

SLAte April 1, 2019

Congratulations to Continuing Education Award Recipients

Megan Kennedy from the University of Saskatchewan to support attendance at the 2019 WLIU Conference in Winnipeg.

Caroline Popadick from North Battleford Public Library to support attendance at the 2019 Alberta Library Conference.

Courtney Campbell from Flin Flon Public Library to support attendance at the 2019 SLA Conference in Saskatoon.

Sheila Warne-Peter from the Southeast Regional Library to support attendance at the 2019 SLA Conference in Saskatoon.

Life Cycles Capacity Building

SLA continues to implement the recommendations from the Life Cycles assessment. In April the SLA project leadership team will attend the last group meeting with teams from the Saskatchewan Writers Guild and the Saskatchewan Elocution and Debate Association, and lead consultant Steve Shack from the Non Profit Life Cycles Institute. The purpose of this meeting is to report progress, share experience and discuss moving forward. We are also working with Dawn Martin, our local consultant to do a one year later presentation at the AGM in May.

Board Meeting Structure

In 2018-19 the Board made some changes to how Board meetings were conducted. Frequency of meetings was reduced and the number of teleconference meetings was increased. These changes are being evaluated in terms of productivity, cost and time efficiency.

Recommendations will be passed on to the 2019-20 Board of Directors.

Highlights from the Board

A Buddy Program is being offered for the 2019 conference. This is available to anyone attending the conference for the first time who might want to meet a volunteer committee member or Board member, discuss conference happenings, ask questions, get directions or just visit.

OBOP has been established as an ongoing program and in collaboration with the committee, terms of reference for operations have been developed.

Applications for Continuing Education grants has increased and as a result the Board decided to allocate additional resources for grants in the upcoming year.

The Membership Committee has continued to consider attracting individual members to the organization. There will be an opportunity at the Conference to engage in discussion around expectations of members and how those expectations can reasonably be met by the Association. To respond to the potential introduction of member benefits, a member registry will be established and individual members will receive an ID number. More to follow on this topic.

We hope that many members, stakeholders and friends of libraries are able to attend the 2019 conference. It is an opportunity to learn, share expertise, make connections, check in with vendors and experience a sense of collegiality in the broader library community. For Board members and office staff it's an opportunity to meet members. So please introduce yourself.