

**NORTHERN ALBERTA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION
CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2001/2002**

Operating Year: Oct 1, 2001-Sept 31, 2002

Number of Members: 38

Executive:

President: Tanya Voth, Centres for Health Evidence

Vice-President and BMC Correspondent: Denise Koufogiannakis, John W. Scott Health Sciences Library

Treasurer: Liza Chan, Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research

Secretary: Louisa Fricker, Centres for Health Evidence

Past President: Linda Slater, John W. Scott Health Sciences Library

Year's Activities:

The Northern Alberta Health Libraries Association met at the University of Alberta on September 26, 2001 for our annual general meeting. Along with our usual business and a wonderful meal catered by Upper Crust, a new executive (as noted above) was elected for the 2001/02 year.

In November, NAHLA helped arrange and publicize the CHLA focus group, which was held at the John W. Scott Health Sciences Library with participation from approximately 12 of our members.

We were a sponsor of the Canadian Cochrane Symposium, held in Edmonton, November 23-24, 2001. Many of our members were also involved with planning the Symposium and workshops.

On December 3, 2001, NAHLA hosted an after-work session for members, entitled "PDAs in Health Care: The Library Connection." Presenters Denise Koufogiannakis and Mark Roesner from the John W. Scott Health Sciences Library led the session, which drew a large crowd of people wanting to learn more about this hot topic.

December 11th was our annual Christmas luncheon, held at the Manor Cafe. 15 NAHLA members were in attendance. Everyone relaxed with an excellent meal, good company, and a fun exchange of second-hand gifts.

On April 12, 2002, NAHLA held its first-ever TRENDS Mini-conference, which was co-sponsored by the Edmonton Public Library. The sessions were on the topics of Evidence-based Librarianship (presented by Ellen Crumley & Denise Koufogiannakis), Grant Writing (Grant Kayler & Richard Thornley), and The Hidden Web (Sandra Shores), with a catered reception following the sessions. The initiative was a great success, with 29 people in attendance, and will likely become a regular event in the future.

NAHLA is pleased that the CHLA 2003 conference will be held in Edmonton May 31-June 4, 2003, with many of our members involved in the conference planning. Linda Slater is Chair of the Planning Committee.

Keep up to date on NAHLA activities by visiting our NAHLA web site:
<http://fn2.freenet.edmonton.ab.ca/~nahla/nahla.htm>

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