



ALTA ANNOUNCES – Summer 2009

ALTA's new board held its first meeting on June 27th and 28th in Edmonton. Welcome again to our new Area Representatives from Parkland, Chinook Arch and Metro Edmonton.



2009 ALTA Board of Directors: (Back L-R) Carole Carpenter, Michael Babichuk, Ray Skrepnek, Ann Craig, Annette Clews, Roger Breault, Ian Morgan.
(Front L-R) Doug Cooper, Natalia Toroshenko, Martin Shields Missing: Honey Pell

Education Committee

The ALTA Trustee Education Committee and Online Modules Committee are looking forward to the launch of our third online Trustee Education Module "Roles and Responsibilities" very soon. Special thanks to Pat McNamee from the Public Library Services Branch and Cheryl Natrass from the Board Development Program for all of their help in the development of the module.

We are in the planning stage for Trustee Workshops for the Fall. If your board has new board members or those who have not attended a workshop yet, please let our office know!

Advocacy Committee

Alberta Municipal Affairs released their report entitled "Positioning Alberta Libraries for the 21st Century" at the end of April. You can read a copy of the report online – just follow the link from our home page. ALTA's Advocacy committee is currently working on identifying the top 3 issues for Trustees. They will be effective and efficient in working with the government to help implement the framework changes.

Bill C-322: Please take a moment to visit www.mervtweed.com and under petitions you will find information and links to a printable petition supporting Bill C-322 for your community.

We were all thrilled to see the 39% increase to Public Library Service funding in the 2009 Provincial Budget. Please take a moment as a board to write letters of thank-you to your MLA and encourage your municipal council to do the same. Be sure to have your 30 second thank you speech ready in case you run into your MLA at a summer event!

Communications Committee

We hope that you enjoy your enclosed copy of the 2009 Spring/Summer edition of the Trustee Voice newsletter. A reminder that the newsletter is also available in digital form on our website. If you wish to opt-out of the paper version, let us know! We can add you to our list to get the newsletter sent to you by email.

We are always looking for member submissions for the Trustee Voice. If you have a great story or idea to share – let us know! And include photos if you can!

Join us online! You can follow us on Facebook or Twitter – just click on the links on our home page! We love to share library news from across the Province!

Be Green! Did you know that the Alberta Libraries Act and Regulations are available online? Just visit the Public Library Services Branch website at http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/mc_libraries.cfm. There are tons of great resources there for Trustees on Plan of Service as well!

Alberta Library Conference 2009

This year's conference was a great success! Thanks to all that attended – we hope that you came away with great memories and ideas from the sessions. The feedback so far has all been positive and planning is already underway for ALC 2010. The dates for next year are April 29th – May 2nd. ALTA's AGM will be held on Friday, April 30th.

Other Reminders and Important Dates

- Keep an eye out for ALTA 2010 Membership Invoices. They will be hitting your mailbox and inbox in October!
- We also will be accepting nominations for Area Representatives for the following areas for the 2010-2012 term: Area 2 (Yellowhead), Area 4 (Marigold), Area 6 (Shortgrass), Area 8 (Northern Lights) as well as for President. As per a resolution passed at this year's AGM – the term for ALTA's President will change in 2010 from a one year term to a two year term. Nomination forms will be available for download on ALTA's website in the Fall. Be sure to have your board's 2010 membership fee paid before December 31, 2009 if you are planning on making a nomination.
- We will also be accepting resolutions for the 2010 AGM soon. Forms will be available on ALTA's website in the Fall. The deadline for both Nomination and Resolution submissions is December 31st.
- Awards Program – Start thinking now about ALTA's 2010 awards program. Criteria for both our Honorary Life Member award and the Award of Excellence are available on our website. We accept nominations at any time. Awards are announced at the AGM in Jasper.
- Hope you all have a safe and happy summer!