



General Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, January 13th, 2007

Location: Round Room

Time: 10:00 AM

**2nd floor Jim Pattison Pavilion
Vancouver General Hospital**

Chair: Karen MacDonnell

Secretary: Megan Crouch

Attendees:

Nancy Anderson, Brooke Ballantyne, Dawn Bassett, Charlotte Beck, Marcia Bilinsky, Megan Crouch, Rita Dahlie, Patricia Foster, Andrea Freeman, Devon Greyson, Diana Hall, Wendy Hunt, Marjory Jardine, Karen MacDonnell, Robert Melrose, Beth Morrison, Cathy Rayment, Barbara Saint, Lea Starr, Barb Trip, Tricia Yu

Agenda items 1-5:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Business meeting: Call to order
- Acceptance of agenda
- Approval of minutes from 2006 Fall General Meeting (December 6th, 2006).
- Welcome to new HLABC Secretary

Presenter: Karen MacDonnell

Discussion:

After refreshments, the meeting was called to order at 10:42am.

21 attendees

C. Rayment and R. Melrose moved / seconded acceptance of agenda

Approval of minutes from 2006 Fall General Meeting (December 6th, 2006) – N/A minutes not quite ready. They will be posted to the website. (update: minutes e-mailed to HLABC listserv)

Megan Crouch was welcomed as the new HLABC secretary.

Agenda item 6:

Treasurer's report & 2006-07 budget

Presenter: Karen MacDonnell for Anne Allgaier

Discussion:

This was the first time a spreadsheet with such detail about the budget was presented to the general membership. There is a healthy allocation (\$3,000) this year for CE. A. Allgaier is investigating new investments possibilities such as GICs to increase the return on our investments. B. Morrison voiced some concerns about this because of our a non-profit status. K. MacDonnell told us that Anne is investigating allowances for non-profits as well. K. MacDonnell also mentioned that the \$800 currently in the Executive Travel budget line could possibly be put into a separate fund as it is not needed every year. The Executive Travel money is to allow for people outside of Vancouver to participate on the executive. No further comments on the spreadsheet or the treasurer's report.

Agenda item 7:

Reciprocal arrangements between HLABC and BCLA

Presenter: Karen MacDonnell

Discussion:

HLABC is interested in reciprocal arrangements with BCLA for CE. K. MacDonnell has been in contact with Michael Burris (BCLA executive director) to discuss. Michael is passing the suggestion on to the BCLA governance committee. M. Bilinsky asked if this arrangement would include cooperation with conferences as well. K. MacDonnell will talk to Michael about it.

B. Saint asked if we could also discuss with them the possibility of changing our name to BCHLA (BC Health Libraries Association) as that was the name originally sought after for the now HLABC. BCLA blocked the

name BCHLA as it was too similar to BCLA.

N. Anderson inquired into the advantage of changing our name at this point.

B. Saint replied that the branding with BC coming first would be useful. She emphasized that she was not making a motion, only a suggestion for exploration.

K. MacDonnell will bring this up with Michael as well.

Agenda item 8: HLABC Forum **Presenter:** Robert Melrose

Robert thanked Rebecca Raworth from UVic for being guest editor, Krista Clement for doing the mark-up, and Robyn Ingvallsen.

The call for the guest editor for the June edition was put out. A message will be posted to the listserv as well. The theme for June is undecided.

D. Bassett inquired about what the guest editor actually does. RM replied that the guest editor and sends out the theme and call for articles (etc.) to the listerv, as well as collating the articles and going through the first edit. After this, the articles and such are sent to Krista for mark-up.

C. Rayment asked who sets the theme for the Forum. The theme is usually decided by the executive, but sometimes the guest editor chooses the theme.

Discussion:

More members have also signed on to the member's only area of the website where the meeting minutes, member directory, etc. can be found.

M. Jardine asked if the directory can be updated with new contact information mid-year. RM confirms. Send changes to RM.

L. Starr wondered if we notify other chapters about the publication of the Forum. She said we have one of the best chapter publications and it would be good to share with other chapters.

B. Morrison moved to send an announcement to CANMEDLIB when published.

M. Bilinsky seconded.

Motion carried.

Agenda item 9: CHLA executive update **Presenter:** Charlotte Beck

Charlotte followed up the Forum discussion by stressing that being guest editor of the Forum looks particularly good on a resume should anyone want to work on JCHLA.

The call for questions to take to the next CHLA executive meeting in February was put out.

E-news from CHLA is now for members only, but JCHLA remains open access. The executive is currently looking into the peer review process for the journal. They are also looking for a new platform for the journal. NRC Press significantly increased their prices, so they are looking into other open access publishers. In the interim, CHLA has negotiated one more year that the existing rate.

The position of Development Officer is being created on the CHLA executive. There is a need for those with knowledge about obtaining vendors for the CHLA conference – particularly for when the conference is held in smaller cities. The Development Officer will be the point person / primary resource for this. Currently this has fallen through the cracks.

Discussion:

Reminder that funding is available for chapter initiatives.

L. Starr inquired about the deadline for applying for the funding.

C. Rayment answered that it has to be around CHLA board meeting schedules. This can be problematic as the meeting is not always announced. C. Beck will take this point back to the executive.

Reminders of the 2008 conference in Ottawa and 2008 in Halifax.

The CHLA Board responded in support of open access to CIHR-funded Research.

NNLH update: The Concept of Operations document was finalized. This came from consultation with 15 different national organizations. They are looking into seamless access to resources nationwide. This wouldn't override local initiatives (i.e. eHLbc) but will catch those who fall through the cracks and may not have access to them.

L. Starr mentions that license for eHLbc covers some of those who may typically fall through the cracks of

such an initiative (ie Physios, Pharmacists) but there is no mechanism to provide access at this time.

Agenda item 10: Other Business **Presenter:** Karen MacDonnell

R. Dahlie was contacted regarding contract work from the Massage Therapy association looking for someone to work on a database for them. RD wanted to put the offer to the group to see if anyone was interested. M. Jardine suggests posting to the listserv. There was general agreement.

Discussion:

B. Saint mentioned that we could put a list of librarians who do fee-for-service work on the HLABC web site. K. MacDonnell responded that HLABC already collects that information as part of the membership process, but does not have permission from members to put the information on the web site.

L. Starr brought the PNC/MLA conference to our attention. It will be in Montana in October 2007. October 2008 will be another joint conference w/ California (Northern and Southern) and Nevada. It will be held in Las Vegas.

K. MacDonnell reminded the group about the CHLA awards. The deadline is February 1. Nominations should be sent to Tamsin Adams-Webber.

Thanks to B. Tripp for coordinating the catering and such.

Agenda item 11: Adjournment **Presenter:** Karen MacDonnell

Discussion:

Meeting adjourned 11:25 am

R. Dahlie led the tour of the new BMB Library at 11:30 am.