

OCULA Council Meeting
September 21st, 2015
OLA Office
10:01 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Present:

President: Shanna Pearson
Vice President: Denise Smith
Past President: Sophia Apostol
OCULA SC Planner: Paula Cardozo
Councillor-at-Large: Peter Duerr
Councillor-at-Large: Fiona Inglis
Councillor-at-Large: Jack Young
Councillor-at-Large: Sharon Munro
Co-Editor-in-Chief: Jenaya Webb
OCULA Librarian in Residence: Chris Landry

OLA staff:

OLA Executive Director: Shelagh Paterson
Manager, Member Services: Beckie MacDonald
Web and IT Co-ordinator: Brian Pudden
Manager, Education Programs: Michelle Arbuckle

Regrets:

OCULA SC Planner: Jeannie An
Councillor-at-Large: Jessica Samuels

Minutes by: Sharon Munro

The following are items of business discussed at the OCULA Council meeting on September 21st, 2015.

New Business Arising:

The existing OLA website is being replaced with a new one. OCULA will be reviewing its web pages and passing on any revisions, changes or updates to Brian Pudden. Each OLA division will have a content coordinator instead of a webmaster to ensure that all web content is kept up to date. The Junior Editor for *InsideOCULA* will be the content coordinator for OCULA's web pages.

New Librarian Residency Award:

Shanna welcomed Chris Landry to OCULA Council. There were 99 applicants for the New Librarian Residency Award this year.

OCULA Spring Conference:

A committee for the OCULA Spring Conference will be struck at the November OCULA Council meeting.

OCULA Fall Event:

The OCULA Fall Event will have advocacy as its theme. It will be a virtual conference and more information about speakers, registration and date will be forthcoming.

Lightning Strikes Student Award:

Information about the Lightning Strikes Student Award has been sent out in a recent OLA newsletter. A general call for submissions will be going out very shortly.

OCULA Special Achievement Award and OCULA Lifetime Achievement Award:

A call for nominations for both of these awards was in the recent *InsideOCULA* newsletter.

Information Briefs:

All of the Information Briefs have been updated. There are a couple of new Information Briefs in progress.

OCULA/OLA Practicum Student:

OCULA benefitted from having a practicum student last year whose hours were split between OCULA and OLA. OCULA plans to follow up with other OLA divisions about co-hosting another practicum student next year.

InsideOCULA:

The *InsideOCULA* editorial team can now load all of its own content into *Open Shelf* and there is now a link to *InsideOCULA* on the left side in *Open Shelf* that directly connects with the current issue. OCULA members are encouraged to submit articles to *InsideOCULA*.

OLA Mentoring Committee:

The OLA Mentoring Committee is investigating free software called MentorMatch. This would enable OLA to automate the matching process that occurs twice annually. The Mentoring Program Coordinators are in the midst of a 6-month check-in with mentors and mentees. There will be a vacancy on the OLA Mentoring Committee in 2017 for an OCULA representative.

OCULA Super Conference planners update:

Carolynne Haythornethwaite has agreed to be OCULA's Spotlight Speaker at the OLA Super Conference. She is a faculty member at the iSchool@UBC: School of Library, Archival and Information Studies. There were 100 submissions for 36 OCULA spots at the 2016 Super Conference. Convenors are now being sought for the OCULA sessions.

Treasurer's report:

The OCULA Spring Dinner and the OCULA Spring Event generated revenue for OCULA.

OCULA New Librarian Residency Award Fundraising Committee:

The NLRA Fundraising Committee is working with the OLA Office to put a sponsorship package together to attract corporate sponsors for the Award.

OCULA Ambassador Communications and Volunteer Coordination:

Two new Ambassadors have been recruited to fill existing vacancies in the university sector and calls for additional Ambassadors in the college sector will be going out shortly.

OCULA Governance Review:

The Terms of Reference have been completed for OCULA committees and the By-Laws will be checked for any required changes. The OCULA Council manual will also be updated.

OCULA Editorial Team:

The Co-Editor-in-Chief positions for *InsideOCULA* will be combined into one Editor-in-Chief position as Jenaya Webb is stepping down as Co-Editor-in-Chief. She will continue to assist *InsideOCULA* as a reader. All is going very well with the OCULA editorial team and Shanna thanked Jenaya for all of her work on *InsideOCULA* and on OCULA Council.

Council Nominations:

The VP/President-Elect position needs to be filled as do two Councillor-at-Large positions for OCULA Council. Nominations are open until November 15th. The VP/President-Elect needs to come from the college sector. New Council terms will begin on January 1st. OCULA members are encouraged to put their names forward.

OLA Governance Review Committee:

There was a meeting of the OLA Governance Review Committee on September 14th. The Committee is working on descriptions for OLA Council positions.

OLA Board Update:

The OLA Board met on Friday, September 18th. A delegation for "Library Day at Queen's Park" will be selected. OLA is considering a change to its fiscal cycle so that its first quarter will start in September. This will enable OLA to have an annual general meeting in January. OLA now has a First Nations Métis and Inuit Task Force. OLA has also been asked to strike a task force for visible minority libraries and librarians and will be following up on this matter.

OLA Revenue Development Committee:

The OLA Revenue Development Committee has continued to meet and to discuss different under-utilized or untapped resources for revenue at OLA. Two task forces have come out of these discussions comprising of the Fund Development Task Group and the OLA Store Task Group. The Fund Development Task Group will be working on a plan for fundraising for OLA that will not infringe on OLA's charitable status. The OLA Store Task Group presented a plan to the OLA Revenue Development Committee on September 16th about ways to increase the OLA Store revenues and extend its reach beyond OLA members.

OCULA Knowledge Management Committee:

Shanna Pearson and Kathryn Stickle, OCULA's practicum student, worked on organizing OCULA's documentation in Google Docs. The documentation will need to be backed up every six months. The

OCULA manual is being updated and will also be reviewed by the OLA Board to ensure that it is in alignment with the other OLA divisions.

OCULA Strategic Voice Committee:

No issues or concerns have been submitted recently to the OCULA Strategic Voice Committee. Terms of reference have been put together for this committee and an OCULA Call for Action form has been developed.

OLA Advocacy Committee:

The OLA Advocacy Committee met on August 26th, 2015. The committee is currently working on a response process for OLA for when issues related to library advocacy come up. More information will be forthcoming. The committee also discussed the upcoming "Library Day at Queen's Park" on November 25th. OCULA members are encouraged to participate in it. Shanna Pearson and Denise Smith will be attending on behalf of OCULA Council with OLA Board members and members of the OLA Advocacy Committee. Possible changes to the Canadian Library Association are also under consideration. Shelagh Paterson thanked OSLA for their advocacy work on behalf of the 45 Teacher Librarians who were replaced with Library Technicians in April 2015 as a result of a major budget deficit.

The OCULA Council meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m..