

## **Report from MAUT Librarians' Section**

### **MAUT Spring General Meeting, April 24, 2019**

The goals for this year's Librarians' Section (LS) Executive were to focus on membership engagement, ensure the approval of the librarians' service guidelines and offer continued support to a research and sabbatical culture in the library.

This was in addition to the ongoing work of the MAUT-LS Executive, which includes monthly meetings to discuss the concerns of our membership, quarterly meetings with the Dean of Libraries and involvement in MAUT and CAUT activities. The outgoing executive is Natalie Waters (Chair), Jessica Lange (Chair-Elect), Sarah Severson (Past-Chair), and Andrew Senior (Secretary-Treasurer).

#### **Membership**

MAUT-LS were pleased that Marc Richard won the CAUT Academic Librarians' Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his outstanding service and contribution to the advancement of the status and/or working conditions of academic librarians at Canadian universities and colleges.

We currently have 54 members which represents 81% of eligible librarians employed at McGill. Over the past year there have been a number of recruitments and efforts have been made to meet with each one to talk about MAUT and MAUT-LS.

The Librarians' Section held a Fall General Meeting on November 29, 2018, and a Spring general meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2019.

Andrea Quaiattini attended the CAUT Aboriginal Academic Staff Conference October 19-20, 2018 and reported back on the experience at MAUT-LS Fall general meeting. This report led to a larger discussion of equity and inclusion issues at the library.

#### **Service Guidelines**

The Librarians' Service guidelines received approval in Senate on November 21, 2019.

#### **Professional Issues Committee**

The Professional Issues Committee of the Librarians' Section has been active in organizing events to support research and sabbatical culture at the Library.

They organised three writing mini-retreats and a panel in March that featured a discussion by three members who had recently returned from a sabbatical.

The MAUT-LS Executive would like to thank all librarian members for their participation in the association and look forward to continuing the work to ensure that the association and the Librarians' Section in particular, continues to represent you.

Respectfully submitted by Natalie Waters, MAUT Librarians' Section Chair