

News

University of Alberta
Library and Information Studies
Alumni Association



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From the President's Desk...

As this year's executive settles into its duties we begin to realize how much we would like to do for you if only there was more time... Planning events, attending meetings, preparing newsletters, participating in focus groups (see later) and thinking about the 25th Anniversary of the School/Faculty next year has taken a lot of time. At one of our meetings, we decided to drop the cost of membership to LISAA so that we can keep in contact with more people. We will also be changing the date that we send out membership renewals, which will mean you'll get one sooner than you normally would, but remember that the last one you got was later than it should have been, and that the membership covers the academic year. In the meantime, we encourage you to let us know what is happening in your life and give us ideas of what you'd like to see in the newsletter. We also encourage you to remember the School of Library and Information Studies when making tax deductible donations to the University. Dr. Bertram has a lot of ways she could put your money to work to make the University of Alberta program better than it's been before!
Heather De Armond-Matson

You're Invited to the..

Welcome to the Profession Reception

Friday, March 26, 1993 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Henderson Hall, School of Library and Information Studies

(Following Professional Development Day)

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and wine.

Address to the Graduates:

Madeleine Bailey, Director of Library Services Mount Royal College

Can you do this?

- Help us locate the missing graduates listed later in the newsletter
- Nominate someone for honorary member: Deadline April 5
- Write up a submission to this newsletter - (opinions, ideas, workshops participated in)
- Volunteer to be on the LISAA executive: Deadline April 30

Forward any of these in writing to Alumni Affairs, Athabasca Hall, U of A, Edmonton, T6G 2E1, or phone Heather at 433-0605.

Mark your calendar...

Where & When
Henderson Hall, School of Library and Information Studies
Friday May 14, 5:00 PM

What

Brian Owen:
*"A Archivist / Librarian
in Londontown"*

Wine & Cheese

LISAA Annual Meeting
(guaranteed to be 25 minutes or less)

Who

Brian Owen:

Education:

B.A. in History, U of A • MLS, University of Washington •
Cert. in Archives Admin., School of the Training of Archivists
- The Hague • Ph.d in Progress, University of London, England.

History:

Archivist for: The Provincial Archives of Alberta,
Universities of McGill and Alberta, and The City of Calgary.
Coordinator of Archival Outreach and Advisory Services for the
Alberta Archives Council



News from the School ...

The students at the School of Library and Information Studies have decided to begin publication of a newsletter. The name of the new newsletter is *The Networker*, and it is designed to create a forum for dialogue between the school, professionals, libraries, and other library schools. The first issue will be published on April 2, 1993, and starting in the fall, two issues will be produced per semester. The first issue will include news from Professional Development Day, Buddy Day, LISAA and the Alumni Association. It will also have information on faculty and student research, as well as a profile of a professional librarian.

Buddy Day Reception, Jan. 29, 1993

As a means of observing 'librarians in action', SLIS students initiated a Buddy Day which was held on January 29, 1993. Students were matched with a librarian for a half day look at activities and duties on-the-job. Then librarians and students met at the Faculty Club for a reception which was co-sponsored by LISAA. SLIS student Christie Irving prepared the following for our newsletter.

Response from student participants of Buddy Day was overwhelmingly positive. Comments included:

"a very useful event as there are not many events in the course of library school where one gets to meet with the members of the profession on both a professional and social level";

"wonderful to get a look at librarianship from a pragmatic perspective";

"gained professional confidence";

"a chance to make contacts and network".

Respondents indicated that their expectations were more than met, and they were very appreciative of the professional community's involvement in this event. There was unanimous support for making Buddy Day at least an annual event, and perhaps even semi-annual.

A complete summary of results of the survey is being compiled by the Buddy Day Committee.

Call for Nominations ...

Nominations for Honourary Membership in the Library and Information Studies Alumni Association are being sought. The recipient of this award does not have to be a graduate of the library program at the University of Alberta, but he or she must have

made a significant contribution to the School of Library and Information Studies. Nominations can be sent to :

Heather Matson
c/o Office of Alumni Affairs
430 Athabasca Hall
University of Alberta
Edmonton, AB T6G 2E8

The award, of lifetime membership in the University of Alberta Library and Information Studies Alumni Association, will be made at the Annual General Meeting on Friday, May 14, 1993.

Contest! Contest! Contest!

We are looking for a new look for our newsletter. Design a new header and win one years free membership in LISAA. The design can be either horizontal or vertical and should incorporate the university crest, the full name of the association ("University of Alberta Library and Information Studies Alumni Association"), our motto ("Continue the experience"), and the address of the association (430 Athabasca Hall, University of Alberta, Edmonton, T6G 2E8). You may use the current name *News* as part of your design or you can propose and incorporate a new one. Send your submissions to Heather Matson, c/o Alumni Affairs, by May 1st for your chance to win!

1993 Annual General Meeting ...

The 1993 Annual General Meeting will be held Friday, May 14 at 5:00 p.m. in Henderson Hall (please note the change in venue from the Faculty Club). On the agenda will be the yearly financial statement, the scholarship fund, amendments to the constitution, and election of a new executive. Immediately following this (short) meeting will be a reception and presentation by Brian Owens: "A Canadian/Archivist in London Town". Please plan to attend, it promises to be a fun-filled evening, and we need your input!

Focus Group Discussions

In preparation for the triennial faculty "Advance" (as opposed to "retreat"), the School recently sought comments, advice, ideas, etc., from students and professionals in the field using the focus group

format. Five student groups and five "field" groups met to discuss the following topics: management, new technologies and automation, support and visibility, courses/programs, and recruitment. The goal was to focus not on what is presently wrong with the School or with librarianship, but on what needs to be done to produce the kind of School and/or program graduates need for the future.

Presently joint student/field groups are meeting to merge their ideas to give to the faculty a more comprehensive discussion.

Several alumni, including some of the executive, had the pleasure of participating. We suspect the focus group discussions will be ongoing, so you may want to participate next time round.

Who's Doing What ...?

This issue features the 1992 graduating class. Our thanks to Heather Carnahan for surveying her classmates!

Pat Addison - Pat is currently looking for employment while doing some part-time secretarial work in Edmonton.

Marian Addy - Marian is doing volunteer work: oral histories for the Old Strathcona Foundation and telephone and reception for the Edmonton Volunteer Centre.

Kim Alspach - Kim is rumoured to be working at the Archives in Victoria, B.C..

Heather Carnahan - Heather is a customer service specialist at The Book Company, Southgate Mall, Edmonton.

Sheila Clark - [does anyone know where Sheila is and what she's doing?]

Michele Fleet - Michele is rumoured to be working at a library in Toronto.

Kevin Furniss - Kevin is a librarian at Athabasca University and a proud new homeowner in the Athabasca area.

Catherine Gleason - Cathy married 1991 MLIS graduate Michael Lesyk in October 1992. She is presently working as a Grade 4 teacher with the Calgary Separate School Board.

Alison Hammond - Alison calls herself "Head Nuisance" of Henderson Hall. Alison is working full-time until May on organizing the U of A Library School's collection.

Arthur Knight - Art became Director of Camrose Public Library on January 4, 1993.

Jane Kruselnicki - Jane became Jane Lamothe in September 1992 after marrying meteorologist Blair Lamothe. Jane is working part-time as a reference

librarian at the Education Library, University of Saskatoon and half-time as a municipal documents librarian at Saskatoon Public Library.

Patrick (Rick) Leech - Rick has set up his own legal research and library consulting business. He lives with his family in Leduc but does most of his contract work in Edmonton.

Jennifer MacKinnon - Jennifer is currently working as a researcher for a book on the history of Alberta being published by the Alberta Report.

Christine Mennear - Christine Mennear is part-time children's librarian at the Jasper Place branch of Edmonton Public Library.

Coral Peterson - It is rumoured that Coral has temporary library work in Thunder Bay Ontario.

Luba Reitman - Living in Edmonton, Luba is an accredited provincial government translator of Russian material.

Deborah Shocter - Deborah is an editor for Lone Pine Publishing in Edmonton.

Sandra Stift - Sandra is part-time librarian at the Londonderry branch of Edmonton Public Library.

Maria Swarbrick - Maria has taken a temporary leave of absence from the work force to spend time with her family in St. Albert.

Peter Wons - Peter is living in Edmonton and is a senior editor for the Canadian Encyclopedia Project, a division of McClelland & Stewart.

Missing Alumni...

LISAA has somehow lost contact with the following alumni. Please drop the association a note if you know the current address of any of these graduates. Thank you for your assistance.

1969

Rudolf Kerkhoven

Helgi Leesment

1970

Phyllis Budyk

Janet Lesley (Lowsley)

Gloria Novak

Linda Simon (Bergman)

1971

Ronald Dutton

Catherine Fowler

Henry Hiebert

Marietta Portigal (Cobb)

1972

June Crichton (Marshall; Graff)

Judith Dowdall (Tobin)

Louise Fletcher

Beryl Kirk
Jane Wu
1973
Evelyn Housch (Durocher)
Joanne Melnychuk
Carol Sinanan-Bhoopsingh
Herman Westelaken
Marcia Wright
1974
Nancy Dejager (Musgrove)
Gloria Farmer
Corinne Frantel
Jerome Katz
Leanne Mitchell (White)
Linda Weisenburger
Laurel Westcott
1975
Deborah Chalmers
Elaine Hutchinson
Kathleen Pine
Lynn Sarka
Patricia Somerton
1976
Jill Armitage (Rea)
Nancy Brydges (Little)
Maureen Woods
1978
Michael Brydges
Anthony Kriz
1979
J Patricia Bolton (Norton)
Donna Masson (Fedorowich)
Tobe O'Dell
1980
Josephy Rek
1981
M K Aubrey
Phyllis Lerat
Simona Maaskant
Irina Stilwell
Sherralynn Van der Valk (Chant)
1982
Leah Dockrill
Kenneth Hardy
1983
Jean Heriot (Nordby)
1984
Mary Lochhead
1985
Peter Bilenki
Tricia Brown
Shannon Grimes
Pearl Herscovitch
Arlene Johnson (Felsen)
Barbara Mackenzie

Susan Mowers
1986
Darrell Bailie
Borghilde Donahoe
Jann Lynn-George
Lance Nordstrom
1987
Wayne Briscoe
Anne Dickason
Paul Friesen
Teresa Zwierzchowski
1988
Mike McIntosh
Shannon Rodgers (Koopmans)
Joseph Stibrany
1989
Frances Luther
Sandra Perry
Guy Trott
1990
Verna Lynch Howard
1991
Wayne Haas
Leslie Handford
Kathleen Jevne
Rick Liebrecht

Events Too Important To Miss:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY & LISAA WELCOMING RECEPTION FOR NEW GRADS

The theme for this year's Professional Development Day is "The Information Explosion: Managing the Fallout". It will be held in the Bibliography Room of the Humanities and Social Sciences Library at 10:00 a.m. A LISAA sponsored reception to welcome the 1993 graduates to the profession will follow at 4:30 in Henderson Hall.

BRIAN OWENS

Brian Owens will be speaking following the AGM on Friday, May 14th. Don't miss his talk, "A Canadian/Archivist in London Town", and the LISAA sponsored reception which follows.

NEWS is the official newsletter of the University of Alberta Library and Information Studies Alumni Association. The mandate for NEWS includes reporting activities of LISAA and highlighting the accomplishments of members and individuals of interest to LISAA. Submissions to NEWS can be forwarded to the editor, Linda Slater, c/o John W. Scott Health Sciences Library, University of Alberta, Edmonton, T6G 2R7.

March 25, 1993

To: ALL SLISAA MEMBERS

Please read the attached copy of the amended Constitution and Bylaws before the Annual General Meeting. You will be asked to vote to accept the amended Constitution and Bylaws at the AGM.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION
(as amended _____)

Adopted by Council of _____ (date) _____

1. NAME

- a. The official name of the organization shall be the Library and Information Studies Alumni Association of the University of Alberta (hereafter referred to as the Association).
- b. The Association is a constituent association of the University of Alberta Alumni Association.

2. AIMS

- a. To promote the welfare of the University of Alberta in general and the School of Library and Information Studies in particular.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a. All graduates of the School of Library and Information Studies (or the program under its former names), may become personal members of the Association with all of the rights of full membership.
- b. Any person interested in the aims of the association may become an associate member with all the rights of associate membership.
- c. Honorary membership may be granted to:
 - (i) an individual who has made a significant contribution to the Library and Information Studies Alumni Association and/or the School of Library and Information Studies (or any of the program names by which it was previously known);
 - (ii) an individual who has made a significant contribution in the field of librarianship. The individual would normally be a graduate of the University of Alberta.

Those granted honorary membership will be granted all the rights of honorary membership.

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a. The affairs of the Association shall be administered by an executive committee.
- b. The executive committee shall consist of the Past-President, the President, the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, two student representatives and a faculty representative of the current School of Library and Information Studies.

5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- a. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to administer all the affairs of the Association, and said committee shall have the authority to assign duties to officers, to appoint committees, and to do all other acts necessary for the administration of the Association.

6. HEAD OFFICE

- a. The office of the Association is in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

7. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

- a. The executive committee or ten Members of the Association may propose amendments to the constitution.
- b. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary in writing.
- c. Notice of the proposed amendments must be mailed to all Personal Members at least one month prior to the date of Annual General Meeting.
- d. Amendments to the constitution may be made only by a two-thirds majority of votes cast at the Annual General Meeting.

8. AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS

- a. The executive committee or ten Personal Members of the Association may propose amendments to the by-laws.
- b. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary in writing.
- c. By-laws may be amended or varied by a resolution approved by a two-thirds majority of the executive committee.
- d. To remain in effect, all amendments or additions to the by-laws must be ratified by a simple majority at the next Annual General Meeting of the Association.

BYLAWS

(amended _____)

1. AIMS

In seeking to fulfill its constitutional aim, the Association shall also work:

- a. to advance the interests of the library profession, particularly education for librarianship.
- b. to promote the professional objectives and interests of the individual members of the Association.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Persons wishing to enrol as members of the Association may do so upon application for membership and payment of the required fees. All new graduates from the School of Library and Information Studies will receive a one-year membership, without payment of fees, upon graduation.

- b. Members shall be classified as follows:

- (i) Personal Members
- (ii) Associate Members
- (iii) Honorary Members

- c. All Personal Members shall possess the following rights and privileges:

- (i) The right to vote
- (ii) The right to receive the official membership publications of the Association
- (iii) The right to hold elective office in the Association
- (iv) The right to serve on committees of the Association
- (v) Such other benefits and services as the Association may establish

- d. All Associate and Honorary Members shall be granted the following privileges:

- (i) The right to receive the official membership publications of the Association.
- (ii) Such other benefits and services as the Association may establish.

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a. The President, or in his/her absence, the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the executive committee. In the case of absence of both, a chairperson shall be appointed by the members present at the meeting.
- b. Vacancies shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the executive committee for the remainder of the term of the person replaced.
- c. A quorum of the executive committee shall consist of one less than half of the executive committee.
- d. The executive committee members hold office until the end of the Annual General Meeting two years following their installation, or until a successor is elected or appointed, whichever occurs first.

4 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

a. The President shall:

- (i) conduct the general business of the Association;
- (ii) execute the wishes of the membership;
- (iii) chair general and executive committee meetings;
- (iv) present an annual report to the Annual General Meeting;
- (v) communicate regularly with the Association's representative on the University of Alberta Alumni Association Council.

b. The Vice-President shall:

- (i) act in the absence of the president;
- (ii) serve as the chairperson of the Association's Program Committee.

c. The Secretary shall:

- (i) record the proceedings of all general and executive committee meetings;
- (ii) in conjunction with the president, conduct the correspondence of the Association;
- (iii) forward all minutes of the meetings to the University of Alberta Office of Alumni Affairs;

- (iv) serve as the Chairperson of the Publications Committee.
- d. The Treasurer/Membership Coordinator shall:
 - (i) account for the Association's income and expenditures;
 - (ii) receive copies of all financial records from the University of Alberta Office of Alumni Affairs.
- e. The Past-President shall:
 - (i) act in an advisory capacity to the Association's executive committee;
 - (ii) serve as the chairperson of the Nominations Committee.
- f. The Student Representatives shall:
 - (i) serve as members with full voting rights, of the executive committee;
 - (ii) serve as liaison between the Association and the Library and Information Studies Students' Association;
 - (iii) be selected by the executive committee.
- g. The Faculty Representative shall:
 - (i) serve as a voting member of the executive committee;
 - (ii) serve as liaison between the Association and the present faculty of the School of Library and Information Studies;
 - (iii) be appointed by the Director of the School of Library and Information Studies from within faculty ranks.

5. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a. Any personal member of the Association can nominate any other personal member for office.
- b. A nominated person must be willing to accept the responsibilities of the office.

- c. A nominated person must be willing to attend general and executive committee meetings of the Association.
- d. Nominations should be submitted to the Past-President at least two months prior to the Annual General Meeting, although late nominations will be accepted by the Nominations Committee at their discretion.
- e. Nominations will be presented as a report to the members at the Annual General Meeting. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.
- f. Once the Nominations Committee report is adopted, an election will be conducted by the Nominations Committee. The election will be by secret ballot. The candidate receiving the largest number of vote for each office shall be elected.
- g. The Vice-President shall be elected for a one-year term and shall become President-Elect the following year. Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for a term of two years each. The elections shall be staggered for the Secretary and Treasurer to ensure that only one position is elected per year so that continuity of the Association and its activities is maintained. The School representative shall serve for a term of one year. The students shall serve for a term of two years.
- h. All retiring committee members shall be eligible for re-election, but no one may serve more than two successive terms in one position.

6. FINANCES

- a. The funds required to operate the Association shall be obtained from dues and donations collected from members.
- b. All funds collected, disbursed, and held must be officially accounted for. An audit, by an external group may be performed annually.
- c. An interim financial report of the fiscal year (April 1 to March 31) and a complete financial statement from the previous year must be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
- d. All finances may be administered by the Office of Alumni Affairs at the request of the Association.
- e. Signing officers of the Association are the President, Treasurer or the Manager of Branch and Constituent Associations of the Alumni Affairs Office.

- f. All membership dues and fees shall be established by the executive committee, subject to approval by a majority of the members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

7. MEETINGS

- a. To maintain official Association status, one general meeting per year shall be held. This meeting shall be the Annual General Meeting of the Association. Other meetings shall be held at the discretion of the executive committee.
- b. The Annual General Meeting shall be conducted by the President and held at such time and place as the executive committee shall determine, in order for the members to receive the annual reports of the Officers and Committees.
- c. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at a time not conflicting with meetings of the Alumni Council of the University of Alberta, but no later than the 30th of June.
- d. For the Annual General Meeting, the quorum shall be ten (10) members of the Association in addition to the President.
- e. Special meetings may be called by the executive committee, or by general petition containing the names of at least twelve (12) members, to be presented to the President at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting is to be held. The specified agenda should be circulated and only those items specified therein may be dealt with.
- f. Minutes of each executive committee meeting should be forwarded to the members of the committee and the Alumni office within 30 days of the meeting date.

9. COMMITTEES

- a. There are three Standing Committees of the Association:
 - (i) Nominations Committee, chaired by the Past-President and consisting of one additional member;
 - (ii) Program Committee, chaired by the Vice-President, and consisting of as many additional members as are deemed necessary;
 - (iii) Publications Committee, chaired by the Secretary, and consisting of as many additional members as are deemed necessary.

- b. In addition to the Standing Committee, the only Committees shall be ad hoc working committees formed in response to specific needs of the membership. The executive committee is responsible for appointing such committees.
- c. The executive committee shall consider discontinuing any committee which has not functioned during a given year.

