



Nunavut Library Association

Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2017

NLA Spring/Summer Meeting Teleconference

3:00 pm EDT

Present on the call: Riel Gallant, Greg Hughes, Ron Knowling, Sherrie Earl, Mary Ipeelee, Carol Rigby

Carol agreed to record notes and action minutes.

1. Agenda adopted as circulated
2. Library/member updates
 - Greg: Introduced himself as the replacement for Jenny Thornhill at the Nunavut Court of Justice Library, starting about 5 weeks ago. Spent the first three weeks dealing with a huge backlog, making sure judges received documentation, catching up on shelving and filing, etc. Now updating the license for Resource Mate, their ILS. Library will be undergoing some renovation and reorganization. They are moving from loose-leaf legal materials to digital versions, and will be introducing additional computers and digital e-readers, moving into the 21st century. Staff at the Court have expressed happiness at having a librarian again. A lot of the lawyers use the library as an office space, so some restrictions on usage time may need to be introduced to make sure everyone has equal opportunity.
 - Riel: The Legislative Library has been busy with the end of Spring Sitting and getting ready for the upcoming fall election. Sylvia, the library assistant, has been doing a little more cataloguing work and is being given more responsibilities in maintaining the electronic documents repository, being trained by Carol. They are looking at options for migrating to a new ILS; looking at more updated products from Innovative but also possibly OCLC. Waiting to see what happens with LAC's shift to OCLC from AMICUS to see if that's a good direction, particularly with regard to multilingual and multiscript records. Will be looking at options more closely after the election. Have been going through the TDs for the e-doc repository, hoping to begin scanning materials not already available in digital format. Not able to get a summer student this year that met the qualifications desired by the Clerk, perhaps next year.
 - Ron: Ben Gosling (Community Services Librarian) left NPLS HQ in April, so that position and the Systems Librarian position for NPLS are currently vacant. Staff at HQ in Baker Lake currently are Ron as Manager, Sarah Sevoga, and casual Susan Upatiku. Simon Cuerrier has just been appointed as Head Librarian for Iqaluit Centennial Library, first Inuk to hold that position. The summer reading club is being run this year in Iqaluit, Pond Inlet, Rankin Inlet, Cambridge Bay and Kugluktuk. Ron is holding down the fort with book ordering; they are also trying to get more games and equipment into the public libraries to make them more appealing. May be trying to establish a series of routers as mini-e-doc repositories. Also serving on a number of national committees and working groups



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- Sherrie: on the call with Mary, her summer student, who is helping to run the summer reading program at Rebecca P. Idlout Library. Sherrie arrived in Pond Inlet from Saskatchewan in February and started at the library as a relief librarian; took on the community librarian position on May 22. This is the first summer reading program for them, and it's busy. Need more t-shirts! Also every Saturday they average about 28 kids for arts and crafts programs. It's summer now and kids are coming in and out; the library is becoming a community hub.
- Carol: As an independent cataloguer specializing in Inuit language and northern materials, has had three contracts on the go since the last meeting: ongoing work with the Legislative Library, cataloguing materials and doing cataloguing training with Sylvia; cataloguing for the Pond Inlet Archives, currently working through the reading and educational materials produced in Inuktitut by the Teaching and Learning Centre (under BDBE in the NWT days, and then GN Dept. of Education); and cataloguing new materials from Inhabit Media for NPLS. She also sits on the Canadian Committee for Metadata Exchange (CCM) and at their recent meeting continued her advocacy for smaller systems and libraries, and for indigenous languages, in the library metadata world.
- Leigh Ann Cumming was unable to participate but sent in her update from Cambridge Bay: I wrapped up another academic year at NAC in Cambridge Bay (September 2016-April 2017). I will be in Iqaluit from September 11-22, 2017. My husband and I celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary on December 30, 2016. I am marking my 25th year graduation from Mount Allison University (class of 1992). Hard to believe.... I will be marking my 10th year working with the GN and the Department of Health (DH) on July 3, 2017. I am currently busy organizing three training programs for the DH. I am looking forward to my annual during July and August back in New Brunswick

3. Partnership report

- Royalties – Riel has been established as the contact person for Partnership royalties cheques resulting from our participation in Education Institute programs and use of the Partnership job board. Currently the only thing for which we use these funds is to pay a small fee to redirect our WordPress website to our NLA domain name, as agreed at previous meetings. As the website manager, Carol pays that fee online so is given funds in trust to cover that cost. Current balances are \$35.40 in trust with Carol and \$176.75 held by Riel, for a total balance of \$212.15. We currently do no other fund-raising as we are not a registered society.
- Partnership update from January meeting: this meeting is held around the OLA Super Conference in Toronto. Leigh Ann attended for NLA this year and has circulated minutes and related documents to the NLA list. Ron attended the conference and other meetings but not the Partnership meeting.
- NLA Representative at Partnership summer retreat, Aug. 15-17, 2017: No one is available to attend in person. Ron indicated he could arrange his schedule to be able to participate if teleconference is possible.
ACTION: Carol will contact Su Cleyle, Partnership Chair, explain the situation, and ask for Ron to be put on the circulation list for meeting material. Ron will participate as possible.
- A request was received from Karen Hildebrandt via the Partnership list re: what's new & exciting in our associations
ACTION: Riel volunteered to take a crack at sending her a reply.



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- Partnership Perks & Store-in-a-box—association branding—missed discussing this item. Will bring back for the next meeting.

4. Website – Carol

- Update report will be circulated with the minutes. Not a lot of changes, but have recently posted material pertaining to Canadian School Libraries and the CFLA TRC response committee's recently issued report in the news blog. The website serves as the association's repository for reports and minutes. Always looking for interesting material—forward news, photos etc. to cerigby@xplornet.com (some summer reading club material in September would be awesome...). We also still need to deal with getting the association's name translated into Inuit language. Should be in Inuktitut syllabics and roman orthography, and Inuinnaqtun.
ACTION: Ron will contact the translation bureau with regard to getting an official literal translation.
- On another related matter, Riel indicated that a problem has cropped up in the last week or two with the domain name for the shared search interface used by Nunavut Libraries Online—formerly NPLS, the Court library, the Legislative Library and Nunavut Arctic College Library, now just the latter two. Responsibility for the domain name was transferred from NPLS to the Leg Library about a year ago. About a week ago the redirect from the Virtua interface stopped working, so just a heads-up to check any links that might be posted as they could be broken. Riel will be looking into the problem; Greg offered assistance as he has some expertise with domain names.

5. Issues

- Revision of NLA Mission Statement (last done in 2007): As agreed at the last meeting, Carol drafted some material to update the NLA mission & vision statements and organization description, which was circulated to the NLA list earlier in June. Some new members haven't seen it yet, and others have not had time to consider in detail. However, first impressions were positive.
ACTION: Carol will re-circulate the draft material to the whole group early in the fall for consideration and comments (comments before then are also welcome), and the item will be returned to the fall meeting agenda for discussion and consideration for adoption.
- Inuit language names for NLA: Discussed under website already.
- Library & Archives Canada, National Union Catalogue—OCLC implications for Nunavut libraries: LAC's old AMICUS catalogue, our national union catalogue, is desperately outdated and is being replaced by a union catalogue run through OCLC (WorldCat). However, the details of how this is going to work under a fee-based system are still being worked out.
 - Carol heard at the CCM meeting that it is only since a contract has been signed with OCLC that LAC staff can discuss the details and mechanics of things like maintaining the cross-references between English and French names and subject headings. This has important implications for the multilingual and multiscript records produced by Nunavut libraries.
 - Ron sits on the LAC stakeholders committee (representing provincial and territorial public libraries), which had a teleconference yesterday. The contract was just signed March 23. They expect to start the process of going live in 2017 and AMICUS will be shut down 6 months after full implementation of the new catalogue. Manitoba and BC are asking



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questions about how this is going to be put in operation; LAC is not sharing a lot of information about how things will work for ILL etc. There seems to be a large dark vacuum of information.

- Riel indicated the parliamentary libraries (APLIC) also have concerns and are in the dark about how the fee-for-service approach of OCLC will affect legislative libraries, who don't appear to be covered by LAC's subscription cost subsidy for small libraries. APLIC may try to see if they can absorb costs; they have a lot of reliance on ILLs.

ACTION: Our contacts with LAC's catalogue (Carol through CCM, Ron through the Stakeholders Committee & PTLDC; Riel through APLIC) will try to keep everyone informed of any news or developments encountered.

- Report from Northern Libraries Working Group on participation in CFLA: The new Canadian Federation of Library Associations is a fee-based association of associations; currently it's difficult for the territorial associations to participate. They've set up an informal Northern Libraries Working Group to work with CFLA on national issues and to develop appropriate governance for the Federation that will include the North. A meeting of the working group was held by teleconference April 7. NWTLA is currently representing the North on the CFLA Board as they have paid for membership (John Mutford, President). Ron, Riel and Carol represent NLA in the working group. Ron is participating in initiatives regarding equitable service for rural and remote libraries, and has had several conversations with John on relevant issues (e.g. broadband access). The situation is currently stable and workable.
- CFLA's TRC response committee's report has been released. Two members of NLA, now gone, participated: Ben Gosling from NPLS and Helen Halbert from ITK in Ottawa, to represent Inuit interests. We have a blog post on the website about the release that includes a link to the report. Ron indicated that PTLDC yesterday endorsed the committee's recommendations, and its chair, Camille Callison, asked if the NLA would also be endorsing the report.
ACTION: NLA members are asked to read and consider the report, and we will put endorsement of the recommendations by way of a motion of support as an item on the fall agenda. The report is available on the NLA website and Ron will also send a copy around to everyone on the NLA list.
- Support for Canadian School Libraries: information item; information about this new association has been posted on our website in the blog, along with a link to their website. It offers a lot of valuable resources for those working with school-age kids.
- IFLA Global Vision workshops via OLA: Message from the Partnership inquiring about interest in virtual workshops. The consensus was that most NLA members don't have adequate bandwidth or systems/IT support to handle live streaming.
ACTION: Carol will so inform Shelagh Patterson at OLA.
- CRTC Call for Comments - push for better broadband in Nunavut: Ron had circulated some correspondence regarding a current call from the CRTC for comments on broadband service to remote communities. Decent internet is almost impossible in Nunavut. CRTC passed a motion saying that 50mb download and 10mb upload should be a minimum for all Canadians, but impossible in Nunavut. They have established a fund to support broadband access, \$750 million over 5 years, and are looking for input on the rules that should govern distribution of funding. This is an opportunity for groups to say how important access is. Inexpensive and accessible internet in places like libraries and community centres is really important when much of the population



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can't access this at home. Deadline for the call for comments is June 28 (next Wednesday). Ron has also discussed this with the Nunavut Economic Forum, and will be writing a letter from NPLS to the CRTC. Ron and Greg also expressed interest in writing. It would be good to have a letter going from NLA as well, representing all types of libraries.

ACTION: Ron will be finishing his letter tomorrow and will share it with the group as a resource. Riel will use the material to draft a letter from NLA and will circulate it to the list for comment. Responses will be needed by the 27th at the latest.

6. Reports from Meetings / Conferences

- OLA Super Conference in January: information circulated by Leigh Ann.
- CCM: Terms of reference for the committee are being revised as members used to be appointed by CLA, now defunct. Carol is urging that small libraries and those serving indigenous Canadians be represented on the committee, to ensure those voices are heard
- Ron had a recent meeting with the Provincial and Territorial Library Directors Council (PTLDC). A major concern nationally is the cost of e-books and audiobooks; they are preparing a report on e-book pricing across Canada.

7. Other business

- Confirming roles in NLA; Still need volunteer for president. Riel is currently President of the Nunavut Archives Council and they don't want to let him go, but he's trying to work his way out of that one. Perhaps in the fall he might be able to take NLA presidency on.
- Carol willing to serve as Meeting Secretary (meeting agendas, minutes; correspondence) as well as website manager
- Carol would be happy to turn over the website to someone else eventually if anyone is interested.
- Leigh Ann continuing as the Partnership correspondence contact.
- Riel continues to be Treasurer, i.e. recipient of Partnership cheques and holder of funds.

8. Next meeting: Probably later in the fall, after the election. Date to be determined closer to the time.

The call ended at 4:35.