

**Alberta Public Library Administrators Council**  
**Summer 2018 Minutes Strathcona County Library**

August 17, 2018 Attending: Matt Barabash (Okotoks), Maureen Curry (Grande Prairie), Jennifer Duguid (Strathcona County), Ken Feser (Medicine Hat), Emily Hollingshead (Drumheller), Tim Janewski (TAL), Jen Kendall (Parkland Regional), Kim Johnson (PLSB), Miranda Maguire (PLSB), Jeri Maitland (Cochrane), Pam Medland (Airdrie), Andra Newland (Parkland Regional), Rhonda

O'Neill (Parkland), Susan Parkinson (Calmar), Colette Poitras (PLSB), Shelley Ross (Red Deer), Sharon Siga (Strathcona County), Allison Stewart (Stony Plain), Laura Taylor (Marigold), Mary Zazelenchuk (High River).

1. Call to order – 1:33 pm 2. Approval of Agenda - Sharon Siga moved approval, CARRIED 3. Approval of Minutes from August 18, 29017 Approved and CARRIED 4. Treasurer's Report

4.1 Quarterly Financial Report - MARY provided Quarterly Report - Sharon Siga made a Motion to move up to \$2500.00 between accounts without multiple signatures with a single signature being the Treasurer. Approved and Carried 4.2 - Maureen Curry moved to accept the Quarterly Report, CARRIED

5. Membership Report

Pam Medland reported that there are currently 70 APLAC memberships

6. Public Library Service Branch

a. Standards & Best Practices document updated and available b. Alberta Public Library Directory updated, mailed out and available on website c. Library Regulation update

i. Removed renewal date on amendment process d. NELS (CELA) update. Have received 1 million dollars in federal funding. Study

is now available on website.

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7. Library Association of Alberta (LAA) - Cory Stiers - update tabled to next meeting

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8. The Alberta Library (TAL) - Jim Janewski – see attached CEO Report

a. Netspeed October 2018

i. Come to AGM and special free session on FOLIO, new open source platform provided by EBSCO

ii. Bibliotheca - offering discounts to TAL members, 1 year of free technology to trial

## 9. Business Arising from Minutes

9.1 APLAC Promotions - discussion around AGM in Jasper 2019 9.1.1 Vendor table at regional conferences 9.1.2 Branding, tabled to next mtg.

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## 10. New Business

10.1 Uncoupling APLAC meetings from TAL meetings.

i. TAL will be having an AGM every spring with alternating years between

Edmonton and Calgary 10.2 2019 AGM at ALC, to be determined

ii. , ALC Theme in 2019 is 'Find Your Way'. Open to suggestions for a pre conference session

10.3 AB Operating Grants and advocacy.

iii. Pam Medland started a conversation around AB unfreezing funding from 2016 population and how as a group (APLA) we can navigate that conversation.

Pam M made a motion that APLAC draft a letter to the Alberta government requesting an increase to operating grants to current population figures released by Alberta Municipal Affairs in order to support growing populations. Motion moved, 11 agree, 5 opposed. \*To be reviewed at November meeting.

11. Next Meeting: Ponoka, Thursday, November 22

12. Adjournment -- Moved by Shelley Ross, 2:55 pm

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### CEO Report

Licensing Update TAL'Universal Core Academic and special libraries were sent subscriber agreements to confirm participation in the TAL Core for 1 October 2018 - 30 September 2021. All institutions have signed and submitted subscriber agreements. The Core for academic and special libraries will continue unchanged. For the public libraries, there are 2 different options under consideration and public libraries will be contacted shortly to indicate their preference.

Licensing for Schools Planning is underway to prepare for expanding licensing services to schools. Staff are investigating implementation issues such as developing a "pitch" for school divisions, content to be offered and what fee to apply to non-members.

IT Librarian Update TAL Online Usage Requests initiated through TAL Online continue to decline, however this is to be expected as several TAL member libraries have implemented limits on how many items users are allowed to initiate.

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TAL Online Development In order to develop further enhancements that meet the needs of TAL member libraries, Brian Lin, IT Librarian, will be sending out a survey, working with the TAL Online Users group and consulting with Affinity Bridge, our contract web development company,

EZ proxy TAL has been working with several TAL member libraries to implement SSL certificates with their EZproxy instances. This allows for seamless access with licensed resources that require SSL certificates and also enhances the overall security for users using Ezproxy.

The TAL IT librarian is also continuing to work with U of A IST staff to migrate TAL'S EZproxy instances to new upgraded linux servers.

Online Reference Centre (ORC) Highlights from June Biannual Report to Alberta Education At the end of the school year, the ORC Coordinator prepares a biannual report for Alberta Education about the ORC to be submitted by June 30th. The following are highlights from that report:

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2017-2018 Collection Evaluation Survey The province-wide survey was made available on the ORC Support Site, Listserv, Twitter and Facebook accounts from March 5 until April 9 2018, during which time 151 ORC users responded (70 more users than last year). Responses were analysed by the ORC Coordinator and a summary of the responses can be found below:

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The majority of respondents were Library Technicians, followed closely by Elementary teachers An almost equal number of respondents identified their school as either a K-6 school or a K-12 school. 70.2% of respondents identified their school as being located in an urban setting. 31.1% of respondents indicated that they had 20+ years of experience, while only 8.0% of respondents indicated three years or less of experience. : 11% of respondents reported that the ORC was used "Very frequently," while 31% reported "Frequently" and 34% "Consistently at certain times of the year." Only 24.2% of respondents reported infrequent use and no one reported "not at all". When asked how ORC resources support their schools, the top answer from respondents was "Age appropriate content related to the curriculum".

Respondents were asked to rank each ORC resource as either "Useful," "Not Useful," or "Neutral"; respondents overwhelmingly ranked each resource as Useful.

Finance Update GST Audit No word yet from the CRA with regards to an Appeals Officer being assigned to our dispute from the reassessments issued by the CRA last July.

Funding Online Reference Centre ( Funding has been received for the ORC program. Licenses worth \$1.2 million have been renewed for the program and vendors are being paid by wire transfer as the invoices come in. TAL was able to secure USD at a rate of 1.2942 resulting in \$7,938 left in the ORC resource budget to be allocated to training within the program.

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Draft Fee Structure for Services to Non-Members TAL staff have been working together to develop a fee structure for licensing services to non-members. Our goals is to ensure that the fee structure accommodates various sizes of institutions, is reasonable for the industry and also takes into account the future potential for this service.

The Indigenous Knowledge & Wisdom Centre (IKWC) TAL staff met with three representatives from the IKWC. The IKWC is launching a virtual library and is interested

in utilizing TAL's licensing service and is looking at subscriptions starting in September.

Netspeed The Netspeed program has been finalized and posted on the website. Registration for the conference is now open. This year, the conference breakout sessions will be presented by people from TAL member libraries. The breakout sessions were selected to give as much representation as possible from all TAL member library types.

The 2018 Special General Meeting (SGM) for all TAL proxies is taking place on October 11 in conjunction with Netspeed.

Following the main SGM agenda, proxies are invited to attend the Netspeed opening keynote session featuring Joe Marquez of Reed College, Oregon as well as the FOLIO Information Session Track that will run from 2-5 pm.

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This is a special Netspeed track sponsored by EBSCO, and will feature an in-depth exploration of the FOLIO platform. There has been much buzz in the library world about FOLIO, which is an open source LSP that is creating significant disruption in the LSP and ILS arena. It is a true collaborative partnership between libraries and vendors and allows for open, flexible, user driven customization and integration through the open source program.

The FOLIO track is made up of three 50 minute sessions, each one addressing a different aspect of the platform, We will be hearing from librarians who have implemented the program in their own institutions, as well as representatives of the Open Library Foundation and EBSCO, who have had a hand in developing this revolutionary new system.

FOLIO could have significant implications for the future of library systems, and may play a role in the Alberta library landscape. You can learn about FOLIO by visiting the project website at <http://www.folio.org>. You may attend the keynote session and FOLIO track sessions free of charge. If you wish to attend the rest of Netspeed, you will need to register as a regular Netspeed delegate.

Complimentary attendance for the Netspeed Keynote and FOLIO track on October 11 is only available to TAL proxies who are attending the SGM and may not be transferred to other members of your staff.

CEO On June 19 I presented a keynote speech at the Seventh Day Adventist Librarians Conference at Burman University. The conference theme was Show the Bang for your Book: Demonstrating the value of an Academic Library. The title of my speech was Building on the All in Small. I had been invited to speak at the conference in late 2018 before I was appointed as ongoing CEO at TAL. I enjoyed the opportunity to network with librarians from the United States. I was told by one librarian that the consortium she belongs to is undergoing some stress as the founding generation of consortium leadership retires and a younger generation of leaders questions the value of consortium membership - an issue that is certainly having an impact on TAL as well.

***Submitted by Tim Janewski, TAL CEO***

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