

# 2022 Annual Report of Activities and Financial Statement

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**Ontario Health Library and Information Association**

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## **2022 Executive Members and Appointed Members**

**President: Kimberley Aslett**

Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences, Whitby, Algoma Public Health, Sault Ste. Marie

**Past President: Julie Waddick**

North York General Hospital, Toronto

**Vice President: David Lightfoot**

Unity Health, Toronto

**Treasurer: Sabine Calleja**

Unity Health, Toronto

**Secretary: Iveta Lewis**

Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, Toronto

**Continuing Education Coordinator: Amanda Caputo (Emeritus)**

Sault Area Hospital, Sault Ste. Marie

**Conference Planner: Carolyn Pecoskie**

McGill University, Montreal

**Assistant Conference Planner: Jo-Anne Petropoulos**

McMaster University, Hamilton

**Communications/Social Media Coordinator: Sarit Glaizer**

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

## President's Report

Kimberley Aslett

I am honoured to have been part of the team that has led the Ontario Health Libraries and Information Association in our second year as a Division of OLA. As we all experience the transition from pandemic to “less pandemic,” we do so with an awareness of the critical importance of health information in our world and in our professions. As a team, the council has moved into a more active role position in this impactful organization.

One of the reasons that Past-president Julie Waddick identified for our move to OLA was to “increase our scope,” and increase we did, with membership going from 45 to more than 120 in 2022. The functional tasks of our Division were guided by the OLA team, even as they managed their own significant changes. We managed our history and documentation by collecting and organizing OHLA archives in the OLA Google Drive. OLA also provides strengths in advocacy, and we have identified a need to work towards identification of issues and opportunities relating to provincial licensing and post-pandemic issues for consumer libraries in health care facilities. The very useful Revised Guide to Copyright for Canadian Hospitals, was updated and posted on the OLA website for reference.

Three areas of the OLA Strategic Plan gave us a focus for our work for this year, and a way to align our work. These were to incorporate equity, diversity and inclusion in all aspects of our work, to engage membership; and to develop a strategic approach to recruiting councilors.

To forward these goals the council has

- Established a representative on NIKLA, the National Indigenous Knowledge and Language Alliance, and participated in a stakeholder strategy session for the “Committee on Respectful Terminology: creating the Framework”.
- Collaborated on a presentation for the OCULA Conference (19 May 2022), “Neurodiversity in the Library”.
- Attended and reported back on a Zoom meeting regarding the ALA accreditation and revisions of the MLIS programs.
- Established council member representation on the OLA Mentoring Committee
- Attended an MLA meeting regarding demographic descriptors in MeSH, responding to a 700+ member petition for changes in how these are curated for equity and representation.
- Held discussions with the Ontario Public Libraries Association leadership on Health literacy collaborations.

These activities will inform an effort to establish a repository for EDI resources including collection development, guides and other content relating to EDI, provide a foundation for membership continuing education, and more engagement activities. To this end, we

will develop a strategy for recruitment using social media and will explore the use of Twitter and LinkedIn for education content.

I must give my heartfelt and respectful thanks to the OHLIA Council. The key to this organization is the innovative team I've had the pleasure to work with. I would like to thank Secretary Iveta Lewis, President-elect David Lightfoot, Sarit Glaizer for the Communications and Social Media portfolio, Carolyn Pekoskie and Jo-Anne Petropoulos as our Conference Planning team, Past-president Julie Waddick, and Amanda Caputo (emeritus) who brought strong foundations to Continuing Education. Their varied and valued contributions have created a dynamic working group.

I wish David Lightfoot, incoming President, a year of positive action and engagement with the health information community, collaborating with the new team to achieve our goals.

## **Vice President's Report**

David Lightfoot

OHLIA is grateful for the OLA board's guidance. Kim Aslett and I attended meetings of the OLA Board as we moved forward with changes in practice and new activities.

We have focused on a variety of issues, including growth of our membership and mentorship of future health sciences /hospital librarians.

I was pleased to support the leadership of President Kim Aslett, and am both trepidacious about the challenges of the presidency yet confident in our team. We have exciting projects ahead and anticipate an active 2023.

I would like to send a special thank you to our Secretary, Iveta Lewis, for her hard work of many years.

I am honoured to move into the role of President in 2023, and I look forward to serving the needs of OHLIA members, both present and future.

## **Communications/Social Media Coordinator's Report**

Sarit Glaizer

Archival material from OHLIA, now on OLA's server, is still in the process of being organized and making them available to be determined. OHLIA also currently maintains a Gmail and Google Drive account, a LinkedIn account listed as Ontario Health Libraries Association, and a presence on Twitter @ohliacommunity. At this time there is no activity on both social media accounts.

## **Conference Planning Team Report**

Carolyn Pecoskie & Jo-Anne Petropoulos

Carolyn Pecoskie and Jo-Anne Petropoulos have attended the following planning meetings in preparation for the 2023 Super Conference:

### **February 10, 2022, 4PM-5:30PM (Zoom)**

- Debrief of the 2022 conference (what worked and what didn't)
- Initial discussion of OLASC 2023

### **June 1, 2022, 1PM-4PM (Zoom)**

- Conference Launch Meeting
- Discuss conference theme/overall program discussion

### **September 19, 2022, 3:30PM-5PM (Zoom)**

- Brainstorm socials/activities/roundtables

### **October 17, 2022, 4PM-6PM (Zoom)**

- Identify session acceptances/rejections

### **November 14, 2022, 4-6PM (Zoom)**

- Review conference schedule for conflicts/overlaps

### **December 13, 2022, 4PM-5:30PM (Zoom)**

- Review convenors

### **December 14, 2022, 1PM-2PM (Zoom, recorded)**

- In-person speaker orientation session

### **December 15, 2022, 1PM-2PM (Zoom, recorded)**

- Online speaker orientation session

### **January 16, 2023, 10AM-2PM (Metro Toronto Convention Centre)**

- Onsite meeting and tour of the conference centre
- Review final logistics, UNICORN, conference week planner responsibilities.

### **February 1, 2023, afternoon (Metro Toronto Convention Centre)**

- Conference Week Launch Meeting (onsite)

### **February 2 to 4, 2023, daily 8AM-8:30AM (Metro Toronto Convention Centre)**

- Morning scrum during Super Conference

### **February 9, 2023, 4PM-5:30PM (Zoom)**

- Debrief of the 2023 conference (what worked and what didn't)

We approached Helen Reilly, healthcare communicator, to be OHLIA's 2023 Spotlight Speaker, delivering a talk on: "Healthcare Communication in a World of Misinformation". From Helen's bio: "As a healthcare communicator for nearly three decades in hospital, public health, community health, hospice, and end-of-life care, I value collaboration with subject matter experts and information specialists to achieve the best results. Recognizing the value of a collaborative approach, I advocate for a seat to bring the right stuff to the right table at the right time, for optimal community outcomes and increased job satisfaction."

OLA's official registration announcement was sent out in November 2022. Now that OHLIA is a division of OLA, OLA handles sending out the reminders to our OHLIA listserv.

The following sessions and events were organized by the conference planners for the 2023 OLA Super Conference:

#### **Thursday, February 2, 2023**

- 10:30AM-11:30AM (60 mins) Welcome Aboard! The experiences of four early-career health sciences librarians (VIRTUAL SESSION)
  - Jennifer Horton
  - Linda Yang, Librarian, Alberta Health Services
  - Sabine Calleja, Information Specialist, Unity Health Toronto
  - Valentina Ly, Research Librarian (HMSTEM), University of Ottawa
- 1PM-2PM (60 mins) Health Libraries Spotlight: "Healthcare Communication in a World of Misinformation" (IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL SESSION)
  - Helen Reilly, Healthcare Communicator
- 2:45PM-3:45PM (60 mins) Implementing Health Literacy Services in a Public Library (IN-PERSON SESSION)
  - Jennifer Stephen, Director, Customer Experience, Oakville Public Library
  - Lonnie Freedman, Health Literacies Specialist, Vaughn Public Libraries

#### **Friday, February 3, 2023**

- 9AM-10AM (60 mins) It Takes More Than Good Intentions to Assess Your Collections (IN-PERSON SESSION)
  - Angélique Roy, Health Sciences Librarian, Queen's University
  - Meghan Burke, Metadata and Discovery Librarian, Queen's University
- 9AM-10AM (60 mins) Preprints for Knowledge Synthesis: After COVID-19 Where Have We Landed? (IN-PERSON SESSION)
  - Sarah Bonato, CAMH Library
- 10:30AM-11:30AM (60 mins) Not Ready for the Search: A Proactive Approach to Better Knowledge Synthesis Protocols (IN-PERSON SESSION)
  - Carolyn Ziegler, Information Specialist, Unity Health Toronto
  - Sabine Calleja, Information Specialist, Unity Health Toronto

As in 2020, 2021 and 2022, we will be collaborating with the Career Centre for each day of the conference. Health librarians will be invited to participate in Career Chats to enable early career librarians and those interested in health librarianship to have opportunities to learn more about health librarianship. These invitations will be sent out in January 2023. The purpose of this event is to grow our OHLIA network (especially now that OHLIA is OLA's newest division), and to extend an opportunity for participants to discuss health libraries with students and recent alumni.

We would also like to note that we would like to step down from our roles following the 2023 Super Conference. We both had the opportunity to serve as planners for multiple years due to the exceptional nature of the 2021 and 2022 conferences (held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic). We welcome other health librarians who are interested in becoming planners to consider joining the 2024 conference planning team. Now that OHLIA is a division of OLA, the planning duties are very much organized by OLA and it is possible for 1-2 individuals to take on planning duties for next year with OLA's support and guidance. Planners are also entitled to hotel stays, travel, conference registration, and coverage for meals during the Super Conference, as well as for any other in-person meetings held through the year. Anyone who has questions about becoming involved would be invited to contact Carolyn Pecoskie Carolyn. pecoskie@mcgill.ca.

It was a pleasure to be a part of the 2023 OLA Super Conference Planning Team.

## **Continuing Education Coordinator Report**

Kimberley Aslett for Amanda Caputo

The work that Amanda initiated early in 2022 was interrupted by issues that made it impossible for her to complete her term. We are appreciative of the enthusiastic participation and efforts Amanda made for OHLIA, and we hope to revisit the proposed initiatives in 2023. Kimberley will report on these until we fill the position of Continuing Education Coordinator.