HLABC General Meeting Minutes –  
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(Late) Fall General Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: BC Cancer Agency, Vancouver Centre
600 West 10th Ave., Vancouver,
4th Floor Board Room

Videoconference site: Kelowna: BC Cancer Agency (Kootenay Room)

Chair: Karen MacDonell, Note taker: Diana Hall in lieu of secretary


Program only: Krista Clement (Kelowna), Wendy Hunt, Barbara Saint, and possibly a few others. Also Dr. Marsh’s wife.

Agenda item: Welcome and Introductions

Presenter: Karen MacDonell


Presenter: Dr. David Marsh

Discussion:
Focusing on the Supervised Injection Site in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver, Dr. Marsh gave a very stimulating talk, detailing the conditions and controversies leading up to the launch of the site in 2003 and its extension to Dec. 2007. He summarized and discussed the peer reviewed research results published so far in journals such as BMJ, CMAJ, and NEJM, such as:

Evan Wood, Mark W. Tyndall, Julio S. Montaner, and Thomas Kerr

Summary of findings from the evaluation of a pilot medically supervised safer injecting facility

He may be able to provide a CD of his PowerPoint presentation for posting on the members-only section of the HLABC website for those who could not view all of slides via the videolink or who could not attend.

Agenda items: Business meeting: Call to order
Acceptance of agenda
Approval of minutes from Spring General Meeting (March 28, 2006)
Report on October 13, 2006 CE event, “Designing and Leading Successful Workshops”

After the program and refreshments, the meeting was called to order at 8:30 pm. 10 attendees.
C. Beck and B. Chenosky accepted agenda.
N. Anderson and R. Melrose approved minutes.

Discussion:
CE instructor was Jan Johnson, UBC. Of the 15 attendees, 4 were BCLA members. Fee $40.
Money due HLABC as organizing chapter for CHLA conference in Vancouver this year was earmarked to support the workshop. Travel grants were offered but no one took advantage of them.
Karen’s proposal: use the CHLA money to cover the outstanding costs and use the rest for the next CE and travel grants. The Executive is to decide.

Feedback was requested on how better to promote events, attendance, CE, general meetings? How to announce other than via listserv?

C. Beck mentioned that E-HLBC involvement is needed. S.Long said Vancouver Coastal Health Authority is doing weekly workshops.

Attendance trends – regularly up and down. There may be a post conference slump. D. Newstead commented that people may not want to attend night meetings. C. Rayment suggested establishing dates way ahead.

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**Agenda item:** Membership / Treasurer’s Report  
**Presenter:** Karen MacDonell for Anne Allgaier

**HLABC TREASURER’S REPORT NOVEMBER 2006**

Memberships
Lifetime Members    7  
New Members         4  
Total Membership    88

New Members: Vaunda Dumont  
Andrea Bretherick  
Megan Wiebe  
Frances Wong

Current Bank Balance:

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**TOTAL:** $10,352.81

Respectfully submitted by:
Anne Allgaier  
Treasurer  
Regional Librarian  
Northern Health Authority

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Is this amount too much to have in chequing? Should more be invested? Executive to discuss further.
Agenda item: HLABC Forum

Presenter: Robert Melrose

Discussion:
Krista Clement has been formatting the Dec. issue on resource sharing, edited by Rebecca Raworth, and it should be ready for posting on the website next Tuesday. Robert will send out a call for an editor for the June issue.

There is no news regarding the website or the archives project for which there have been no responses from SLAIS students.

Agenda item: Upcoming events: January social, March General Meeting, May AGM and CE

Presenter: Karen MacDonell

Discussion:
January 13th: Barb Trip is coordinating the booking and food social and General Meeting at Vancouver General Hospital. It is hoped that a tour of the new UBC Biomedical Library (BMB) will be possible.

March General Meeting to be announced; will try to videoconference link. Ideas for a speaker are requested.

Brenda Chenosky suggested Jerilynn Prior (endocrinologist/menopause expert) on menopause.

Nancy Anderson suggested something on the public / private debate in health care, e.g. clinics.

May AGM & CE: no date yet. Major meetings: MLA is May 18-23 in Philadelphia; CHLA is May 28-June 1 in Ottawa.

AGM & dinner: Karen MacDonell will check with Teresa Prior, Nancy Anderson, and Andrea Freeman about information on the about last year's venue (Water Street Café) and about arranging dinner.

Agenda item: CHLA executive update

Presenter: Charlotte Beck

Discussion:
The last meeting was for 2 days at the end of November.

The journal was discussed and there was a speaker on open access publishing.

Old issues will be digitized. Copyright clearance still has to be obtained from authors.

Indexing has been reinstated in CINAHL. INSPEC dropped indexing the journal when the name changed and NRC became the publisher.

Board has decided that the journal will be peer reviewed. Teresa Lee at UBC Woodward Library is incoming assistant editor.

An announcement has gone out for an ex officio position of a development officer. Stable funding for CHLA is needed, and CHLA funding is dependent on the conference. One idea is for a national conference planning committee which the development officer could help. There will be reinstatement of advertising in the journal now that it is on the web.

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) has put out a policy paper on open access publishing.
CHLA has a “get a member” campaign under way Jan.-March 15, 2007.

Discussion of CHLA and HLABC / BCLA partnering / joint membership: see Other business below.

**Agenda item:** Opening of Secretary position on HLABC Executive  
**Presenter:** Karen MacDonell  
**Discussion:** There is a call for a replacement as Vicki Lee has stepped down.

**Agenda item:** Other business  
**Presenter:** Karen MacDonell  
**Discussion:** Karen recapped background on the concept of partnership and/or joint membership between HLABC and BCLA. She had reported on this in emails posted to the HLABC listserv over the summer. There could be a combined membership rate and/or reciprocal membership rates for CE.

C. Beck noted that the Ontario Health Libraries Association (OHLA) is not a chapter of CHLA but an affiliate. She further noted that the CHLA board does not object to chapters having joint partnerships that are of benefit to the chapter's members.

HLABC is already a chapter of CHLA. What would be the nature of the umbrella relationship between HLABC and BCLA? She suggested that BCLA might need a health libraries interest group.

It was agreed that ideas about partnership / reciprocity are worth exploring, but not an umbrella relationship. What is BCLA’s membership rate? What would BCLA expect? For reciprocal / joint CE, HLABC would need to formalize the member rate for CE for BCLA members.

Topics for joint CE might include consumer health and health literacy; library fundamentals.

B. Saint mentioned that there is an open house at the new BMB Library tomorrow.
Dean Giustini is going on sabbatical; a replacement at BMB has not yet been named.
In connection with the BodyWorks exhibit currently on, D. Newstead suggested Science World as a possible meeting venue?

**Adjournment about 9:30 pm.**  
**Agenda item:** Next meeting: Winter Social & General Meeting  
**Presenter:** Karen MacDonell  
Saturday, January 13th, 2006, VGH, Vancouver