

**Northern Alberta Health Libraries Association
Annual General Meeting 2002-03
September 29, 2003**

President's Report

Number of Members for the past operating year: 39 (34 regular, 5 students)

Executive for the past operating year:

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Secretary: Sheila Fynn

Treasurer: Connie Winther

Outline of Activities in the 2002-03 Year:

On November 26, Linda Slater from the John W. Scott Health Sciences Library presented an informative session entitled "Issues in Bibliographic Management Software: Overview of the Big Three." Linda provided an excellent overview of the three programs, demonstrating their unique features and indicating which program would be best suited for particular needs. This was a very popular session, heavily attended by NAHLA members and other interested individuals from the Edmonton library community.

The traditional annual NAHLA Christmas luncheon was held once again at the Manor Café on December 5, 2002. Members had a good visit and had a great deal of fun with the "recycled" gift exchange.

On February 19, 2003, NAHLA held a general business meeting, followed by a "Members Corner: Roundtable Discussion" session on the topic of getting to know more about what each of us do in our positions and the issues we face on a daily basis. Members were asked to come prepared to contribute by letting others know about their job, main duties, the top two issues they face, and their main area of expertise. Much was learned and shared while members munched on popcorn during this informal event.

NAHLA sponsored the Partners in Education Program, a joint venture between the local professional community and students enrolled in the MLIS program at the University of Alberta, which pairs professional librarians with students for a “Partner’s Day” event and reception.

The Executive also agreed to cover the registration costs for a local student to attend the CHLA/ABSC 2003 Conference. The “Student to CHLA” prize was awarded to Shelagh Genuis, a student at School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alberta. Congratulations, Shelagh!

In May NAHLA hosted a brown-bag lunch session on the topic of Australian Health Libraries, with special guest speaker Terena Solomons, Library Manager, Hollywood Private Hospital, Perth, Australia. Terena is visiting the University of Alberta to learn more about PDAs, and has agreed to speak with NAHLA members about Australian Health Libraries. Terena gave us an overview of her work environment, and made comparisons between North American and Australian health sciences libraries.

NAHLA was a sponsor of the 2nd International Evidence Based Librarianship Conference, held June 4-6, 2003 in Edmonton. Our sponsorship money was used to fund a prize for runner-up in the “Best Presenter” category.

Many NAHLA members were involved in planning the CHLA/ABSC 2003 Conference and the EBL 2003 Conference. Both events were very successful. The NAHLA executive would like to extend thanks to all members that made these events possible.

Respectfully submitted by,

Denise Koufogiannakis,
President, NAHLA
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