

Executive Directors Report - July 2018

June has been an interesting month of reflection and planning for the year ahead. The board change over meeting was held June 19 followed by the first meeting of the 2018-19 Board of Directors held on June 20, 2018. Members of the 2018 -19 Board may be found on [here](#).

Conference 2018 Wrap up

The Conference Evaluation Report was completed in June. Many thanks to those delegates that attended for their comments. It is important that we learn from each conference and take that information into planning for the next conference. In addition to the evaluation reports we are gathering information from selected members to ensure we have broad input into planning for the May 2019 conference. The Evaluation Report is attached for your information.

SLA Committees: Wind down and ramp up

Committee Work is in transition as yearend for most committees is June, recognizing that the work cycle is different for some programs committees such as Continuing Education and One Book One Province. The work of committee members during 2017-18 is greatly appreciated; your time expertise and commitment is critical to supporting the mandate of SLA and the Saskatchewan Library Community. At the June 20, 2018 board meeting the following committee chairs were identified. If you are interested in serving on any of the following committees please email Dorothea Warren at slaexdir@sasktel.net by August 15, 2018 indicating your interest. Thank you in advance for considering volunteering for committee participation; we are planning for committees to meet and begin their work in early fall.

1. Fundraising - Brad Doerksen
2. Programming - Lindsay Baker
3. One Book One Province - Colleen Murphy
4. Continuing Education - Alan Kilpatrick
5. Advocacy and Development - Tony Murphy
6. Publications - Linda Winkler
7. Membership - Linda Winkler

Descriptions of committee roles may be found [here](#).

Life Cycles Capacity Building Project

Work on the Sask Culture supported Life Cycles Capacity Building project has continued over the past month. The recent work has included an organizational self-assessment and the development of an improvement plan. With the guidance of consultant Dawn Martin, a working group which includes Alison Jantz, Michael Shires, Linda Winkler, Lukas Miller and Dorothea Warren completed a research phase and prepared background documents that provided the context for a working session held on June 3, 2018. After the completion of the research phase, the working group, along with a member of SLA who is not currently on the board of directors (brought in to provide an objective external perspective) completed the assessment of SLA with the facilitation of the consultant. Work will continue to finalize an improvement plan, as well as define and complete activities associated with the plan over the months ahead. The Life Cycles Capacity Building presentation by Dawn Martin presented at the SLA

[Annual General Meeting](#) is attached for your information. We will be providing updates as the project continues.

In closing best wishes for an enjoyable summer!