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It's been three years since I first became a member of the Foothills Library Association executive and quite a lot has changed in that time. As I move into one last year, serving the association as past president, I have a feeling that this upcoming year will be my favorite.

As mentioned in my last message, in April I had the honor of representing FLA at the Alberta Library Conference in Jasper. The panel session I participated in was titled, **Stepping Out from Behind the Bylaws: New Initiatives from Alberta Library Associations.** The session focused on the efforts of Alberta Library Associations to stay relevant in the face of increasing changes, including social networking software and virtual options for professional development. As I was preparing for the presentation I realized that although we often feel as though we are standing still, in truth the FLA has been involved in quite a bit of change of its own.

In the last few years, the FLA has seen the development of a new website with a new up to date look and much better functionality than we previously had. We've introduced the Events Line as a complement to the Job Line, and provided people the option to receive email or RSS feed notification from either

service. There's also been a new travel grant created and a new social event sponsored at the Netspeed conference.

Though the FLA executive has been busy launching and planning these new endeavors, we continue to face many challenges. While in Jasper it was helpful, and somewhat reassuring to realize that other associations are attempting to address many of the same issues. We believe that we create value and support a sense of community, but while our membership numbers don't decline, they also don't increase. The perception could be that the value of associations is spent after the first part of your career is over, and indeed executive membership seems to consist of those mostly new to the profession. Whatever the reasons, local library associations continue to struggle to communicate and engage with their current members and have difficulty attracting new members while retaining others.

So I'd like to take the opportunity in my final president's message to encourage our members to engage with the association, your membership supports the Jobline and the FLAG along with the travel grant and the resources needed to keep our services going. Attend an event or two and meet someone new, convince a new colleague to join or a more seasoned colleague to return. Your participation makes the association vibrant and enjoyable.



Foothills Library Association
A Calgary-based group in existence since 1973

OBJECTIVE

To bring together individuals within the Calgary community to share and promote the concerns of the library and information professions.

MEMBERSHIP

Library personnel from academic, public, school, and special libraries.

ACTIVITIES

Lectures, seminars, tours, and special events organized September through June, concluding with the Annual General Meeting.

PUBLICATIONS

FLAG, Annual Membership Directory, and the FLA Web site.

SERVICES

The FLA Jobline lists library openings in Calgary and surrounding areas at the professional, technical, and clerical level. It is available at: <http://www.fla.org>.

2007—2008

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We thank those who have contributed to this issue. The opinions shared are those of the individuals and not of their organizations.

. . . President's Message Cont'd.

The reason I am so looking forward to the 2008-2009 membership year is because I feel this will be the year when the new projects we've launched get refined, streamlined, promoted and solidified. We've been busy starting things, and while I think that the large number of new faces on the executive will mean lots of new ideas, I also suspect that all those new pairs of eyes will help us to see where we can improve what we've already done and take it further.

In keeping with my personal belief that the FLA is first and foremost an organization that offers its members the opportunity to meet and reconnect with the wider library community, my last act as president was to re-create last year's 5 minute AGM.

Michelle is this year's FLA President. She is currently a librarian at Mount Royal College.

The Five-Minute AGM, With Beer!

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Last year's AGM at the Wild Rose Brewery was such a big hit, we decided to do it again.

On Wednesday, June 18, around 25 FLA members gathered at the brewery to celebrate "the 5-Minute AGM," which actually only took about two minutes.

We voted in a new executive (see below), enjoyed some appetizers and beer, met new colleagues and reconnected with old ones. A great time was had by all!



Your 2008/2009 Executive

The following slate of candidates was presented at the AGM and passed by the membership.

Position	Person
Past President	Michelle Sinotte
President	Kat Marlowe
Vice President	Chris Thomas
Secretary	Sarah Jones
Treasurer	Sarah K.Q. Jones
Membership	David Luinstra
FLAG Co-Editor	Julie Alati-it
FLAG Co-Editor	John Wright
Eventsline	Katharine Barrette & Rachel Chan
Jobline	Margie Meakin & Francine May
Webmaster	Kristian McInnis (SAIT)
Member At Large	Jerremie Clyde

Treasurer's Report

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The financial statements of the Foothills Library Association for May 2007 to April 2008 will be reviewed by Gordon Banting and are not yet available. His message will be posted in the Fall 2008 issue of the FLAG.

It has been a year of change for FLA. At our AGM last June 2007, we started using PayPal as an aid to our event registration process. It's helped out a lot with the procedures involved, especially as it is more convenient for members outside of the Calgary area to obtain membership and to register for our events. This year, we raised funds for the Further Education Society, an organization committed to lifelong learning opportunities. I'm pleased to report that we have raised \$134 at the Bubbly Brunch and at Calgary Libraries in Action. This total will increase as we wrap up the year with our Annual General Meeting.

This is my last term on the FLA executive. I have enjoyed my experience working colleagues in the library and information profession.

Respectfully submitted,
Taryn Lenders, FLA Treasurer, 2007/08



FLAG Report

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The FLAG continues to be published in an online-only version, which seems to be working well for the membership. There has been some discussion of turning the FLAG into a blog instead of the current PDF format, but for now the executive has decided that it should be kept as a PDF. We welcome input from the membership on this issue, so if you have views on which format is best, please send them to Julie at the e-mail address above.

Heather will be leaving her position as FLAG co-editor this year, and John Wright, librarian at the Military Museums, will be stepping in to help Julie.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Ganshorn and Julie Alati-it, FLAG Co-Editors, 2007/08

Membership Report

By Veena Mishra • E-mail: veemishra@gmail.com

Our membership is comprised of library students and library workers in academic, public, corporate, health, law and other special libraries in the government and private sectors.

This year's membership of 83 shows a slight increase, with all members coming from the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. 3 are institutional memberships.

Statistics 2007/08

Academic Libraries 35

Bow Valley College 3
Columbia College 1
Mount Royal College 11
SAIT 4
St. Mary's University College 4
University of Calgary 13

Public Libraries 16

Airdrie 1
Blackfalds 1
Calgary 13
Chinook Regional Library, SK 1

Vendors 2

Honorary Members 2

Schools 3

Calgary Board of Education 1
Calgary Separate School Division 2

Special Libraries 14

Corporate 3
Health 3
Law 4
Government (Municipal 1, Provincial 1, Federal, 2) 4

Students 5

University of Alberta – SLIS 2
University of Calgary 1
University of Lethbridge 1
University of Wisconsin – SOIS 1

Unaffiliated/Not shown 6

Membership benefits expanded this year to include discounted fees for Education Institute courses, thanks to an affiliation with the Library Association of Alberta.

This continues a trend, as the first Travel Grant for members was awarded last year.

The Directory this year will be emailed to members and not posted on the web, with contact information if requested.

Online payment for membership debuted this year, thanks to webmaster Jerremie Clyde, and just over half our members used it. Please do remember, when you use the PayPal option to pay for your membership, to also email membership@fla.org.

Suggestions, questions, and address changes are also happily received at membership@fla.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Veena Mishra

*FLA Membership List 2007/2008**

- A** Madeline Adamson, *Honourary Member*
Julie Alati-it, *HKN/University of Calgary Student*
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Terrill Budd, *Calgary Public Library*
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Rachel Chan, *Calgary Public Library*
Chinook Regional Library, *SK*
Judith Clark, *Innovative Interfaces*
Claudette Cloutier, *University of Calgary*
Jerremie Clyde, *University of Calgary*
Sharon Craik, *Shell Canada Limited*
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- E** Katie Edwards, *U of Alberta, SLIS student*
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Pearl Herscovitch, *Mount Royal College*
Florence Hwang, *CBC*
- J** Janine Jevne, *Airdrie Public Library*
Sarah I. Jones, *Calgary Public Library*
Sarah K. Q. Jones, *Calgary Public Library*
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Arthur Knight, *Mount Royal College*
Sally Krueger, *Blackfalds Public Library*
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Sue McKee, *University of Calgary*
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Colleen McPhee, *Bow Valley College*
Karen Meldrum, *Calgary Catholic School District*
Cari Merkley, *Mount Royal College*
Veena Mishra, *ULS ; Canada Revenue Agency*
Iqbal Mohamed
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Janet Monteith, *Mount Royal College*
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Brad Neufeldt, *St. Mary's University College*
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Susan Platt, *Calgary Police Service*

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Carolyn Ryder, *Calgary Public Library*

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Pat Sandercock, *SWETS*

Saskatchewan Provincial Library, Acquisitions

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Alvin Schrader, *University of Alberta, **Honourary***

Nancy Scott, *St. Mary's University College*

Carol Shepstone, *Mount Royal College*

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*Fuller directory to be e-mailed to members