

OCULA Council Meeting
February 24th, 2016
OLA Office/Teleconference
9:05 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.

Present:

President: Denise Smith (by teleconference)
Vice President: Sarah Shujah (by teleconference)
Past President: Shanna Pearson (by teleconference)
OCULA SC Planner: Jennifer Peters
OCULA SC Planner: Courtney Lundrigan
Councillor-at-Large: Andrew Colgoni (by teleconference)
Councillor-at-Large: Fiona Inglis (by teleconference)
Councillor-at-Large: Jack Young (by teleconference)
Councillor-at-Large: Jaclyn Chambers-Page
Editor-in-Chief: Elizabeth Yates (by teleconference)
OCULA Librarian in Residence: Chris Landry (by teleconference)

OLA staff:

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

Regrets:

Councillor-at-Large: Jennifer Browning

Minutes by: Shanna Pearson

The following are items of business discussed at the OCULA Council meeting on February 24th, 2016.

New Librarian Residency Award:

To date, OLA has contributed \$20,000 and the host institution has covered the rest of the New Librarian Resident's salary. The award will not be offered in 2016 as OCULA is looking at options for making the New Librarian Residency Award more sustainable.

OCULA Spring Conference:

Jutta Treviranus, Director of the Inclusive Design Research Centre, will be the keynote speaker for the OCULA Spring Conference. Theme of her talk will be inclusive design and spaces. Sponsorship for the conference is being provided by YBP Library Services. Registration for the conference opens in March. The deadline for Lightning Strikes proposals is Friday, March 25th.

OCULA Spring Dinner:

Planning for the OCULA Spring Dinner will begin shortly and more information about the date, location and theme will follow.

OCULA Fall Event:

The Fall Event will be held as a virtual conference for another year. Planning for the OCULA Fall Event will begin shortly and more information will follow.

Information Briefs:

One information brief is currently underway.

OCULA Knowledge Management Committee:

The OCULA Knowledge Management Committee will continue to organize and backup documentation related to OCULA activities.

OCULA/OLA Practicum Student:

OCULA and OLA to consider hosting a practicum student in Winter 2017.

Lightning Strikes session:

The Lightning Strikes session was well-attended at the OLA Super Conference. All of the presentations were filmed and have been posted on the OCULA website. Lisa Levesque, University of Western Ontario, was the winner.

InsideOCULA:

InsideOCULA will be publishing 5 issues this year in February, April, July, October and December. In July, *InsideOCULA* will feature its first themed issue. Any feedback or story ideas for *InsideOCULA* should be sent to the editorial team.

OLA Mentoring Committee:

The OLA Mentoring Committee will be attending two events in the Spring. Council members encouraged to promote the work of the committee to recent grads and other members.

OLA Super Conference:

The Super Conference session evaluation forms are still being compiled and will be sent out shortly. The OCULA keynote speaker, Caroline Haythornthwaite, proved to be well received. The theme for next year's conference has not yet been set. OCULA Council members came up with several potential topics and keynote speakers for next year's sessions.

Treasurer's Report and 2016 Budget Update:

OCULA is still waiting for the 2015 year end reports to be audited. The 2016 budget will be approved at the upcoming OLA Board Meeting. Fiona Inglis will be staying on as OCULA's Treasurer and will be working on OCULA's budget with Stephanie Pimentel (Manager, Operations for OLA).

OCULA New Librarian Residency Award Fundraising Committee:

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.

OCULA Ambassador Communications and Volunteer Coordination:

Andrew Colgoni and Jack Young will be leading this committee and will be working on a new communications strategy initiative for OCULA.

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 a final project for the divisional councils.

OLA Governance Review Committee:

The OLA Governance Committee is likely to disperse this year. More information to follow after the OLA Board Meeting.

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.

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. Board updates focused on the new Canadian Library Federation replacing CLA.

OLA Revenue Development Committee:

There is nothing to report for this Committee. The next Committee meeting will take place in March.

OCULA Strategic Voice Committee:

The OCULA Call for Action form that OCULA members can fill out for any issues that they want OCULA to follow up on is available on the OCULA website.

OLA Advocacy Committee:

A brief discussion about Library Day at Queen's Park on November 2015 took place. The next meeting will be coming up shortly.

OCULA President's Letter to Members

The OCULA president will now publish two letters to members following the February and September council meetings.

OCULA Survey of Members

OCULA to send a survey and solicit feedback from members in the spring.
The OCULA Council meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m..