

Nunavut Library Association (NLA) Meeting
January 30, 2006, Nunavut Arctic College, 7:30 pm EST

MINUTES (DRAFT)

In Attendance: (Iqaluit) Rae-Lynne Patterson, Yvonne Earle, Carolyn Mallory, Carol Rigby, Gary Pon; (Baker Lake) Marc Bragdon, Taryl Gula; (Cambridge Bay) Ian Critchley

Regrets: Kim Crockett, Petra Mauerhoff, Tori-Lynn Evans, Philippa Ootoowak

1. Agenda - approved

2. Library updates

- Yvonne provided an update on the proposed Inuktitut cataloguing workshop to be held in March depending on the NEU election and Kataisee's availability.

- Carol is cataloguing Inuktitut in the leg.library catalogue and we are encouraged to copy their records if we wish

- Gary is planning for the library move into the new courthouse

- Carolyn is working with Rae-Lynne in maintaining the Nunavut Wildlife Resources Centre Coalition by providing services at the GN's Dept. of Environment, Dept. of Economic Development and Transportation and Nunavut Research Institute

- Taryl informed us that family literacy day had been taken up in at least 6 community libraries, and also that they have a new staff person in technical services - Sarah Sevoga - who will be assisting with cataloguing.

- Marc hopes to have the new NPLS website live by early March, and it may move off of the GN's community services network to Qiniq's broadband service

- Rae-Lynn opened the 'American shelf' in Rankin Inlet (material donated by US Embassy to NAC library) and plans to have a summer student thru Young Canada Works

- Ian described how he has prohibited email and computer use during certain periods to encourage more patrons to read in the Cambridge Bay library.

3. Literacy Council update

- a workplace literacy meeting was held in Iqaluit with reps from the NWT and NU literacy councils; a literacy council AGM was held via conference call in November; an election toolkit was sent out by email - recipients found this useful; Kim's been kept busy with the reporting requirements for funding

- on 25Jan, CBC reported on 3 research projects NLC is doing - (1) research in workplace, (2) youth literacy, (3) how people learn Inuktitut language and reading skills

4. Library Book Rate update

- an NLA letter was sent out in early October to Liza Frulla (Canadian Heritage Minister), Nancy Karetak-Lindell (Nunavut MP) and Ms. Greene (Canada Post)

- we plan to send out a follow-up letter in March expressing support for LBR once we know who the new Heritage Minister will be for the Conservatives

5. Partnership update

- email correspondence with Larry Moore of Ontario Library Association has been exchanged

- NU welcome to join Partnership (may have access through NWTLA's membership) despite financial implications to OLA

- benefit is discounts for continuing education courses offered by Education Institute - e.g. 'Beyond Google'

- Rae-Lynne will write back to Larry to confirm our interest, pending clarification of financial implications to NLA

6. NLA structure: registered society or ad hoc?

A. registered society:

- protected from financial liability, stronger voice, tax receipts, ensure continuity

- costs \$50 to submit application to GN, bylaws, annual AGM, address required, membership fees

B. ad hoc

- respond to issues as they arise, rely on individuals to pursue agenda items, perhaps more sustainable given mobility

- more limited scope, lack of continuity, 'underground / invisible'

DECISION: to remain ad hoc for now, but ok to re-visit in a year or so

7. CLA/ provincial library associations meeting at OLA (week of 30JAN-03FEB)

- neither Yvonne or Rae-Lynne were informed of this meeting by Don Butcher
- Don (CLA) promised to send Rae-Lynne any similar future correspondence
- Rae-Lynne tried to contact NWTLA chair but didn't hear back

8. Parliamentary librarians' conference - 17-21 JUL

- NU (i.e. Yvonne) will host in Iqaluit
- Yvonne invited us to sit in on sessions on the 18th and 19th
- idea of NLA hosting a social was raised

9. Nunavut Libraries Online

- Marc advised that the pages are currently being translated and should be up soon - trying to keep libraries.gov.nu.ca
- NPLS is back to its original number of licenses so that they can expand service beyond Iqaluit

10. Polar Libraries Colloquy

- more oriented to explorer culture rather than indigenous culture
- May meeting in Rome - email Yvonne if interested in getting information on presenting paper

11. Next meeting

- sometime in April-May unless Library Book Rate becomes an issue (current agreement ends at the end of March)