical in kickstarting six new librarians' careers since 2009.

In an effort to optimize our chances of successfully meeting our goal to raise $10,000 by next year's SuperConference, the New Librarian Residency award will be offered again in 2018. Based on our success this year, council will consider the option of whether to make the award an annual or bi-annual offering from OCULA.

Please consider contributing to the New Librarian Residency Award today. If each OCULA member contributes only $17, we can easily achieve our goal. I am proud to announce that we have already crowdsourced $450.

iSchool Practicum Student from the University of Toronto's iSchool

Nikolina joined OLA as an iSchool Practicum Student in October 2016. Nikolina has joined OLA's Communications and Project Officer Annesha Hutchinson in migrating six past editions of InsideOCULA to the OpenShelf web site and in conducting a qualitative analysis of all OpenShelf articles to

create a standardized tagging system for the magazine's content. The InsideOCULA editorial team is grateful for Nikolina's assistance with the archiving project, which focuses on retrieving issues of InsideOCULA published via the former OLA website from Winter 2012-Spring 2014.

Thank you Nikolina for dedicating many hours to this important work for InsideOCULA and OLA. Thank you to our InsideOCULA Editor-in-Chief, Elizabeth Yates, and to OLA for facilitating the recruitment of a practicum student this year.

InsideOCULA

InsideOCULA has enjoyed another successful year on the OpenShelf platform and continues to offer 5 issues a year. This year we will see Elizabeth Yates complete her term as Editor-in-Chief. We'd like to thank Elizabeth for all her hard work and her commitment to creating another successful year for InsideOCULA. I'd also like to welcome our incoming Editor-in-Chief, Graham Campbell. We look forward to working with you in 2017. I'd also like to thank all our members who contribute content to the publication; InsideOCULA wouldn't exist without your contributions! And of course, a big thank you to our editorial team who work tirelessly to bring

you the amazing articles you see in InsideOCULA each and
every issue.

*Strategic Initiative: Collaborating to Extend Libraries'
Strategic Voice*

OCULA Strategic Voice Committee

In 2015, OCULA Council established a "task force" dedicated
to receive and respond to issues brought forth by members.
We did not receive requests for support from our membership
this year. We encourage you to share your concerns and
issues in your library communities with us.

Transforming Ideas into Solutions

OCULA Super Conference Planning

This year at SuperConference we welcomed Rosie Redfield as
our spotlight speaker, we heard amazing Lightning Strikes
Presentations from library students, and we heard your fail
stories.

Strengthening the Organization

OCULA Communications Committee

OCULA continued to strengthen our organization in 2016 by
focusing on communications.

This year council by struck a Communications Committee that to date has: created a community in #slack for council member communication, planning, and document sharing, established a presence on Twitter with it's own account, and taken responsibility for ensuring our web pages on the OLA web site remains current and up to date. We have also begun working on addressing some sustainability concerns with OCULA's Information Briefs that will make our briefs easier to keep up to date for our members.

OCULA Ambassadors

Throughout the year, OCULA Ambassador's help share information about OCULA activities with their colleagues usually through email communication. This program is essential during a time that OCULA is without a member listserv and I would like to thank all of our ambassador's for their continued support. We are still looking for ambassadors from a number of college libraries so if you're interested in communicating information about OCULA to your peers please contact anyone on council for more information.

OLA Committees

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our OCULA Council members and Members-at-Large who represent OCULA on several OLA Committees, including:

- OLA Mentoring Committee (Jennifer Peters)

- OLA Advocacy Committee (Angela Henshilwood)

- OLA Governance Review Committee (Shanna Pearson)

- OLA Finance Committee (Fiona Inglis)

- OLA Revenue Development Committee (Sarah Shujah)

- OLA Board (Denise Smith, Sarah Shujah)

7. Treasurer's Report (Fiona Inglis)

Fiona presented the unaudited numbers for the year ending 2016. Beginning next year, OLA's fiscal year will end in August, so the financial report for 2017 will be official at the next OCULA AGM. OCULA will be in the black for 2016; Fiona asked for questions, no questions were asked.

8. New Business/Resolutions

Denise added the OLITA lending library as a new business item. Sarah Simpkin, Laura Warner, and Susanna Galbraith

were present at the AGM to represent OLITA. A number of items from OLITA's technology lending library were available at the AGM for delegates to explore. Items can be loaned to libraries for up to 12 weeks; they will mail them to you.

9. A look forward by 2017 President Sarah Shujah

2017 OCULA President Sarah Shujah delivered the following message:

This past year has been an amazing opportunity to work alongside an incredible group of highly motivated people on the OCULA Council, and OLA Board and office. I look forward to serving the best interests of OCULA members with the incoming Council where we'll engage with advocacy, outreach, and continue to develop meaningful professional development and networking opportunities for new and experienced librarians.

To name some of our upcoming initiatives, we'll be working hard on:

- planning for the Spring Conference on April 28 in a new location historic Mill's Hardware, in downtown Hamilton
- a new partnership with OLITA for the Spring Dinner, and

- as already mentioned promoting the OCULA New Librarian Residency Award crowdsourcing effort. Please contribute, every contribution small and large helps!

Also, I'd like to thank Denise Smith, who has mentored and prepared me for the sometimes seemingly daunting however, very rewarding position as President in 2017. Denise helped to answer my questions in an informed manner, provided words of encouragement when needed that really shows to me her breadth of experience and knowledge as not just a librarian but as a leader. This year, Denise's biggest accomplishment is developing a sustainable funding plan for the New Librarian Residency Award that really exemplifies her tireless leadership and commitment to serve library professionals and the library community. I know that with her as Past-President, I'll have the expertise and knowledge to continue to advocate and serve the library community effectively.

I am very much excited about the many great initiatives OCULA has lined up for 2017!

Thank you.

10. Introduction of the 2017 OCULA Council

Sarah Shujah introduced the 2017 OCULA Council:

Sarah Shujah (President)

Melanie Parlette-Stewart(VP/President Elect)

Denise Smith (Past President)

Fiona Inglis (Councillor-at-Large, Treasurer)

Jack Young (Councillor-at-Large)

Jennifer Browning (Councillor-at-Large, Secretary)

Andrew Colgoni (Councillor-at-Large)

Monique Flaccavento (Councillor-at-Large)

Super Conference Co-Planners:

Courtney Lundrigan (2016/2017)

Stephen Spong (2018/2019)

Editorial Team:

Graeme Campbell (Co-Editor-in-Chief)

Michel Castagné (Co-Editor-in-Chief)

11. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the OCULA Annual General Meeting

Moved by: Jennifer Peters

Seconded by: Nathalie Soini

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. and was followed by the awards reception.

Award presentations immediately following the AGM:

1. **OCULA Lightning Strikes Student Award (presented by Sarah Shujah)** The following students participated in the "Lightning Strikes" contest: Ronit Barenboim (University of Toronto) , Shelby Stinnissen (University of Toronto), Shahira Khair (University of Ottawa), Michael Mulikow (Algonquin College), Erica Friesen (University of Toronto), Tristan Smyth (University of Toronto)
The winner was Erica Friesen.

2**. OCULA Award for Special Achievement (presented by Kristin Hoffman and Sophie Bury)** This award was given to two projects. Kristin Hoffman presented the OCULA Award for Special Achievement to Elan Paulson for Student2Scholar. Sophie Bury presented the OCULA Award for Special Achievement to Tom Scott and Dana Craig for La casita azul

3. **OCULA Lifetime Achievement Award (presented by Larry Alford)** Larry Alford presented the OCULA Lifetime Achievement

Award to Anne Dondertman, former Associate Chief Librarian for

Special Collections at the University of Toronto Libraries.