

*NLHLA Annual General Meeting  
Minutes, April 19, 2010  
Health Sciences Centre, St. John's*

Present: Annette Anthony, Linda Barnett, George Beckett, Maria Belanger, Karen Darby, Sue Fahey, Dion Fowlow, Shannon Gordon, Stephanie Harlick, Karen Hutchens, Debra Kearsy, Jordan Pike, Heather Roberts, Jenny Seeman, Amanda Tiller

**1. Agenda.**

No additions.

Motion to accept agenda: moved K. Hutchens, seconded H. Roberts.

**2. 2009 AGM Minutes**

No corrections or additions. L. Barnett apologized for the brevity of the minutes, particularly concerning the round table. This was due to being unable to locate her computer file, and hoped they would be acceptable. Motion to adopt minutes: moved D. Kearsy, seconded G. Beckett.

**3. Business Arising**

G. Beckett asked about the status of the suggested future hosting of the annual CHLA conference. S. Fahey thought A. Farrell had some discussion with CHLA. The 2013 conference is set for Saskatoon. George noted that if the NLHLA members are serious about hosting, the proposal should be passed to Lindsay Glynn, as our liaison, to take forward to CHLA.

**4. President's Report** J. Pike had nothing additional to report beyond the day's conference/aggm. He thanked the various speakers, as well as the Health Sciences Library for hosting the facilities, and Doug Murdock for hosting the lunch on Ovid's behalf. Jordan will be attending this year's CHLA conference, and will be picking up the chapter gift. He asked if anyone had suggestions for the gift, to please pass along. Motion to accept report: moved H. Roberts, seconded D. Kearsy.

**5. Secretary's Report**

L. Barnett noted there was no unusual secretarial business. She referred to the distributed Treasurer's report, which shows a healthy balance. The costs for the 2010 conference only include the morning break and draws. Also to come out of the balance will be the CHLA membership fee, and the CHLA chapter gift. NLHLA membership is expected to be similar to last year's (22). Motion to accept report: moved S. Fahey, seconded S. Gordon

**6. New Business**

a) CE / Travel Awards

J. Pike spoke briefly to the sample documents distributed earlier by email. Discussion ensued concerning the nature and limits applied to such funding. It was noted that travel is so expensive, both traveling within the Province to outside it, that even a \$500. amount wasn't realistic to cover someone's cost. There are a variety of grants available from associations. An amount of \$200. might cover a CE course or supplement someone's conference costs. . M. Belanger suggested it could be used to encourage new members, i.e. a first timer's attendance at NLHLA's annual conference. S. Gordon noted that she was involved in a CACUL initiative to obtain funding for new conference attendees. They negotiated a 3-year trial with Ebsco to fund \$1500 per year. S. Harlick made a

further suggestion – looking for opportunities to raise the NLHLA profile by sponsoring local activities - sponsoring a lecture e.g. at the Newfoundland Historical Society or some school activity involving a health topic. S. Fahey said she can forward to the executive information concerning the EBLIP award. Shannon will forward more information concerning the CACUL agreement. It was noted that these options need to be explored further, and that a clear outline of purpose should be drafted and distributed for consideration by the members. This will be pursued by the executive.

#### b) Sponsorship Tiers

J. Pike explained that the association had a potential sponsor who wanted to know if we had a tier system. He noted that we could copy the pattern of other organizations e.g. CHLA. These define levels of money amounts, and what the sponsor gets in return. He suggested that as we are a small association, he would suggest that we keep things informal, and not develop tiers. There was general agreement to this suggestion.

### **7. Round table**

- J. Pike – St. Clare’s now has a temporary clerk, Carol Scott, who is shared with Waterford, and filling in for 6 months until their permanent clerk returns from leave.
- S. Harlick - Founder’s Archive has had a good and active year. A new staff person, Jenny Seeman, started last June. They have been busy adding collections, doing exhibits, being involved with a 135 person archival symposium, and various activities with ANLA and Heritage Associations. Their latest exhibit is on patient “I’m getting well” cards, and located just outside in the display case.
- H. Roberts - nothing exceptional to report for her library at Health and Community Services. It is still in the same location and although she hasn’t lost space, probably will not be expanding. She reported that H. Cooke has been located at Health and Community Services for several months, but will be re-located into a new library for Addictions Services at Mount Pearl Square (eastern half of former mall). She has been revising a lot of their pamphlets and publications.
- A. Anthony - reported that the vast part of the DFO library is still in storage. They have started a new digitization effort, using a person on loan from another division as well as a partnership with Lisa Goddard at the QEII Library. Maria and she are hoping that the library will be back by next February.
- D. Kearsey. There has been some reorganization within Eastern Health that moved the library from Corporate Strategy to the Department of Research under Mike Doyle. Otherwise nothing exceptional to report.
- K. Darby - has been active with the establishment of a library technician’s interest group at CLA, with Karen as chair, and the organization of a library technician’s conference. The conference was successful and the hope is to repeat the effort next year.
- G. Beckett and others - the Health Sciences Library will be making some more space changes, particularly the expansion and improvement of the public workstations. NLHKIN is trying to get more active, although to date there has been no particular outcome from the provincial consultant’s report. The School of Pharmacy’s Drug Information Centre has been temporarily re-located into the library. In terms of staffing, we had a library coop student for the winter semester. S. Gordon joined the HSL, and A. Tiller is on contract. The library will be undergoing an AV and book weed, and the reference collection has been integrated into the bookstacks collection. May 1st will be

the beginning of new construction – first is the extension of the Faculty of Medicine, expected to be followed by extension for Animal Care, then for Nursing. The library system is investigating options for a new interface to our OPAC – a trial of Wordcat Local is expected to happen over the summer.

- K. Hutchens - Centre for Nursing Studies library has been very active, with a lot of different programs. She is working with a member of the nursing faculty on a presentation for 2 nursing conferences in May. The topic is librarian/faculty collaboration to improve student curriculum.

#### ***8. Elections***

Elected by acclamation for 2010/11 were: Karen Hutchens as President; Shannon Gordon as Vice President/President Elect; and Pamela Morgan as Secretary/Treasurer.

Acceptance: moved by S. Fahey, seconded A. Anthony.

#### ***9. Any Other Business***

There was none.

#### ***10. Adjournment***

Motion for adjournment at 4:45 pm. Moved by K. Hutchens, seconded S. Gordon.