



Meeting Notes & Action Minutes  
Thursday, December 6, 2018  
**NLA Fall Meeting Teleconference**  
3 p.m. EDT

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Present on the call: Riel Gallant, Carol Rigby, Anita Kora, Leigh Ann Cumming. Ron Knowling joined the call at 3:15 p.m.

Recording secretary Carol.

1. Agenda revised to add a finance update and a website update, adopted as amended.
2. Finance reports:
  - Riel is acting as treasurer, receiving Partnership royalty cheques at the Legislative Library and cashing them. Carol has had funds in trust to cover website costs. As the responsibility for paying for the WordPress domain name mapping fee has been transferred to Riel, she has updated the cash spreadsheet to indicate closure of the fund she holds in trust for that purpose, and will return the remaining funds of \$18.25 to Riel in Iqaluit on her next site visit. The NLA fund total currently stands at \$178.11. No royalty cheques from Partnership activity have been received this year from either the Partnership job board or the Education Institute.  
**ACTION:** Carol will check on whether any cheques have been issued this year for NLA
  - The domain name fee for nunavutlibraryassociation.ca is up for renewal this fall. It was discussed whether other sources than Partnership revenue should be used to cover this expense. In past that fee has been donated by the Nunavut Literacy Council and by Yvonne Earle, retired NLA President, in each case to cover multiple years.  
**MOTION:** Ron moved that this year's domain name fee be paid from the existing funds, and that the association look at fundraising options for extended payment of the fee in future. Motion accepted unanimously.  
**ACTION:** Carol will check on the amount of the domain name renewal fee and update Riel with the necessary information for renewal.
3. Website report:
  - Carol submitted a written website report which has been distributed to the e-mail list. As noted, responsibility for payment for domain name mapping to WordPress has been transferred to Riel. She and Riel will continue discussing how best to share responsibility for website management. The site has been updated with the statement of mission, vision and values adopted earlier in the year, but could still use a general refreshing in appearance.  
**ACTION:** Carol and Riel will continue work on updating the website.
  - 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.



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**ACTION:** Ron had agreed to contact the translation bureau with regard to getting an official literal translation. Nothing received to date. Deferred to next meeting

### 4. Library/member updates

- Anita: The ITK library public launch has been delayed. She is working with the ITK library committee through the required policies, going through the revision process right now. The mandate and collection policies are done and now decisions are being made about public access to the catalogue. It will not be an open public library; consultation will be by appointment for anyone outside ITK. Next year she will be working on their archives with a new information management system. Riel indicated he could put Anita in touch with the new President of the Nunavut Archives Council, Jessica Pujjut
- Ron: NPLS has been introduced to the joys of tendering all book ordering through the Department of Community and Government Services. Having difficulty educating them about the requirement for MARC records to go with items. NPLS's new website under development with Web Networks was hacked and all the new website material was lost. The old website is still available. Kevin Iksiktaaryuk has been seconded from Qulliq Energy Corporation in Baker Lake as systems librarian. Iqaluit Centennial Library has a new head librarian, Linda Cormier, who has an MLIS. She started last week. They have also obtained funding under an Official Language program for a new assistant librarian, full time until March and part-time after that, to assist with French language programming in Iqaluit. Also hoping to add French language e-book services. NPLS is also working with Bywater, their ILS service provider, to make a custom label creator that will help with processing books.
- Riel: The Legislative Library was migrating to a new ILS, Insignia (Canadian company). The data mapping hit a rough patch in August and has not been satisfactorily resolved, so now exploring other options. The Koha system supported by Bywater is a probable choice and they are in the preliminary stages of discussion. Fall Sitting of the Assembly has just finished, which kept the library busy, and a lot of documents were tabled, so a sizeable cataloguing backlog has developed while the library has been between systems. Attended APLIC in September and did a presentation on library services in Nunavut, especially services to remote and rural locations, which was well received.
- Carol: As an independent cataloguer specializing in Inuit language and northern materials, still doing ongoing work with the Legislative Library; this has been focused on data mapping for the new ILS; cataloguing work has been paused until the migration is finished. Her experience in cataloguing in Koha with NPLS may prove useful. Also working on updating the library's cataloguing manual to RDA standards. She finished cataloguing the large stack of Inhabit Education curriculum-related materials received over the summer for NPLS. She is still serving on the Canadian Committee on Metadata Exchange (next meeting in January) and the Cataloging and Metadata Standards Committee of CFLA, and has also started working with the Classification and Subject Headings Joint Task Force of CFLA's Indigenous Matters Committee, working with Anita to identify Inuit community names for the current project they have on the go.
- Leigh Ann had to leave the meeting for a brief time but sent the following update by e-mail: Attended NAC Student Orientation in September in Cam Bay. Started back to work at NAC on November 20, 2018 as their library assistant, doing



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evening hours, one night per week. With Department of Health, went to Iqaluit in September; attended the Nunavut Trade Show as an exhibitor;

### 5. Partnership report

- The Partnership winter meeting will be held at the OLA Super Conference at the end of January. Riel noted that as NLA members, everyone is entitled to the membership rate for OLA. Ron is not sure if he will be attending this year. Riel can't attend. Anita is not going, though hopes perhaps to make a case for going another year.  
**ACTION:** Carol will attend this year and represent NLA in her role as Secretary.

### 6. Issues

- Library & Archives Canada, National Union Catalogue—OCLC implications for Nunavut libraries:
  - Riel updated that the Legislative Library does not qualify for the offered subsidy for OCLC subscription cost, as a government library; APLIC is somewhat split on this issue but the president plans to send a letter on behalf of government libraries regarding free access to the national union catalogue.
  - ILL requests through AMICUS are now being rejected. Other options now are to contact other libraries directly; the Legislative Library is still looking for reliable sources.
  - Ron noted that there is minimal ILL activity in NPLS at present. In the broader public library community, having LAC with OCLC has left several large gaps; medium and small public libraries can't afford subscriptions, and not necessarily everyone is accepted for the subsidy program even if they are eligible. A number of libraries are objecting to having to pay for access to data that they have submitted.
  - Riel will be having a conversation with an OCLC rep next week, but it's frustrating to have to talk to a salesman; any queries to LAC are referred immediately to OCLC.
  - Ron indicated that none of the Atlantic provinces can afford to sign on. Therefore a whole region of the country is not able to participate in the national union catalogue. This may be true for some parts of the academic sector as well.
  - Ron reminded the group about the CFLA survey about the national union catalogue that had been sent out recently. Riel had sent this survey to the e-mail list.  
**ACTION:** If the deadline for the survey has not passed, Riel will re-circulate it to the group and encourage response.
- LAC Indigenous Advisory Circle: Anita is still part of this. Tocasie Burke from Culture and Heritage is the Nunavut representative. The terms of reference may still be in draft form. They are trying to set up an Inuit focus group; three regions are interested but we may need to contact Tocasie for more information. Indigenous archivists have been hired to work with communities to digitize language materials, but there is only one person in the North who is NunatuKavut (not part of ITK's "Inuit Nunangat"). Regional politics play a role; it's an interesting and frustrating process, especially since there isn't any accountability mechanism for people to report back to their communities.  
**ACTION:** Anita will send some related documents to Riel for information. We should try to get Tocasie to participate in the next NLA meeting to report on progress.



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- Report from Northern Libraries Working Group on participation in CFLA: Ron had volunteered to serve as the northern representative on the CFLA Board. A quickly-called meeting was held between CFLA Chair Alix-Rae Stefanko and some NLWG members, where membership for the northern associations was discussed. It appears currently that Yukon LA and NWT LA will both be paying for CFLA memberships this year, leaving NLA as the only association not in a position to be able to take on a formal membership (lack of formal society status for the finances). It was agreed that CFLA would continue to extend membership rights to participation to NLA and a letter was sent from the group to CFLA confirming the agreement. Ron will serve for the next two years on the CFLA representing the NLWG.

**ACTION:** Ron will forward a copy of the letter to Carol for her NLWG records.

- CFLA Indigenous Matters Committee:
  - Since the spring NLA meeting, we have been trying to take some of the load off of Anita's shoulders for representation on IMC and its various working groups. Carol was appointed to the Classification and Subject Headings Joint Working Group this fall. There are a few other spots open to appoint members; in January everyone will need to be re-appointed.
  - Riel is willing to sit on the main committee, which needs representation from each province and territory.
  - Leigh Ann does not feel she can sit on the Indigenous Health Hub, as it is difficult due to her work situation at the Dept. of Health; she would need Deputy Minister approval etc. Janice Linton is an NLA list member and already sits on the hub. Leigh Ann noted that the University of Manitoba health services library, where Janice works, does provide services to the Kivalliq, so is connected to Nunavut. Riel is asking her to communicate with us and provide the northern perspective when issues come up; correspondence in progress.
  - Anita noted that she is focusing on the community name project with Carol. A National Indigenous Knowledge and Language Alliance is being launched but she hasn't heard a lot about it yet. She is still on the IMC calls but not deeply involved.

**ACTION:** In January, when all the terms are up for renewal, Riel will send out e-mails to confirm or re-confirm NLA nominations to the various IMC groups.

### 7. Reports from Meetings / Conferences

- Riel will be attending APLIC
- Carol has a CCM meeting (teleconference) in January, not sure when the next CFLA Cataloguing and Metadata Standards meeting is (also telecon). She will be attending OLA after the Partnership meeting, looking to network with people about cataloguing developments: standards (like RDA) and training, LAC issues like the union catalogue, access to Canadian authority records, "decolonizing description" initiatives, etc.
- Anita will be at ArcticNet next week; it remains very traditionally academic but it is slowly changing with more Indigenous presenters and attendees every year. She will also be going to the Maamwizing Indigenous Conference, focusing on research done by Indigenous peoples. 80-90% of presenters are Indigenous. It's run by the Maamwizing Indigenous Research Institute at Laurentian University in Sudbury.



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### 8. Other business

- Recruitment of new members: A few new members have been signed up since last meeting, though they had to send regrets for this meeting.

**ACTION:** Ron will inform the new NPLS staff about NLA and provide contact information to Riel in case they would like to join the association.

### 9. Next meeting: T.B.D.

The call concluded at 4:42.