

Health Libraries Association HLABC Annual General Meeting - June 1, 2001

In Attendance: Wendy Hunt, Dan Heino, Pat Boileau, Mary Doug Wright, Karen MacDonell, Shannon Long, Chrisanne Pennimpede, Paula Ludwig, Brenda Lee Stull, Marjory Jardine, Pat Lysyk, Kathy Hornby, Leslie McGee, Jim Henderson, Cliff Cornish, Mimi Doyle-Waters, Lee Perry, Charlotte Beck, Elizabeth Woodworth, Judy Neill, Diana Hall, Lea K Starr, Krista Clement, Ruth Rochlin, Karri Whitehead, Linda Howard, Rebecca Raworth, Ollie Kachmar, Beth Morrison, Linda Einblau, Shona Lam, Cathy Rayment, Pat Young.

1. Meeting called to order, 7:20 pm.
2. Cathy moved to change the order of the agenda, to allow Elizabeth Woodworth to present an update on the HLABC/MOH initiative earlier.
3. HLABC/MOH initiative – Elizabeth Woodworth  
Elizabeth Woodworth has been acting on behalf of the HLABC in seeking funding for the HLABC Knowledge Proposal. Her efforts came very close to funding but were sidetracked by the election call. Since the provincial election, the MOH has indicated that a demonstration of commitment to the project by the HLABC membership itself could help expedite its funding.  
It has been recommended that the membership garner tangible, financial support for the proposal. Libraries which currently pay for databases are asked to commit these monies toward the project. Once those monies are committed, they can be centralized to fund and develop the project. This suggestion received a positive response from the membership. It was agreed that HLABC members would investigate their current library expenditures and explore this funding possibility.
4. The Agenda was adopted, and the Minutes of the 2000 AGM accepted.
5. President's Report – Cathy Rayment
  - Cathy reviewed the last 23 years of HLABC's history. She noted the early days of 1978, when Bill Fraser, Jean Molson, David Noble, and Barbara Sanderson met to discuss a constitution, with the first meeting held in May 1978, with a founding membership of 25 people. In 1982, it became a registered society, with David Noble as president. Many of those present at this evening's meeting have been past Executive members or past Forum editors (or both). Some of the previous presidents named were: Barbara Saint, Pat Lysyk, Jim Henderson, Beth Morrison, Pat Boileau, Judy Neill, Dan Heino, Wendy Hunt, Kathy Hornby, Charlotte Beck, Diana Kent, Bill Fraser, Sharon Lyons, Nancy Forbes, Kathy Ellis.
  - So many new members were present, it was felt that a round of self-introductions would be useful.
  - Following this, Cathy welcomed three newly nominated Lifetime members: Adrienne Clark, Nancy Forbes, and Pat Lysyk.

- This year's activities were exhilarating, predominantly because of the HLABC proposal. Thanks were extended to Jim Henderson and Elizabeth Woodworth for their time and energy in developing the proposal, and apologies were tendered to the PHLiNCH Committee. The speed with which the proposal was developed (in order to meet application deadlines) did not allow for the meetings of the PHLiNCH Committee as proposed earlier in the fall.
- In addition to the MOH initiative, this past year the HLABC developed its website, presented Catherine Quinlan and Paul Whitney as speakers at general meetings, offered an Outreach Evaluation CE course, tried to participate in a live MLA satellite teleconference (but had to settle for a video showing at a later date, due to technical difficulties), and held a December brunch. With these activities the HLABC fulfilled the goals of the HLABC Constitution to:
  - Promote effective library service
  - Bring people together
  - Encourage cooperation, communication and mutual assistance
  - Provide educational programs
  - Act as an informed organization on issues of concerns to health libraries

6. Treasurers Report – Shannon Long

7. Continuing Education – Lea Starr

Lea thanked the CE course presenters, Cathy Burroughs and Maryanne Blake. 19 persons attended the "Evaluation of Outreach Services" course, all costs were covered by the fees. Any participants interested in the 3 CE credits available for this course should contact Cathy.

8. Forum – Wendy Hunt and Pat Boileau

Shelley Hourston is joining Pat Boileau as co-editor. Current year's printing costs were higher due to the use of commercial printers; however, now that the Forum is available on the website, costs are likely to diminish. The membership is encouraged to submit more contributions.

9. Website – Mary-Doug Wright

Earlier issues of the Forum will be added as they become available. [www.hlabc.bc.ca](http://www.hlabc.bc.ca) will be the new website address. Mary-Doug encourages the membership to forward any news for the site.

10. Resource Sharing – Charlotte Beck

The new version of QuickDoc is to be available in June. Interest was expressed in forming a QD discussion group during or before the Fall HLABC meeting. It appears that Charlotte is the only member of the Resource Sharing Committee. To rectify this situation the new Executive will recruit additional committee members.

11. CHLA/ABSC – Cathy Rayment

- CHLA Annual General Meeting. There was an excellent turnout at this year's annual general meeting in Quebec City. There were 10 attendees from BC, almost 10% of the total conference attendance.  
Next year's AGM will be held in Kitchener-Waterloo in late May.
- Oral History Project. CHLA is embarking upon an oral history project. Lois Wyndham, David Crawford and Tom Flemming are the principals. Each chapter will receive a kit which will provide instructions identifying and interviewing past Board members and any others who have been involved in CHLA projects.
- Membership Survey. CHLA is conducting a survey to seek input for CHLA planning. Questionnaires will be sent to all CHLA and HLABC members and Board members will be holding focus groups. Board members, Patrick Ellis and Laurie Blanchard, will be coming to Vancouver in November to initiate this project in BC.
- Chapter Buddy. Cathy Rayment is now the Chapter Buddy. Any news to be conveyed to CHLA can be funneled through Cathy.
- NNLH Proposal. Jim Henderson reported that the business plan should be ready for use in consultations with various groups by late August.

12. PNC/MLA 2002 Conference – Shannon Long

Two speakers have been arranged for the meeting, to be held in Vancouver, October 19-22, 2002. Eve-Marie LaCroix, Director of Client Services at the US National Library of Medicine, has agreed to be the Keynote Speaker and Dr. S. Wong will be speaking on physicians' use of PDAs. Shannon encouraged a visit to the PNC/MLA website; in particular, the membership form.

13. New Business

ELN is negotiating licensing for new health fulltext products, e.g. EBSCO. If any HLABC members are interested in being included in these negotiations, contact Rebecca.

14. Introduction of New Executive

Lea Starr, President  
Rebecca Raworth, President-Elect  
Shannon Long, Treasurer  
Dan Heino, Secretary

And other positions:

Pat Boileau, and Shelley Hourston, - Forum Co-Editors  
Mary-Doug Wright, HLABC Website Manager

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.