SLA Canada Board Meeting
25 July 2021, 12:37pm PDT/3:37pm EDT
Via Zoom

Present: Patricia Cia, Juanita Richardson (notes) Merritt Kalagian, Jane Dysart, Bronwyn Smyth, Thomas Blennerhassett, Stephen Abram, Kimberley Silk, Craig Wingrove, Valerie Perry, Jim Miller, Thérèse Mainville, Catherine Lavallé-Welch

Regrets: Caleb Nault, Karen Bleakley, Katherine Scott, Sandra Toze

1. Welcome
2. Minutes and Business Arising - May 31, 2021
   ● Approved as circulated, no further action
3. Finance
   ● Financial reports for May and June 2021 distributed by email in advance of the meeting
   ● Outstanding Paypal issue (re: 2019 SLA Toronto social) has been resolved and $4600 deposited into account (June 2021)
   ● Reports from May and June are accepted. Motion: Merritt Second: Stephen

   ACTION: Merritt will generate an invoice for Factiva for $1500. If Factiva cannot pay on an invoice, Merritt will investigate Square and IETS as the mechanism for billing partners for sponsorships.

4. Governance/Communications (Pres Elect/Past Pres)
   ● For membership lists, we do have a spreadsheet. Patricia is asking Programming Chairs for their direction re needs for membership lists. Jane suggests potentially having canned language as a footer on LinkedIn, FaceBook, our website, etc – to lead people to an SLA membership option.

   ACTION: Tom and Caleb will look into creating language for our website / social media sites to direct prospects to become members.

5. Communications
   ● Nothing reported

6. Web Manager (via email)
   ● Changed the colour of the submenu text, so hopefully it’s more legible
   ● Still working on the student chapters page; page is published here but not yet added to the main menu. Please let me know about decisions around awards so I can add an awards section to it!
   ● Currently working with Jason from Factiva on his ad for the website
   ● Added Sponsorship Opportunities page to the main menu

   ACTIONS: Still need to add 2021 Treasurer Reports and Minutes for May + June; add a Links/Resources page that highlights Stephan’s Lighthouse, InfoDocket, Dysart&Jones, as well as acknowledgement of in-kind support; design a page that features past events/webinars

7. Social Media

   ACTION: Tom will change some of our social media channels to reflect Factiva's sponsorship.
8. Programming
   ● Update June & July programs with video/chat recordings
   ● Create registration for Sept & Oct meetings – need more info from Tom B re Oct music librarians program
   ● Work on details for student oriented Nov meeting with Craig, Stephen, and others like Factiva (our new sponsor)
   ● Create a possible second longer workshop on Hopin tech (see below for more)
   ● Decide on going forward with possible in person Dec social, or perhaps stay virtual, or a hybrid – let me know your thoughts
   ● Think about 2022 dates for meetings, continue virtual and supplement with some regional in-person?
   ● Work with OLA on the next virtual conference in 2022.
   ● August 4 during SLA Annual Conference - Bingo and Mingle
   ● September 16-SLACAN- Searching for Prospects, Gary Price, SLACAN Intelligence Officer
   ● October 21-SLACAN Meeting- Joint Meeting with Music Libraries
     ACTION: Tom will set up meeting with Jane and the music librarian to hammer out the details
   ● Oct 25-28 Internet Librarian
   ● November 25-SLACAN-All about students
   ● Nov 15-18 KMWorld
   ● December 16-SLACAN AGM & Social
     ACTION: Therese investigating possibility of holding in-person in Toronto with regional online connections

9. Regional Voices.
   ● Nothing of note to report

10. Partner relations
   ● Juanita reported that we secured Factiva as our Sugar Maple sponsor for $1500 per year – from July 2021 – July 2022

11. Student Chapters
   ● New student chapter president at UBC,
     ACTION: Stephen knows the person and will follow up
   ● Student awards
     ■ SLA Canada congratulates Cambria Huff, Dalhousie University on being awarded the Anne M Galler Award. Patricia attended the virtual awards ceremony to present the award.
     ■ No other organizations have submitted names for awards for 2021.
     ACTION: Patricia to resend Cambria her certificate without the typo.
     [Update: Confirmed no typo and not resent]
     ACTION: SA and CW will follow up with other library schools in the Fall – reminding them of the opportunity to receive an award.
12. Any other business: new / old

**Awards**

- Discussion ensued and motion made in regards to student awards, with motion:

  **Anne M. Galler Awards** – we will offer 3 X $150 awards (1 to each region in Cda = East/ West / Centre) to students of Graduate Level programs of the Special Libraries (or whatever it's called) courses. The schools will have to adjudicate the prize and submit those names to us.

  **Membership awards** – we will offer prizes of a student membership up to a total of 15 memberships including library & information technology (paraprofessional) schools across Canada.

  **MOTION** – Made by Patricia; Seconded by Juanita

- Decision to create two (non-student) awards. Suggestions noted
  a. Special Librarian of the Year award for a mid-career professional
  b. an end of career award named after Ernie Ingles. Perhaps in collaboration with CFLA – but SLA Cda would administer. This award would go to people who are retiring
  c. A Rising Star award for someone in their first 5 years of their professional career

- Note: The Board will be the Awards Committee. If we decide to have more awardees in one category – for example, Rising Star – the Board can make that decision at the time. Also, the recipients of these awards do not necessarily have to be members of SLA but those nominating them should be.

  **ACTION:** We will bring this proposal back to the table for discussion in Sept.

13. Next meeting

- Monday, September 27, 2021 – 12:30pm PT/3:30pm ET

14. Adjourned