

OCULA Council Meeting
February 26th, 2014
OLA Office
10:05 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.

Present:

President: Sophia Apostol
Vice President: Shanna Pearson
Past President: Kristin Hoffmann (by Skype)
OCULA SC Planner: Jaclyn Chambers Page
OCULA SC Planner: Jeannie An
Councillor-at-Large: Denise Smith
Councillor-at-Large: Courtney Lundrigan
Councillor-at-Large: Mindy Thuna
Councillor-at-Large: Peter Duerr
Councillor-at-Large: Sharon Munro
Publications – Editor-in-Chief: Martha Attridge-Buften
Deputy Editor: Carey Toane

OLA staff:

OLA Executive Director: Shelagh Patterson
Manager, Member Services: Beckie MacDonald

Guests:

Manager, Education Programs: Michelle Arbuckle

Minutes by: Sharon Munro

The following are items of business discussed at the OCULA Council meeting on February 26th, 2014.

Restructuring Pilot for the four Strategic Initiatives:

OCULA plans to move away from portfolios and is aligning its activities with the *OLA Strategic Initiatives*. OCULA councillors have identified several activities connected to these initiatives and have organized committees for the following four *Strategic Initiatives*:

- Growing Career Paths and Potential
- Collaborating to Extend Libraries' Strategic Voice
- Transforming Ideas into Solutions
- Strengthening the Organization

It was agreed that all OCULA events and activities should be reviewed and evaluated every year.

OLA is embarking on a review of its governance structure and OCULA will be following suit. A *Governance Review Committee* has been struck for OCULA.

Feedback from the OLA SC Building Blueprints with OCULA session:

The *OLA SC Building Blueprints with OCULA* session at the *OLA Super Conference* was well attended. Information about Strategic Plan initiatives and OCULA activities related to these initiatives was shared with attendees, who were then asked to pick the most important ones. The following initiatives were chosen:

- New Librarian Residency
- Creation of a volunteer database for OCULA
- OCULA advocacy portfolio

Spring Dinner update:

Seneca College will be hosting the Spring Dinner on May 15th. The speaker is Kevin Bryan, Professor for Public Safety and Police Studies at Seneca College. Location for the Dinner to be announced.

Spring Conference update:

The Spring Conference will be taking place on Friday, April 25th at the *Inn on the Twenty* in Jordan Station. An [OCULA Conference](#) web site has been set up for the event. The conference theme is: “Celebrate the letter M: marketing, mobile and more”. Proposals are being sought for lightning talks at the conference.

Fall Event:

The speaker and location for the Fall Event have yet to be decided.

Information Briefs:

A new coordinator was needed for the OCULA information briefs. Mindy Thuna volunteered to do this and Peter Duerr will assist her.

New Librarian Residency Award update:

The New Librarian Residency Award will be given out this year. An OCULA working group has been struck to look at ways to maintain the Award.

OLA Mentoring Committee:

The first round of matches of mentors and mentees from last Fall is now complete and the informal feedback to date has been positive. More formal feedback will be gathered in the Spring. The Faculty of Information and Media Studies (Western University) is once more conducting mock interviews. The Mentoring Committee organized a day at FIMS in the Fall and another one is coming up on February 26th.

Editorial and *InsideOCULA* update:

The next issue of *InsideOCULA* will be coming out in April. Most of it will be focused on follow-up from the *OLA Super Conference*. A call will be going out shortly to OCULA members for library renovation stories for an upcoming issue. Carey Toane will be stepping down as Deputy Editor. She was thanked for all of her work for *InsideOCULA*.

OLA Advocacy Committee update:

Angela Henshilwood has been appointed as OCULA's representative on the *OLA Advocacy Committee*.

Ambassadors update:

Mindy Thuna and Peter Duerr have been working on *Terms of Reference* documents for the OCULA Ambassadors and the information briefs. The new documents will be posted on the OLA website shortly. Mindy is also developing a calendar for the Ambassadors about OCULA events.

Treasurer's Report and 2014 Budget update:

Courtney presented the Treasurer's report and a breakdown of the 2014 budget. OCULA now has built-in budgets for each of the OCULA events for the current year based on monies required for previous years.

OLA Governance Committee:

OLA is embarking on a review of its operational work and governance structure over the course of this year. Kristin Hoffmann is OCULA's representative on the *OLA Governance Committee*. In light of this review, an *OCULA Governance Review Committee* has been struck to review OCULA's operations and will provide feedback to the OLA committee.

OLA Super Conference update:

There was very positive feedback about the copyright session and the Lightning Strikes session at the *OLA Super Conference*. Attendees expressed an interest in having more sessions about government documents in the future. Sophia Apostol thanked Jane Schmidt and Jaclyn Chambers-Page for all of their work for OCULA's section of the *Super Conference*.

Michelle Arbuckle is OLA's Manager of Education Programs and will be responsible for the coordination of the *OLA Super Conference* and educational planning and *Education Institute* sessions for the academic sector.

New Business:

As of March 1st, the home auto insurance benefit through OLA will be changing to the Personal insurance company.

The OCULA Council meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m..