

OCULA Council Meeting
June 22nd, 2015
OLA Office
10:03 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

Present:

President: Shanna Pearson
Vice President: Denise Smith
Past President: Sophia Apostol
OCULA SC Planner: Jeannie An
OCULA SC Planner: Paula Cardozo
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: Elizabeth Yates
OCULA Librarian in Residence: Caleb Domsy

OLA staff:

OLA Executive Director: Shelagh Patterson
Manager, Member Services: Beckie MacDonald
Marketing & Communication Coordinator: Annesha Hutchinson

Minutes by: Sharon Munro

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

New Librarian Residency Award:

Caleb Domsy has finished his term as New Librarian Resident. He was thanked for his valuable contributions to OCULA Council and presented with a gift of appreciation.

Recipient of 2015 Award:

The 2015 New Librarian Residency Award has been given to OCAD University. OCAD has posted advertisements for a Scholarly Communication and Digital Projects Librarian with a starting date in August.

Final NLRA report:

Caleb gave a final report on his activities for OCULA and Humber College over the past year as New Librarian Resident and Digital Librarian. These included updating and creating videos about APA style for students, which are being widely used. He also developed library assignments for an online marketing course with one of the Business faculty at Humber College. These assignments received

much positive feedback and resulted in additional online content for Humber Library. Caleb thanked OCULA Council for the opportunity to be the New Librarian Resident and also paid tribute to his mentor, Aliya Dalfen, at Humber Libraries. He has now been hired at Humber College as the Digital Learning Librarian.

OCULA Spring Conference:

The OCULA Spring Conference took place on Friday, April 24th at Jordan Station, Ontario. Denise Smith, Peter Duerr and Mark Weiler (Brock) organized the event with the help of Michael Rogowski (Education Co-ordinator for OLA) organized the event. It was sponsored by Niagara College and YBP Library Services. There were 60 attendees. Dr. Karen Louise Smith, Mitacs Elevate post-doctoral research fellow with Mozilla and the University of Toronto, was the keynote speaker. There were also 14 Lightning Talks and a “Birds of a Feather” session. The feedback for the Spring Event was very positive.

OCULA Spring Dinner:

The OCULA Spring Dinner took place on Wednesday, May 13th at Amsterdam BrewHouse On-the-Lake in Toronto. It was sold out with forty attendees. The theme for the Dinner was pop-up participatory events and makerspaces in academic libraries. A call went out to OCULA members prior to the Dinner asking for examples of events held at their libraries to support student success and well-being. There were 32 submissions and 5 awards. Attendees at the Dinner voted for the submissions and prizes were awarded to the winners.

OCULA Fall Event:

Sophia Apostol, Martha Attridge-Bufton and Sharon Munro are working on the OCULA Fall Event. Topic, speaker and location to be determined.

Information Briefs:

Peter Duerr and Jack Young contacted all of the authors of the existing Information Briefs to get updates and revisions done. There are some new Information Briefs in process which should be ready within the next three months. Terms of Reference have been developed for the Information Briefs and will be brought to the next OCULA Council meeting for approval.

OCULA/OLA Practicum Student:

Kathryn Stickle completed 105 hours and divided her time between OLA and OCULA. She completed a variety of reports, charts and summaries for Michelle Arbuckle (Manager, OLA Education Programs). She also put an events comparison spreadsheet together for OCULA. She helped to organize OCULA files; worked on the arrangements for the Spring Dinner; attended the OLA Super Conference and wrote an article for InsideOCULA. She submitted a very positive final report about her experiences as the OCULA/OLA Practicum Student. It was agreed by OCULA Council members that it would be very worthwhile to get another OCULA/OLA Practicum Student for 105 hours, preferably for the Winter semester which fits in well with the annual turnover on OCULA Council.

Lightning Strikes:

It was recommended and agreed upon by all present at the OCULA Council meeting that the OCULA Student Award be re-named the OCULA Lightning Strikes Student Award.

InsideOCULA:

The partnership between InsideOCULA and Open Shelf is going well as is the partnership of Elizabeth Yates and Jenaya Webb as Co-Editors-in-Chief of InsideOCULA. They are alternating the lead on each issue.

OLA Mentoring Committee:

The OLA Mentoring Committee launched the Mentoring Program in the Spring with 33 mentors and mentees matched.

OLA Super Conference:

Nearly 100 submissions were received for 37 OCULA slots for the 2016 OLA Super Conference. A decision will be made shortly about the OCULA Spotlight Speaker.

Treasurer's Report:

Fiona Inglis, OCULA Treasurer, is working with Stephanie Pimentel (Manager, Operations for OLA) on OCULA's budget.

OCULA New Librarian Residency Award Fundraising Committee:

Several options for raising money for the NLRA were presented to Council members. Discussion followed and the NLRA Committee will follow up on the recommendations received from Council.

OCULA Ambassador Communications & Volunteer Coordination:

Peter Duerr, Jenaya Webb and Jessica Samuels have contacted all of the university and college ambassadors to introduce themselves and to get feedback from them. There are still gaps at some institutions and Peter is following up to identify ambassadors for these academic libraries.

OCULA Governance Review Committee:

This committee has now been designated as a task force. Terms of Reference have been created for it. There are no immediate action items.

OCULA Awards:

Some revisions were made to the criteria and rubric for the OCULA Award for Special Achievement.

Council Nominations:

All of the Award deadlines for the various divisional councils in OLA are being moved to November 1st. A call for nominations for vacant positions on the OCULA Council will go out in September. The VP/President-Elect's position and two Councillor-at-Large positions will need to be filled. The deadline for nominations is November 15th.

OLA Governance Review Committee:

Terms of Reference have been developed for this committee and a policy template was approved by the OLA Board.

OLA Finance Committee:

No report.

OLA Board Update:

Further discussion took place at the recent OLA Board meeting about the future direction of CLA. OLA has been asked to participate in the Working Group that will determine the structure of the new CLA organization. OLA is also represented on the Finance Group that is developing the financial model for the new CLA. Changes to CLA should be taking place before the next CLA Annual General Meeting. The OLA Board is also striking a task force to look at issues related to the development and preservation of First Nations public libraries and at the overall need to highlight First Nations issues.

OLA Revenue Development Committee:

The OLA Revenue Development Committee will be having a teleconference in July. Terms of Reference have been developed for this committee.

OCULA Strategic Voice Committee:

Terms of Reference have been developed for this committee and will be brought to the September OCULA Council meeting for approval. This committee will co-ordinate responses to advocacy issues that arise from OCULA members. A Call for Action form has been developed by the committee and approved by OCULA Council. This form can be used by OCULA members to register concerns with the OCULA Strategic Voice Committee.

OLA Advocacy Committee:

Angela Henshilwood is OCULA's representative on the OLA Advocacy Committee. The committee met in April and decided that a second OCULA representative is needed for the committee so that both colleges and universities are covered. OCULA Council will follow up on this recommendation. Queen's Park Day will be taking place again this year and a call will be going out to OLA members encouraging them to take part in it.

Twitter account:

Discussion took place at the OCULA Council meeting about the advantages and disadvantages of OCULA having its own Twitter account. This will be considered further at the OCULA Council meeting in September.

New Terms of References (Leads):

Deferred to the September OCULA Council meeting.

Update about OLA/OCULA Listservs:

OCULA Council members were advised that they should use Outlook for the OCULA Council list instead of the old listserv technology as this is no longer working.

The OCULA Council meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m..

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