

CLAMSC Minutes October 27th, 2005

12:15pm Bookstore Café

Present: Lina, Gen, Jill, Mel

1. Call to order: 12:20 pm
2. National teleconference with other SC's and CLA HQ: Lina: Held last year, discussed issues with head office. This year, the other SC's replied late for setting a date. The teleconference is being held tomorrow at 3:30 pm, Beth will attend. Any issues you would like to see raised? Jill: Discuss funding and receiving money in advance to better plan activities. Lina: other SC's suggested cross-library school projects, such as Librarians Without Borders. Gen: Will look into McGill CLA participation in Librarians Without Borders. Jill: Could also raise idea of listserv for all CLASG's. • MSPN: Lina: Been recommended for funding, find out next week if we will receive it. I bought 30 books at the book sale last week, mostly Canadiana. Need to think of more fundraising ideas. McGill Chaplaincy will give us 300\$ if we get our 600\$ grant. We hope to have 360 books in our collection.
 - Careers Discussion Group: Mel: We're planning three events. The first on Nov. 10 th called "Library Career Pathways". Plan to invite librarians from McGill and public libraries, but we're not exactly sure who yet. Want to emphasize discussion over a lecture. Also want to invite recent grads. Another session planned for January on finding summer work, and in March to coincide with the Career Fair.
 - Speakers: Beth is mostly in charge, will have to wait for her to be present to get a progress report.
 - Teleconference: Lina: Will be held Nov. 9 th , Beth found a room. I will take care of the phone.
 - Formulating Guidelines/Policies: Gen: SLASG has guidelines on organizing field trips and guest speakers, would like to have more for organizing events, like the 5-7. Looking for suggestions. Lina: Think its important to have guidelines on elections, for long-term activities, and on external funding: when are we representing the CLA, and when aren't we? How do we differentiate between CLA funding and fundraising for projects? These could be conflict of interest issues. Jill: This could be raised at the teleconference. Gen: Will approach policy-drafting as a sort of knowledge management project.
 - Website: Mel: Will be in charge of updates, with Beth's coaching. Will keep format, but changing content. Need executive bios within the next week.
 - Mentoring/Outreach: Jill: Have done preliminary research. UWO has a good website for their mentoring program within the library community and for 1 st and 2 nd years. Lina: You should talk to Simon, he's interested in a project like this. Jill: UWO also has very clear guidelines to follow. Will get more info from them. 1 St and 2 nd year mentoring should be easy to set up. Should put info for mentoring in incoming MLIS 1 student packages. It would be great advertising for the McGill CLASG.
3. Progress reports on:
4. CLA President Annual Visit: Lina: Every year the CLA president visits the library schools. Last year's visit coincided with the Career Fair and was poorly attended. Considering a different date and format, maybe a 5-7? Maybe in December? Jill: We should create our own event for the visit, rather than adding it to something else already planned. Mel: Maybe hold it in February, rather than December? Lina: Could rent Thomson House and have a cash bar. Will need to budget for that. Should invite Montreal CLA chapter.
5. Other Business: Gen: Need to update constitution to reflect Communications Officer position on executive. Will look into constitution updates for website. Lina: The vote to approve its addition took place at September elections.
6. Next meeting date: To be held Thursday, November 24 th , 12:15 pm at Thomson House.
7. Adjournment: 1:20 pm.