

**2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the
ONTARIO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (OCULA)**

Thursday, January 30, 2020
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
MTCC 104/105 PF

MEETING MINUTES

Presiding: Cyndi Smith, OCULA President

1. Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 5:53 p.m.
- Thank you to ProQuest for sponsoring the conference

2. Adoption of the agenda

Moved: Zack MacDonald

Seconded: Andrew Colgoni

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting
February 1, 2019**

Moved: Abeer Siddiqi

Seconded: Susan Bond

4. President's Message / Annual Report for OCULA (Cyndi Smith)

- Thank you all for being in attendance
- Welcoming in Angela Henshilwood as president
- This year was one for review, change, and simplification. Highlights include:
 - Creating a new position "Student Council Representative", held by the OCULA lightning strike winner, Nicole Doro - thank you for taking on a new role

Events and Conferences this year/upcoming:

1. Spring Conference 2019 (April 26, 2019 at OISE Library, U of Toronto)
 - OCULA partnered with OSLA for one-day collaborative event (alongside OTELA, CiS) entitled “Bridge Between: Information Literacy Challenges, Needs and Opportunities for Students’ Transition from High School to University/College”
 - Thank you to Sarah Shujah, Samhita Gupta, Kate Johnson-McGregor, Sophie Bury, and Chris Tomasini for organizing
 - Thank you to sponsors: Intel, U of T Libraries, and York University Libraries
2. Upcoming OCULA Spring Conference 2020 on May 1, 2020, iSchool, U of Toronto
 - Active participant experiential learning in the classroom
 - Planners: Abeer Siddqui, Angela Henshilwood, Aliya Dalfen and Danika Bernard (from Oakville PL)
3. OLA Super Conference 2020
 - Thank you to OCULA co-planners Zack MacDonald and Andrew Colgoni for thought- provoking and insightful conference planning, including OCULA Spotlight with Dr. Sheila Cote-Meek
 - OCULA Research and Advocacy working group also presented re: “Building Evidence-Based Advocacy Materials for Ontario College Libraries” Sarah Shujah, Jane Foo, Natalie Colaiacovo presented on behalf of OCULA’s Advocacy Committee which included Heather Buchansky, Cyndi Smith, and Sarah Roberts from the OLA

InsideOCULA

- Editorial team of Rob Makinson, Jennifer Robinson, and Thomas Guignard identified gaps in current editorial model for a more streamlined publications:
 - Changes: more immediate publication of new articles, “hot off the press”, new articles are features in Open Shelf, “For your Benefit”
 - More diverse articles coming from council, not just the president
 - New editorial structure, now serve a 3-year term (instead of 4)

OCULA Communications Team

- Streamlined communications using MailChimp

- Thank you to the library ambassadors for helping to spread the word and e-newsletters, and thank you to Nicole Doro for managing Twitter feed

Free Webinar Series

- Educational Institute reported to the OLA Board that this series was consistently a top hit. This year's webinars included:
 - Intellectual Freedom (June 2019), organized by Andrew Colgoni
 - International Students and the Library: Empowering English Language Learners on Campus (December 2019), organized by Monique Flaccavento
 - (upcoming) Student mental health and wellness in academic libraries (March 2020), organized by Heather Buchansky
- Aliya Dalfen and Abeer Siddiqi moderate the virtual journal club following the webinars, participant numbers are small, but the sessions generate deep discussion

5. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report (divisional budget) (Monique Flaccavento)

from September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019

- Revenues quite high this year because of high attendance of OCULA Spring Conference 2019, and sponsorships, expenses under budget
- In the black with \$4476

Moved: Jacqueline Whyte- Appleby

Seconded: Natalie Soini

6. Thank you to the 2019 Council Members

2019-20 OCULA council:

Cyndi Smith (President)

Angela Henshilwood (VP/President Elect)
Melanie Parlette-Stewart (Past President)
Abeer Siddiqi (Councillor-at-Large)
Aliya Dalfen (Councillor-at-Large)
Natalie Colaiacovo (Councillor-at-Large)
Monique Flaccavento (Councillor-at-Large)
Heather Buchansky (Councillor-at-Large)
Nicole Doro (Student Council Representative)

Super Conference Co-Planners

Zack MacDonald
Andrew Colgoni

Inside OCULA Editorial Team

Rob Makinson (Co-Editor-in-Chief)
Jennifer Robinson (Co-Editor-in-Chief)
Thomas Guignard (Editor)

9. A look forward by 2020 President Angela Henshilwood

- Welcome to new members of OCULA 2020-21
- Thank you to Cyndi and previous council members whose term is now ended

10. Introduction of new council (Angela Henshilwood)

2020-21 OCULA council:

Angela Henshilwood (President)

Zack Osborne (President-Elect)

Cyndi Smith (Past President)

Melanie Mills (Councillor-at-Large)

Aliya Dalfen (Councillor-at-Large)

Abeer Siddiqi (Councillor-at-Large)

Natalie Colaiacovo (Councillor-at-Large)

Heather Buchansky (Councillor-at-Large)

Super Conference Co-Planners:

Andrew Colgoni

Mikayla Redden

Editorial Team:

Rob Makinson (Co Editor-in Chief)

Jennifer Robinson (Co Editor-in Chief)

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm

Award presentations following the AGM:

1. OCULA 2020 Lightning Strikes Student Award

- Presented by Angela Henshilwood and Nicole Doro, 2019 Lightning Strike Winner
 - 23 submissions this year, with blind review to select 8 speakers for 6 presentations: Bryn Huzzey, Tomoko Shida, Emily Da Silva, Laura Viselli, Jace Harrison, Abigail Warnock

- Topics include: LGBTQ+ patron anxiety; Advancing Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in special collections; libraries supporting technology transfer and commercialization; libraries and environmental activism; indigenous metadata and reconciliation efforts; and libraries and student mental health
- All student speakers receive a one-year membership to OLA, winner also receives \$200 honorarium as well a spot on OCULA Council
- This year's winner: Jace Harrison (U of Toronto) – congratulations Jace!

2. OCULA 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award

- Presented by Karen McGrath
- Winner: Joan Sweeny Marsh, Associate Vice President Integrated Learning Services and Director of Library Services at Sheridan College