

OCULA Council Meeting
February 25th, 2015
OLA Office
10:03 a.m. to 3:07 p.m.

Present:

President: Shanna Pearson
Vice President: Denise Smith
Past President: Sophia Apostol
OCULA SC Planner: Jeannie An
OCULA SC Planner: Paula Cardozo (by teleconference)
Councillor-at-Large: Peter Duerr
Councillor-at-Large: Jessica Samuels
Councillor-at-Large: Fiona Inglis
Councillor-at-Large: Jack Young
Councillor-at-Large: Sharon Munro
Co-Editor-in-Chief: Jenaya Webb
Co-Editor-in-Chief: Elizabeth Yates (by teleconference)
OCULA Librarian in Residence: Caleb Domsy
OCULA/OLA Practicum Student: Kathryn Stickle

OLA staff:

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

Minutes by: Sharon Munro

The following are items of business discussed at the OCULA Council meeting on February 25th, 2015.

New Librarian Residency Award:

To date, OLA has contributed \$20,000 towards the award and the host institution has covered the rest of the New Librarian Resident's salary. OCULA is looking at options for making the New Librarian Residency Award more sustainable. Discussion followed about possible fundraising initiatives.

OCULA Spring Conference:

Dr. Karen Louise Smith, a Mitacs Elevate post-doctoral research fellow with Mozilla and the University of Toronto, will be the keynote speaker for the OCULA Spring Conference. The theme of her talk will be digital citizenship and privacy. Sponsorship for the conference is being provided by Niagara College Learning Commons. Registration for the conference opens on March 9th. The deadline for Lightning Strikes proposals is Friday, February 27th.

OCULA Spring Dinner:

The OCULA Spring Dinner will take place on May 7th. Location and theme for the event to be decided.

OCULA Fall Event:

Planning for the OCULA Fall Event will begin shortly and more information will follow.

Information Briefs:

Two information briefs are currently underway and two more may be following shortly.

EI Liaison:

It was agreed by OCULA Council members that the duties of the EI liaison should be folded into the existing role of Information Briefs. Any suggestions for EI sessions should be sent to Carey Toane, OLA's Education Co-ordinator, or OCULA members can fill in the online OLA EI form.

OCULA Knowledge Management Committee:

The OCULA Knowledge Management Committee will be gathering all documentation related to OCULA and placing it in one location. This will make it easier to find materials and to keep archival copies.

OCULA/OLA Practicum Student:

Kathryn Stickle, a student at the University of Toronto's iSchool, is the OCULA/OLA practicum student. She is currently completing a variety of projects for both OLA and OCULA.

Lightning Strikes session:

The Lightning Strikes session was well-attended at the OLA Super Conference. All of the presentations were filmed and will be posted on the OCULA website. Julia King, University of Toronto, was the winner. She has written an article that will be appearing in *InsideOCULA* in March. Recommendations from audience members for next year's session were considered and will be followed up on.

InsideOCULA:

There are now four members on the *InsideOCULA* team consisting of two Co-Editors-in-Chief (Jenaya Webb and Elizabeth Yates), a Deputy Editor (Graeme Campbell) and a Junior Editor (Michel Castagne). The Junior Editor's position will be brought forth for approval at the next OCULA Annual General Meeting so that it can become part of OCULA's By-Laws. Any feedback or story ideas for *InsideOCULA* should be sent to Jenaya Webb or Elizabeth Yates.

OLA Mentoring Committee:

The OLA Mentoring Committee met last December and will have its next meeting on March 12th. The committee is currently seeking two new Members-at-Large and there are several candidates under consideration. Denise Smith is the web content coordinator for the Committee and her term will end next year. The call for mentors and mentees is on the OLA website.

OLA Super Conference:

More than 60 OCULA attendees responded to the Super Conference session evaluation forms – 60 % from the University sector and 42% from the College sector. There was a lot of positive feedback about the overall change of format for the OLA Super Conference. The OCULA keynote speaker, Barbara Fister, proved to be very popular. Several recommendations were made for next year's sessions and all of these will be taken into account at the Super Conference planning meeting scheduled for March 25th. The theme for next year's conference has not yet been set. OCULA Council members came up with several potential topics for next year's sessions.

Treasurer's Report and 2015 Budget Update:

OCULA had a balanced budget at the end of 2014. Fiona Inglis is OCULA's new Treasurer. She will be working on OCULA's budget with Stephanie Pimentel (Manager, Operations for OLA).

OCULA New Librarian Residency Award Fundraising Committee:

OCULA hopes to obtain funding from OLA for the NLRA for the upcoming year. The NLRA Fundraising Committee is exploring a variety of fundraising options in conjunction with Stephanie Pimentel and OLA's Revenue Development Committee. More information to follow.

OLA Finance Committee:

The OLA Finance Committee will be sending the OLA budget to the OLA Board for approval on Friday, February 27th. OCULA Council is asking for funding for the New Librarian Residency Award.

OCULA Ambassador Communications and Volunteer Coordination:

Jessica Samuels and Jenaya Webb have joined Peter Duerr on this committee and will be working with him on a number of initiatives. Volunteer Coordination will become a separate portfolio and Jessica Samuels has agreed to be OCULA's Volunteer Coordinator.

OCULA Governance Review Committee:

The OCULA Governance Review Committee will remain in effect for another year because the OLA Governance Committee is currently working on plans for the divisional councils. The OCULA Governance Review Committee has developed an Event Wrap-Up Report template that will be completed for all OCULA events.

OLA Governance Review Committee:

The OLA Governance Committee met during the week of February 16th. The committee has sent a template for terms of reference for OLA committees to the OLA Board for approval. Once the template is approved, OCULA can look at its committees, use the template and get the terms of reference for its committees online.

OCULA Awards:

The rubric and criteria for the OCULA Awards are currently under consideration and will be brought back to the next OCULA Council meeting. It was agreed by OCULA Council members that the nomination

deadline should be changed from November 15th to November 1st in order to give members of the Award committees more time to consider the nominations.

OLA Board Update:

The OLA Board is holding an orientation session on Thursday, February 26th, followed by the Board meeting itself on Friday, February 27th. Matters under consideration at the Board meeting include OLA's participation in Canada 150 (the celebrations for Canada's sesquicentennial) and the future of the Canadian Library Association and OLA's relationship with CLA.

OLA Revenue Development Committee:

Nothing to report. The next Committee meeting will take place shortly.

OCULA Strategic Voice Committee:

The OCULA Strategic Voice Committee has developed an OCULA Call for Action form that OCULA members can fill out for any issues that they want OCULA to follow up on.

OLA Advocacy Committee:

There is nothing to report for this Committee. The next meeting will be coming up shortly.

The OCULA Council meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m..