### MULTI-TYPE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

**Tuesday, October 1, 2013**

Present: Susan Baer (Chair), Michael Shires, Pat Kolesar, John Murray, Vicki Williamson, Richard Beck, Carlene Walter, Edna Mirasty [teleconference]
Regrets: Brett Waytuck, Karen Melle, Crista Bradley; Elgin Bunston [teleconference], Barbara Bulat, Jack Ma, (Provincial Library Support Staff)

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<td><strong>Welcome &amp; Introductions</strong></td>
<td>The Board welcomed Dr. Vicki Williamson to her first meeting and Board Chair, Susan Baer, led an ice-breaking exercise to start the meeting.</td>
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| **Approval of agenda and February 2013 Meeting Summary** | The agenda was approved as distributed.  
Meeting summary was approved as distributed.                                                                                     | Publish May 2013 Meeting Summary.                                                             |
| **Strategic Plan Review**         | The Board will meet later in January for a strategic planning meeting.  
There was consensus at the table that the next strategic plan will be an update rather than a completely revised document. The strategic directions remain relevant and the board is comfortable developing new goals and objectives under the existing strategic directions.  
The mission statement will be reviewed, though the board did not have strong opinions about it. However, at the May meeting, several board members felt that the vision statement needs to be rewritten.                                                                 | PLLO will find a facilitator for strategic planning in January.                               |
| **Business Arising**              | **Continuing Education Certificate (CEC)**  
Michael will ask SLA if they can reduce membership fees for people who participate in the program.  
There was some discussion about asking employers to pay the $40 program fee, but this is probably premature. There needs to be a clear benefit to employees to motivate them to enroll in the program.  
**Timeline of Library Cooperation:**  
Michael has begun populating the interactive                                                                 | The Board will write a letter to SLA (executive director and president) outlining concerns and ideas. |
|                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Send link to MLB.                                                                           |
timeline:  [http://www.dipity.com/sasklibraries/SK-Libraries-Cooperation_1/](http://www.dipity.com/sasklibraries/SK-Libraries-Cooperation_1/) Michael might need to consult with some sector reps for additional information and he has been referencing the Don Kerr book, *A Book in Every Hand*. The finished timeline will be a useful link for the Sask Libraries site. It will also help provide Michael with background for an academic paper.

Summary of AGM Prioritization Exercise
This was a review of the priorities brainstorming session from the May meeting. PLLO is working on many of the easy win and short-term items. Susan recommended that when Board meetings are moved to other locations there could be social events similar to the President’s receptions held by SLA.

**New Business**

Access Conference in SK:
Does the Board want to support a bid to host Access in Saskatchewan? It would require broad support from the library community, a venue capable of holding 100-200 people and considerable IT support. [http://accessconference.ca/about/hosting-guidelines/](http://accessconference.ca/about/hosting-guidelines/)
Some people in the library community have already expressed an interest. However, this is a fall conference, so it would not be a good fit to merge with SLA into a super conference in 2016. The consensus at the table was that hosting in 2015 would not leave enough preparation time and that a subcommittee should discuss this issue further.

Board Appointments:
Some of the Board positions have been challenging to fill because of the small number of potential candidates. There are far fewer directors of special libraries in Saskatchewan than when *The Libraries Cooperation Act* was passed, for example. The Board members with one remaining term indicated their willingness to put their names forward again.

Royal Society Invitation:
The invitation was sent to the Board close to the meeting date, so there was little time for review. Individual institutions were sent invitations as well. There was some discussion about sending a Board rep to the Winnipeg or Edmonton meetings. None are planned for Saskatchewan.

[The Multitype Unit will draft a response and send it to the Board for review. The revised document will be sent to the Board ahead of the January meeting.]
| **Saskatchewan eBooks Initiative** | Elgin outlined the project for those who may still be unfamiliar with it. Each MDLP partner will be granted access to a digital copy of each eBook in the collection. The project will digitize a collection of Saskatchewan titles in return for access for our partners. Publishers and authors will receive the EPUB 3 as well, giving them an opportunity to sell these eBooks. | The Multitype Unit will draft a statement outlining the needs and benefits of creating a listserv. Multitype Unit will contact SLA about the potential for doing this. |
| **Board Communications** | Listserv: There was some discussion about the need for a robust listserv like Jerome-L in Alberta. SLA has a distribution list, but members must send items to the SLA staff to be sent out. Info for New Librarians in Saskatchewan: The Board talked about partnering with SLA to send information to new hires in Saskatchewan. We could include the Board’s online brochure as part of a welcome package. MLB Communication Plan: Provincial Library and Literacy Office is working with the Communications Branch to develop a communication plan for multitype. In the short-term, there will be press release for Saskatchewan Library Week and banner PLLO and partners can set up in booths at various events. | |
| **Measuring the Value of Libraries** | Markham Public Library has a calculator on their website that enables the public to discover the value of the services they receive. That concept was supported at the Board table, though there was some concern that the amounts reflected the costs to the library, rather than costs for patrons to obtain those products and services elsewhere. The Multitype Unit will investigate further. PLLO sent several staff members to Social Return on Investment training. That methodology places an emphasis on outcomes and includes monetary values, where appropriate, to demonstrate value for program funders. This approach can also be of value to libraries. | The Multitype Unit will contact Markham Public Library for information about this tool and possible adaptation in a Saskatchewan context. |
| **Multitype Unit Report** | Jack explained the two surveys he prepared in consultation with the MDLP Committee and the Multitype Unit. One is for library staff to compare the current Gale suite in the MDLP Core Collection with a similar Ebsco suite. The other survey is intended for end users to gather information about their satisfaction with the products and the importance of | |
their library's electronic resources to them. Jack then demonstrated some of the newer MDLP products along with some others under consideration for inclusion.

**Sask Libraries Website**

After the last Board meeting, the Multitype Unit began planning improvements to the website to reflect the Board’s recommendations. PLLO’s webmaster, Karen Der, does not have access to the files to make global changes, so all the design work had to go through the IT Office. The site is now live and incorporates the Board’s new logo and colour scheme. Now that the site has been updated, the Multitype Unit can once again add content and simplify the navigation as recommended by the Board.

**Saskatchewan History Online (SHO)**

Craig Harkema and Joel Salt from the University of Saskatchewan demonstrated the latest interface upgrades and new content in SHO for the Board. At the end of the meeting, Board members were invited to tour the Archives and Special Collections area at the University of Saskatchewan where the digitization equipment is set up.

**Roundtable Reports**

**Aboriginal Libraries (Edna)**

The Family Literacy Nights program has begun. The TD Summer Reading was held in most northern libraries. Aboriginal Storytelling Month will involve all northern libraries as well as many others throughout the province in February. Literacy camps were held throughout the Northern Lights School Division this summer. The Northern Reading Program will begin in January and will be let by Harriet. The Northern Library Conference will be held in Prince Albert on October 15-17.

Edna has been invited to attend the Aboriginal Roundtable Steering Committee of the National Reading Campaign. The first roundtable will be held in Banff, Alberta.

The next Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal People (LSSAP) will be held on December 2, 2013.

**Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) (Michael Shires)**

The SLA President and Executive Director hosted President’s Receptions in North Battleford (Sept. 25) and Saskatoon (Sept. 26). SLA has implemented

The 2014 Saskatchewan Libraries Conference Planning Committee has been meeting since June. This year’s theme is Learning for Life and the conference logo will soon be unveiled. The Mary Donaldson Memorial Lecture will be confirmed soon. The call for conference session abstracts will be sent shortly. Conference info:
http://saskla.ca/slaconference/2014-conference

SLA will be partnering with the Canadian Library Association (CLA) during Saskatchewan Library Week (Oct. 15-22, 2013). SLA is using CLA’s theme which is the same as last year (Libraries Connect) and will also adopt their poster and add our sponsors. SLA will be offering 20 grants of $250 to successful applicants. Details at:
http://saskla.ca/programs/slw

SLA is posting position statements on advocacy issues: SLA endorsed a joint statement from Canada’s archive and library communities on the qualities of a successful Librarian and Archivist of Canada to ensure that LAC continues to fulfill its mission to preserve Canada’s documentary heritage. This was done while the Federal Government began the process of finding a new head for Library and Archives Canada. President Robert Thomas sent a letter to this effect to the Federal Minister of Canadian Heritage http://saskla.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/SLA-Letter-to-James-Moore.pdf

SLA supports recommendations by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) to ensure that individuals unable to use print materials because of a disability have access to print materials via alternate means. Details at: http://saskla.ca/advocacy/saskatchewan-library-association-supports-ifla-statement-on-improving-accessibility-of-print-materials

2013-14 is the first full year since SLA restructured its Board of Directors. SLA put a call out to the membership for volunteers to serve on Advocacy, Fundraising, Saskatchewan Libraries Education Bursary, Membership, Programming, Freedom to Read Week, and Publications committees. Details of committee mandates at http://saskla.ca/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/Section5-Committees-and-
The Partnership’s (Canada’s network of provincial and territorial library associations) Education Institute has offered several webinars this fall. Cost is $45 for members and $55 for non-members. One free session was about the recently unveiled Continuing Education Certificate Program (CEC).

The SLA Board had a day-long retreat at Moose Jaw Public Library, September 16, 2013. The facilitator was Ken Alecxe, former Associate Deputy Minister of Culture and Recreation, who oversaw development of Multitype and the Regional Library System. Key issues facing SLA Board of Directors and association membership are fundraising and membership. Several short and medium-term actions were identified at this session and a summary will be prepared for the Board.

Post-Secondary Libraries (Vicki Williamson)
There are continuing economic challenges for the university.

The new health sciences library was recently opened at the University of Saskatchewan. A new Associate Dean of Libraries, Dr. Marwin Britto, will be joining the University Library.

The International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice conference held at the University of Saskatchewan in July and that was the first time it had been held in Canada.

The University of Alberta School of Library and Information Studies has been recertified by the American Library Association. Sixty students are enrolled in their new online program.

Dr. Vicki Williamson is part of the research team working to update the 8Rs Report on Canadian library human resources. The student survey will begin before Christmas and the academic library survey is expected in February.

School Libraries (Carlene Walter)
The survey of school libraries found that there are 158.8 FTEs in the province, though no distinction was made regarding those holding a MLIS. Some school divisions were as low as .2.

The inquiry project is coming to a close as Judy
Nicholson’s term expires. The Saskatchewan School Libraries Association (SSLA) is embarking on a new partnership with the Canadian Library Association. SSLA has an agreement with the Saskatoon Public Library to make the library part of school curriculum.

**Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association (SLTA) (Richard Beck)**
SLTA has been involved in a coordinated effort to promote the public library and raise the profile of the public libraries through community engagement. Wheatland is asking the regions what programs they want to see. They recently subscribed to Zinio, the magazine database, and the feedback has been very positive.

**Special Libraries (Pat Kolesar – Susan Baer Special Libraries)**
The Regina Qu’Appelle Health Library is working on their union catalogue with other health regions.

**Public Libraries (John Murray)**
The SILS migration to Sierra has gone fairly smoothly, aside from some issue with slow speed. The public library directors met with the Assistant Deputy Minister, Greg Miller, on September 12. Deputy Minister, Dan Florizone had planned to attend the meeting, but was called away on other business.

Wapiti Regional Library is in the process of hiring a new assistant director. Wapiti has also met with MLAs who are members of the Standing Committee on Human Services in order to advocate for libraries.

**Provincial Librarian (Brett Waytuck)**
We have a new Minister of Education, Don Morgan, and a new Deputy Minister, Dan Florizone, who comes from the Ministry of Health. The Ministry of Education is developing a Student First framework, similar to the Patient First initiative.

Maureen Johns is the new Director of the Literacy Office at PLLO. The Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) results will be released soon and PLLO is very interested in this. The assessment includes problem solving in a technology-rich environment.

The Public Library Planning Unit at PLLO working on the National Network for Equitable Library Service
(NNELS) and hopes to launch it in SILS in time for Saskatchewan Library Week. The intention is to eventually expand to other library sectors.

| Wrap up                  | Next meeting: January 21, 2014. Susan identified a number of action items stemming from the meeting. She then recommended that the Multitype Unit to send out a list of things needed from Board members as well as things they will prepare ahead of the next meeting. |

| Adjourn                  | The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. |