

President's Annual Report

ALTA enjoyed a very productive year in 2013. The Board held its first annual retreat in June where we teamed together to develop a strong strategic plan, and revised the mission, vision and belief statement. We launched the plan last fall with the development of the Trustee Re-Engagement Survey. The Trustee Re-Engagement Survey was important, as it assessed the current state of member satisfaction with ALTA, provided the type of supports and training members are seeking from ALTA both today and in the future.

Our next endeavour was the development and introduction of the new Advocacy workshop and presentation of it. Although we were only able to present it to 4 locations it was well received. Diane Osberg will be presenting tomorrow morning at 10:45, session F6 session.

Alta was invited to participate in many leadership events throughout the year:

- The Royal Society of Canada Expert Panel on Status and Future of Canada's Libraries & Archives,
- The Provincial Summit for Alberta Nonprofits,
- AUMA, AAMD&C trade shows
- Regional Library Board meetings and various library visits connecting with trustees across the province. These included but not limited to all the Regional Library systems, Red Deer, Metro Edmonton, Calgary and Edmonton. We had opportunity to celebrate Claresholm's 75th Anniversary, Shortgrass's 25th Anniversary and other events.

These are just the highlights of what ALTA has been involved with in this 2013-2014 year. ALTA has an incredible year ahead of us as we move into fulfilling our new mission statement: ***ALTA is the collective voice for library trustees. ALTA builds trustee capacity through education, leadership, communication, partnerships and collaboration.***

For myself I thank you, for the opportunity to be your President over the past two years. I have enjoyed working with our dynamic Board and meeting and working with countless library trustees, Regional Directors, partners, funders, supporters, MLA's, Councillors and MP's all who share ALTA's Belief Statement: ***library services are essential to the quality and standard of life of Albertans and vital to the education, social and cultural development of the province.***