



**Alberta Library Trustees Association
Annual General Meeting 2006
Information Package**

This package contains the materials for the 2006 ALTA AGM, to be held Friday April 28th at 3:00 pm in the Tonquin Room, Jasper Park Lodge. Please join us!!

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Parliamentary Rules
ALTA follows Sturgis Rules of Order

ALTA Bylaw – Definitions

Board of library trustees and library board mean a library board established pursuant to current provincial legislation and library system board pursuant to the same Act. Member of a board of library trustees means any person presently serving as a member of a library board.

Voting

Members holding individual membership and members whose boards hold board membership are entitled to vote at all Special and General meetings. Friends and Honorary members may not vote.

The quorum for all meetings shall be 25 members in good standing. Only members in good standing shall be eligible to vote at any General Meeting or Special Meeting

Amendment to Bylaws

A Special Resolution passed by a majority of not less than three fourths (3/4) of such members entitled to vote as are present in person at a General Meeting. If there are 100 members present, at least 76 “yes” votes is required for the 3/4 majority.

ALTA Policy

Resolutions may be proposed by the ALTA Board or by any institutional or individual member

Must have been received by ALTA by January 31st 2006 and circulated to ALTA membership

Must be in prescribed format and include the name of the sponsoring person or body; the resolution; the background to the resolution including the rationale for the resolution; documentation to explain the resolution, including statistics, external comparisons, etc. The rationale shall not exceed 1000 words.

Resolutions from the floor must be in prescribed format and presented in writing – before the call to order. Must receive a two-thirds (2/3) majority approval of those members present and voting at the AGM. If there are 100 members at the meeting, and all vote, a minimum of 67 is required for 2/3 of those present and voting. If there are 100 members at the meeting, but only 60 vote, a minimum of 41 is required for a 2/3 vote. (easy rule – count the number in favour; count the number opposed; multiply the number opposed by two. Those in favour must be at least 1 greater than that number)

Debate

The person or committee member proposing the motion has first opportunity to explain the motion and will be allowed to speak to it first.

Members wishing to speak to the motion need to be recognized by the Chair. Please state your name and Board clearly for the minutes. Please use the mikes so everyone can hear you.

Members may only speak once to the motion. Once everyone who wishes to speak has done so, the Chair *may* recognize a speaker for a second time. The person or committee who has made the motion will be given the opportunity to close debate.

To close debate, the vote must be called.



**ALBERTA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tonquin Room, Clubhouse, Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Alberta
3:00 P.M., FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2006**

AGENDA

Resolutions to be brought from the floor must be presented in writing, in proper format, and be received by the Chair, Resolutions Committee (Marie Logan) before the call to order. Any resolutions received before the Call to Order, in writing, in the correct format, will require a 2/3 majority vote of members present and voting, to be accepted for presentation to members at this AGM. ALTA follows Sturgis Rules of Order.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** (President, Donna Campbell)
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. INTRODUCTIONS** ALTA Board, Parliamentarian, Recording Secretary, Special Guests
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AGM 2005**
- 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
- 6. ALTA Awards**
 - a. **Honorary Life Member** (Ann Craig, Chair Education Committee)
 - b. **Award of Excellence** (Donna Campbell, President)
 - c. **Lois Hole Award** (2005 Honorary Life Member to draw)
- 7. FINANCIAL REPORT** – Tim Haysom, Secretary/Treasurer
 - (a) Financial Statement / Review Engagement Report 2005
prepared by Yaremchuk & Annicchiaricco, Auditors
 - (b) Presentation of the 2006 Budget
 - (c) Fee Structure for 2006
 - (d) Appointment of auditors for 2006
- 8. ANNUAL REPORTS**
 - (a) President – Donna Campbell
 - (b) Standing Committee Reports
(Finance & Administration, Advocacy, Communications, Trustee Education)
 - (c) ALC Conference Co-Chair – Donna Phillips (Verbal Report: Registration, Events)
- 9. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE** – Marie Logan, Chair, Resolutions Committee
None received
- 10. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE** – Vic Mensch, Chair, Nominations Committee
 - (a) Announcement of Election of the President, and Directors from Areas 2, 4, 6, 8
- 10. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT**

**ALBERTA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tonquin Room, Clubhouse, Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper Alberta
3:00 P. M., Friday, April 29, 2005.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Donna Campbell called the meeting to order at 3:20 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION *that the Agenda be approved as circulated*

MOVED: *Bal Boora, Chinook Arch Regional Library Board*

SECONDED: *Joan Welch, Edmonton Public Library Board*

CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTIONS (Donna Campbell, President)

President Donna Campbell introduced Muriel Abdurahman as Parliamentarian for the meeting, and special guests: Lawrence Lavender, President, British Columbia Library Trustees Association; Steven Leard, Registrar. She also introduced the 2004-2005 Board of Directors: Vice-President, Brock Smith (Peace – Area 1); Secretary-Treasurer, M. (Robin) Wilkinson (Metro Edmonton – Area 7); Monika Cappis (Yellowhead – Area 2); Donna Phillips (Parkland – Area 3); Marilyn Wilson (Marigold – Area 4); Gene Adamson (Shortgrass – Area 6); Doreen Bean (Northern Lights – Area 8); Shelia Bertram (Edmonton Public Library); and, Ann Craig (Calgary). President Campbell also passed along the regrets of Director Marie Logan (Chinook Arch – Area 2) for not being able to attend due to an illness in the family. President Campbell expressed wishes for a speedy recovery of the family member. Also introduced by President Campbell was the ALTA Facilitator, Jim Dunbar.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AGM 2004

MOTION *that the minutes of the 2004 AGM be approved as circulated*

MOVED: *Bal Boora, Chinook Arch Regional Library Board*

SECONDED: *Peter Moloney, St. Albert Public Library Board*

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business was brought forward

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS (M. (Robin) Wilkinson, Treasurer)

6.1 Financial Statement / Review Engagement Report 2004, by Yaremchuk & Annicchiaricco, Auditors. Bal Boora (Chinook Arch) asked about the \$54,000 difference between the Term deposits under Current Assets. The Treasurer stated that these funds had been expended on On-line modules. Vic Mensch (Coaldale) congratulated the Board on their fiscal responsibility in managing the 2004 budget.

MOTION *to approve the unaudited Review Engagement Report for 2004.*

MOVED: *M. (Robin) Wilkinson, ALTA*

SECONDED: *Alf Cyderman, Red Deer Public Library Board*

CARRIED

6.2 Presentation of the 2005 Budget.

MOTION *to approve the 2005 Budget.*

MOVED: *Bal Boora, Chinook Arch Regional Library Board*

SECONDED: *Judith Umbach, Calgary Public Library Board*

CARRIED

6.3 Appointment of auditors for 2005.

MOTION *to appoint Yaremchuk & Annicchiaricco, Auditors, to prepare the 2005 Review Engagement Report.*

MOVED: Joan Welch, Edmonton Public Library Board
SECONDED: Gene Adamson, Shortgrass Library System
CARRIED

7. ANNUAL REPORTS – all reports were distributed in the Agenda package and made available online

7.1 President's Report (Donna Campbell, President)

The President reviewed the Annual Reports as presented

MOTION to approve the 2004 President's Report as circulated.

MOVED: Donna Campbell, ALTA President

SECONDED: Ian Hopfe, Wabasca Public Library Board

CARRIED

7.2 Finance & Administration Committee Report (Shelia Bertram, Chair)

Shelia Bertram reviewed the Finance & Administration Report as presented. The assistance provided by EPL and The Alberta Library (TAL) for the office move was gratefully acknowledged.

MOTION to approve the 2004 Finance & Administration Report as circulated.

MOVED: Shelia Bertram, Edmonton Public Library Board

SECONDED: John Mather, Fort Saskatchewan Public Library Board

CARRIED

7.3 Advocacy Committee Report (Brock Smith, Vice Chair)

Brock Smith presented the report. He expressed ALTA's disappointment that the government will not increase the library grant funding significantly in 2005.

MOTION to approve the 2004 Advocacy Committee Report as circulated.

MOVED: Brock Smith, Grande Prairie County Library Board

SECONDED: Vic Mensch, Coaldale Public Library Board

CARRIED

7.4 Communications Committee Report (Doreen Bean, Chair)

Doreen Bean noted that there has been increasing communications provided through ALTA's website. The committee is planning a Centennial edition of the *Trustee Voice*,

MOTION to approve the 2004 Communications Committee Report as circulated.

MOVED: Doreen Bean, St. Paul Municipal Library Board

SECONDED: Alison Faid, Edmonton Public Library Board

CARRIED

7.5 Trustee Education Committee (Gene Adamson, Chair)

Gene Adamson noted that the main focus of the committee are the workshops, and that there have been five conducted, with two more scheduled during the current year.

MOTION to approve the 2004 Trustee Education Committee Report as circulated.

MOVED: Gene Adamson, Medicine Hat Public Library Board

SECONDED: Peter Moloney, St. Albert Public Library Board

CARRIED

7.6 The Alberta Library Conference (ALC) 2005 – Verbal Report (Donna Phillips, Co-Chair, ALC)

The ALC is close to the largest conference hosted by the Jasper Park Lodge, with almost 800 attendees. The 2005 ALC may show a slight profit, which will be shared among the sponsoring organizations, based upon the number of attendees from each organization.. Positions on the 2006 ALC Planning Committee will be available next January (January 2006).

8. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE – In the absence of the Committee Chair (Marie Logan), President Donna Campbell presented the resolutions

President Campbell reminded that "special resolutions" to change ALTA bylaws require "not less than three fourths (3/4) of such members entitle to vote as are present in person at a General Meeting." (ALTA Bylaws)

8.1 Special Resolution S2005.1 (Sponsor: ALTA Board)

MOTION: that Special Resolution S2005.1 be approved as circulated:

“NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. the Bylaws of ALTA be changed to reflect the following membership categories:
 - 3.1.1 member Boards (Boards that join)
 - 3.1.2 regular trustee members (all trustees on member Boards)
 - 3.1.3 past trustee members (former trustees, five year limit in this member category)
 - 3.1.4 individual trustee members (trustees where the library Board chooses not to belong to ALTA or where the Board is not created under the Libraries Act of Alberta)
 - 3.1.5 Honorary ALTA Life members
 - 3.1.6 Supporters who have an interest in library stewardship but do not belong to any library Board, whether created under the Libraries Act of Alberta or not, where only categories 3.1.1, 3.1.2,.3.1.3 may make nominations and propose resolutions, only categories 3.1.2,. 3.1.3 may vote; only categories 3.1.2, 3.1.3 may hold office on the ALTA Board, only categories 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.4 qualify for member rates at ALC and reduced fees for ALTA workshops. Categories 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.4, 3.1.5, 3.1.6 may attend and speak at the ALTA AGM and receive the newsletter. Honorary members are the only category who hold membership at no cost and
- B. Bylaws 3.1.1 through 3.1.4 be replaced with 3.1.1 through 3.1.6 which reflects the categories above
- C. Bylaw 4.1 be reworded to delete “and elect officers” and add “announce the results of elections of officers”
- D. Bylaw 5.4 be amended to read “Such members entitled to vote shall, through mail-in ballots, elect a President who shall serve a term of one year”
- E. Bylaw 5.4.1 be amended to read “Such members entitled to vote shall, through mail-in ballots, elect one Director from each of eight (8) geographic areas. Each member shall vote for a Director to represent his/her particular geographic area only”

MOVED: *Shelia Bertram, Edmonton Public Library Board*

SECONDED: *Brock Smith, Grande Prairie County Library Board*

CARRIED

8.2 Special Resolution S2005.2 – Proposed Amendment to Special Resolution S2005.1

MOTION: *that Special Resolution S2005.2 be approved as circulated:*

“NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Bylaws of ALTA be changed to
 - 3.1.1 Member Library Boards – Legally constituted Library Boards under the Alberta Libraries Act.
 - 3.1.2 Regular trustee members – All trustees on Member Library Boards
 - 3.1.3 Past trustee members – former trustees (within the last five years) of legally constituted Library Boards
 - 3.1.4 Honorary Life members – Membership may be conferred on individuals who have made a significant contribution to the library community in Alberta. Nominations must be submitted to the Board of Directors by ALTA members in good standing. The Board of Directors may select one or two persons to receive Honorary Life membership from among those nominated prior to the end of each calendar year. The Board of Directors reserves the right to determine how many Honorary Life memberships if any are to be awarded each year.
 - 3.1.5 Individual trustee members – Trustees where the legally constituted Library Board chooses not to belong to ALTA
 - 3.1.6 Supporters – Individuals who have an interest in library stewardship including members of an not legally constituted Library Board.
 - 3.2 No change
 - 3.3 No change
- B. 3.4 Member Library/Boards are eligible to apply for an ALC travel subsidy, may make nominations and propose resolutions.
- 3.5 Regular trustee members, past trustee members and individual trustee members, may make nominations, propose resolutions, vote in ALTA elections, attend and speak at

the AGM, vote on resolutions and bylaws, hold office on ALTA Board, receive the member rate at ALC and ALTA workshops.

3.6 Honorary Life Members and Supporters may attend and speak at the AGM, and receive Member rates at ALC and ALTA workshops.

- C. 4.1 The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting on or before June 30th of each year at which it shall: receive and accept the review engagement report or audit prepared by a duly qualified accountant for the preceding year; receive and adopt a budget for the forthcoming year and announce the results of the election officers.
- D. 5.4 Such members entitled to vote shall, through mail-in ballots, elect a President who shall serve a term of one year.
- E. 5.4.1 Such members entitled to vote shall, through mail-in ballots, elect one Director from each of eight (8) geographic areas only.

MOVED: M (Robin) Wilkinson, ALTA

SECONDED: Donna Phillips, Camrose Public Library

CARRIED

8.3 Resolution 2005.1 (Sponsor: Banff and Camrose Public Library Boards)

MOTION: that Resolution 2005.1 be approved as circulated:

“NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALTA recommends that the province of Alberta recognize Lois Hole for her outstanding contribution as Lieutenant Governor by endowing a lasting legacy in her honour – ongoing funding to support the annual provision of a free library card to every Albertan at his or her local public library.

MOVED: Shelley Mardiros, Banff Public Library Board

SECONDED: Bal Boora, Chinook Arch Regional Library Board

MOTION: (from the floor) that Resolution 2005.1 be tabled until Resolution 2004.1 was achieved

MOVED: Joan Welch, Edmonton Public Library Board

SECONDED: Colin Minor, Edmonton Public Library Board

MOTION WAS LOST

Discussion on the original motion resumed.

MOTION WAS LOST

9. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (Vic Mensch, Past President, Chair)

Vic Mensch presented the list of Nominations Received by the March 31st, 2005 Deadline.

9.1 Election of President and Directors from Areas 1, 3, 5, 7

Donna Campbell was nominated for the position of President. The Committee Chair called three times for further nominations from the floor. None were received.

MOTION: that nominations for the position of President cease

MOVED: Bal Boora, Chinook Arch Regional Library Board

SECONDED: Peter Moloney, St. Albert Public Library Board

CARRIED

The Committee Chair declared Donna Campbell President, by ACCLAMATION.

Brock Smith was nominated for Director representing Area 1, Peace. The Committee Chair called three times for further nominations from the floor. None were received.

MOTION: that nominations for Director representing Area 1, Peace cease

MOVED: Rene Gautier, Peace Library System Board

SECONDED: Gene Adamson, Shortgrass library System Board

CARRIED

The Committee Chair declared Brock Smith Director, Area 1 (Peace), by ACCLAMATION.

Donna Phillips was nominated for Director representing Area 3, Parkland. The Committee Chair called three times for further nominations from the floor. None were received.

MOTION: that nominations for Director representing Area 3, Parkland cease

MOVED: Roger Maschke, Camrose Public Library Board

SECONDED: *Ann Craig, Calgary Public Library Board*

CARRIED

The Committee Chair declared Donna Phillips Director, Area 1 (Parkland), by ACCLAMATION.

Marie Logan was nominated for Director representing Area 5, Chinook. The Committee Chair called three times for further nominations from the floor. None were received.

MOTION: *that nominations for Director representing Area 5, Chinook cease*

MOVED: *Bonnie Law, Chinook Arch Regional Library Board*

SECONDED: *Ann Craig, Calgary Public Library Board*

CARRIED

The Committee Chair declared Marie Logan Director, Area 5 (Chinook), by ACCLAMATION.

Joan MacDonald was nominated for Director representing Area 7, Metro Edmonton. The Committee Chair called three times for further nominations from the floor. None were received.

MOTION: *that nominations for Director representing Area 7, Metro Edmonton cease*

MOVED: *Peter Moloney, St. Albert Public Library Board*

SECONDED: *Gene Adamson, Shortgrass Library System Board*

CARRIED

The Committee Chair declared Joan MacDonald Director, Area 7 (Metro Edmonton), by ACCLAMATION.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Fee Structure for 2006 (Shelia Bertram, Chair – Finance & Administration Committee)

MOTION: that the Fee Structure for 2006 be adopted as circulated

MOVED: *Shelia Bertram, Edmonton Public Library Board*

SECONDED: *Shelia Macklin, Marigold Regional Library Board*

CARRIED

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Presentation of Awards:

Honorary Life Membership Presentations (Donna Campbell, President)

President Campbell announced May Rowe, Peace Library System Board and Judith Umbach, Chair of the Calgary Public Library Board as recipients of the 2005 Honorary Life Memberships. A citation was read outlining May's and Judith's extensive contributions to library trusteeship locally, provincially, and nationally, and they were presented with an award gift from ALTA

Award of Excellence Announcement (Gene Adamson, Chair – Education Committee)

In announcing the Award of Excellence, Gene Adamson noted that the selected library not only met all five of the nomination criteria, they excelled at all of them as well. Calgary Public Library was the recipient. Judith Umbach, Chair, Calgary Public Library Board accepted the award.

Honouring ALTA Board Members for Service (Donna Campbell, President)

M. (Robin) Wilkinson was thanked for her hard work, good advice, and efforts on behalf of ALTA, while serving as Treasurer, Donna Phillips, Camrose Public Library Board, was also thanked for her work on ALC on behalf of ALTA, commenting that Donna had never given up the trustee voice on the Planning Committee. Both members received a small appreciation gift and in the spirit of the Lois Hold Library Legacy Program, a donation made to the library of their choice in their honour.

ALTA's Lois Hole Award

(Drawing was deferred to ALTA Board meeting Sunday where Sheep River was drawn.)

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *that the Annual General Meeting be declared adjourned*

MOVED: *Vic Mensch, Past President and Honorary Life Member*

SECONDED: *Peter Moloney, St. Albert Public Library Board*

CARRIED

Declared adjourned at 5:31 P.M.

AUDITORS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Will be available at the AGM. Copies can be requested from the ALTA office after the Alberta Library Conference.

PROPOSED FEE STRUCTURE 2007

Boards for Libraries with	Library Systems	Others
1-200 population \$40.00	Up to 100,000 \$250.00	Past Trustees \$50.00
201-5000 \$75.00	Over 100,000 \$500.00	Supporters \$50.00
5001-20000 \$125.00		Individual Members 75% of the corresponding Member Board fee as per the following schedule
20001-100,000 \$250.00		1 - 200 population \$ 30.00
Over 100,000 \$500.00		201 - 5,000 \$ 56.25
		5,001 - 20,000 \$ 93.75
		20,001 – 100,000 \$ 187.50
		Over 100,000 \$ 375.00

ALBERTA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION 2006 BUDGET				
REVENUE		Budget 2006	BUDGET 2005	ACTUAL 2005
Operating Grant		70,000.00	70,000.00	70,684.00
ALC profit		5,000.00	0.00	8,002.00
Membership Fees		21,500.00	21,000.00	22,526.00
Interest		100.00	2,000.00	157.00
GST Rebate		3,000.00	3,000.00	3,269.00
Trustee Education Workshops		4,000.00	3,000.00	3,645.00
Handbook Sales		500.00	500.00	790.00
Transfer From Operating Surplus		0.00	0.00	0.00
Other income				
	Lorna McCrae Intellectual Freedom	600.00	650.00	684.00
	donations	0.00	200.00	50.00
Total Revenue		104,700.00	100,350.00	109,807.00
EXPENSES		Budget 2006	BUDGET 2005	ACTUAL 2005
Conferences				
	ALC	14,100.00	15,000.00	13,361.00
	CLA / CLTA	1,450.00	1,000.00	0.00
Total Conferences		15,550.00	16,000.00	13,361.00
Board Meetings		16,400.00	18,000.00	9,981.00
AGM		15,000.00	5,500.00	15,287.00
President's Expenses		850.00	850.00	210.00
Lois Hole Award		250.00	250.00	250.00
Administration		35,725.00	37,650.00	28,724.00
Non-recoverable GST Expense		3,000.00	3,000.00	1,572.00
Memberships		675.00	1,000.00	975.00
Total F&A		71,900.00	66,250.00	56,999.00
ADVOCACY		1,800.00	600.00	0.00
Trustee Voice		4,000.00	7,550.00	0.00
Handbook		1,000.00	1,000.00	586.00
Brochures		200.00	400.00	0.00
Displays		350.00	1,050.00	0.00
Total Communications		5,550.00	10,000.00	586.00
Workshops		8,500.00	6,000.00	9,186.00
Awards		1,400.00	1,500.00	130.00
Total Trustee Education		9,900.00	7,500.00	9,316.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		104,700.00	100,350.00	80,262.00

Notes to actual expenses: Trustee Voice delayed in printing to 2006; Administration hired part way through 2005; 2 less Board meetings in 2005.

President's Report 2006

2005 was a year of much activity for ALTA. We welcomed our Administrator, Lisa Holmes, who has made amazing progress in establishing the ALTA office in its new location, organizing files and electronic directories, and, with Board members help, establishing clearer procedures.

There were many highlights this year but the provincial bridge funding of \$20 million was the best. The additional funding to library and system per capita operating funds for 2006 and 2007 are most welcome. Further funding for special projects will also assist many libraries in delivering improved or new services to their communities. ALTA has thanked the Minister for his continuing support of public libraries in Alberta, but will continue to keep the essential nature of public libraries, and the requirement for continuing increasing sustainable funding, in front of the government. We encourage all our members to thank their MLA(s) and local politicians for their support, but to continue to lobby for increased sustainable funding and support.

ALTA was represented at CLA, CLTA, TAL, APLEN, LAA, ALC and SALA. ALTA is also on the Advisory board of SAIT's Library Technician (LIT) program, where we ensure public library staff training needs are heard. Our liaison with Community Development continued in 2005, with representation at our ALTA Board meetings. Iris English and Pat McNamee have continued to do the ALTA Trustee Workshops, and we thank them for their continuing hard work and excellent presentations. In addition, I traveled to Parkland Region for their Trustee Seminar, to Didsbury for their Trustee Workshop, and to the Marigold Library System's 25th Anniversary.

Membership in ALTA continues to be strong. We thank you for your support and encourage you to speak to your Area representative about issues or services you would like ALTA to consider being involved in. You can also email, mail, fax or telephone our office. We have established office hours of Tuesday and Thursdays but email and voice mail are checked daily.

ALTA has kept its web site (www.librarytrustees.ab.ca) up to date on a regular basis in 2005 (every 2 -3 weeks). We encourage all our members to check ALTA's web site for "hot off the press" news, announcements, links to educational and development materials, and all our forms. Most forms can also be submitted electronically. As with other not-for-profit organizations, ALTA is moving more towards electronic communications because of its cost-savings, and the ability to update quickly and make information available instantly to all members. Feedback from members on our website is always welcome. Watch for a new look in 2006!

The ALTA Board has worked very hard in 2005, and I thank them all for their continued dedication and valuable input. 2005 saw the second year in a row that ALTA was able to conduct business without drawing from reserves. We have also established a process for regular contact with Minister Mar so 2006 should be exciting.

Thank you to all our members who volunteer their time and expertise. I know you will continue to speak up within your communities and let the community and the politicians know how essential public libraries are to Albertans. ALTA will continue to support Alberta's public library service and to provide you, as members, with the knowledge and skills you need to continue the excellent governance and advocacy work you are doing. Together we can make a difference!!

Thank you for a great year –
Donna Campbell, President

Education Committee Report

We had another successful “Trustee Workshop” year with six events involving 100 Trustees. So far this year we have had 41+ Trustees at 3 events with another 2 workshops pending. Congratulation to the Trustees who attended the following Workshops.

2005:

22 Jan 2005	Okotoks – Marigold Regional Library
12 Feb 2005	Sherwood Park Library – Metro Edmonton
19 Feb 2005	Slave Lake – Peace Regional Library
19 Mar 2005	Red Deer
01 Oct 2005	Edson – Yellowhead Regional Library System
15 Oct 2005	Medicine Hat – Shortgrass Library System

2006;

Feb 11, 2006	Spruce Grove - Public Library
Mar 04, 2006	Chinook Arch
Mar 18, 2006	Didsbury
Pending:	Thornhild (June 3) and Brooks (Nov 4)

Please contact your ALTA representative or the ALTA office should you be interested in learning more about workshops or in taking a workshop.

ALTA office: phone: (780)481-1725. . admin@librarytrustees.ab.ca

Awards Committee.

We brought together 2 panels to decide the 2006 ALTA awards.

Award of Excellence – awarded to ALTA Library Boards for outstanding work

Panel: Judith Umbach CPL (Chair of last year’s Board Award winner), Ann Morley Librarian CBE, and Ann Craig ALTA, Chair Education Committee.

Honorary Life-time Award – awarded to an ALTA member for outstanding work.

Panel: Donna Phillips ALTA, Donna Campbell ALTA and Ann Craig ALTA

We congratulate the award winners and wish them the very best in their future endeavours.

Website

Please mark our ALTA website . www.librarytrustees.ab.ca, as one of your Internet “favourite”. There’s tons of information, links and programs to help you as an informed Trustee. We now have two modules: “Policy” and the new module, “Advocacy” Please investigate these modules and let us know what you think.

Committee Members: Ann Craig (Calgary Public Library), Chair; Donna Phillips (Area 3 - Parkland); Eugene Adamson (Area 6 - Shortgrass)

Communications Committee Report

ALTA Announces was prepared by M. Wilson and sent out electronically from the ALTA office.

The Centennial edition of the Trustee Voice began in the latter part of June. All boards were asked to submit a library story/history. Included in the edition are the responses received from our requests. A few responses came in much too late to be involved. Connie Forst was contracted to prepare the Trustee Voice for the printer. Quotes were obtained with Grafikom winning. This was an exceptional company to work with. Grafikom proved to be most accommodating and report that Connie worked hard to have .pdf files ready for their specifications. The end product is an attractive special edition.

Committee Members: Marilyn Wilson (Area 4 – Marigold), Doreen Bean (Area 8 – Northern Lights)

Advocacy Committee Report

Conference Call

On January 17 ALTA members had a conference call with the Minister of Community Development, Gary Mar, to discuss public library issues. The conference call was the day before the Minister met with the Treasury Board. A brief on The Role of Public Libraries in Rural Alberta was also sent by Marie Logan.

Treasury Board

ALTA members contacted members of the Treasury Board and stressed the need for increased funding to public libraries

Advocacy Plans

ALTA will thank the Minister of Community Development for the increased funding and the comments will indicate that trustees know the importance of showing the \$20 million makes a difference to libraries. Members of the committee will keep the Minister informed of public library issues in the province. The Advocacy Committee will continue to lobby on key public library issues as they arise, and to provide information to help increase community and local awareness of the issues. Promoting the benefits of public libraries in ongoing.

Online Modules

The Advocacy Committee has recommended that the next module be on Strategic Planning.

Information Sharing

The Advocacy Committee has brought forward information and presentation on the following:
A Case for Library Support
Library Book Rate
Rural Development Task Force
Hanna Roundtable
News Releases

Committee Members: Marie Logan (Area 5 – Chinook Arch, Vice President, ALTA), Chair;
Brock Smith (Area 1 – Peace), Joan MacDonald (Area 7 – Metro Edmonton)

Finance and Administration Report

Office Staffing

Following a search for an Office Administrator, ALTA welcomed Lisa Holmes to the organization in July. Lisa works in the ALTA office located in Edmonton's Stanley A. Milner Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lisa has already made great progress on key initiatives of the organization. The Board is extremely pleased with the wonderful support that Lisa is providing to us.

Budget

ALTA has once again completed a financial year without drawing on reserves. The ALTA Board members and the Administrator have worked hard to make more funds available for trustee services such as increased numbers of Workshops. The budget for 2006 is once again balanced, and places emphasis on training, communicating with Trustees, and continuing to advocate for increased recognition and funding for public libraries.

Alberta Community Development Funding

ALTA again received a critical grant from Alberta Community Development's Libraries Branch. The Board wishes to express its appreciation for this financial support which allows us to continue working on behalf of trustees in the province.

Gone Electronic!

ALTA has been keeping its web site up-to-date with information, forms, news, ALTA Announces, and other information of value to trustees. ALTA recommends that trustees check the web site first if they have questions or are looking for forms or other applications or information. To ensure we get information out to members quickly, and that it is the latest update, ALTA will be using the web more into the future. Watch for a new look in 2006.

<http://www.librarytrustees.ab.ca>

Committee Members: Tim Haysom (Edmonton Public Library), Chair; Monika Cappis (Area 2 – Yellowhead), Donna Campbell (President)

Resolutions

None received by deadline.

Marie Logan, Director, Chinook Arch
Vice President, Chair Resolutions Committee

Nominations

The following Nominations were received in the correct format, by the nominations deadline. In keeping with the elections process approved at the 2005 AGM, the process of mail-in ballots was put in place. Only one nomination was received for each of the vacant positions by the nominations deadline (see below), and therefore there was no vote required by mail-in ballots. The following persons were declared elected by acclamation for 2006 when nominations closed:

Director:

Area 2 Yellowhead	Monika Capps
Area 4 Marigold	Marilyn Wilson
Area 6 Shortgrass	Eugene Adamson
Area 8 Northern Lights	Elaine Sorochan
President	Donna Campbell

The election results will be announced at the AGM

Chair, Nominations Committee
Vic Mensch, Past President ALTA