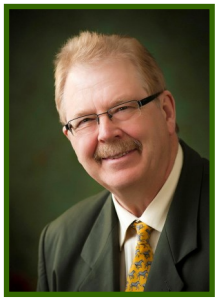
The Trustee

March 2022 Update

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE



Libraries have long been a bulwark in support of the public good. Insecurity, misinformation, and polarization have created strains on civil society and its discourse in Saskatchewan and throughout Canada. Community, a safe environment, and civility are all hallmarks of our library systems and make them a unique prescription for healing the trauma that has become modern day society.

The Saskatchewan Library Trustee Association enhances community by sharing the experiences from each region and supporting a free exchange of ideas to enhance governance, advocacy, and conversation with government. The board consists of representatives from the Multitype Library Board (MLB), Provincial Library and Literary Office (PLO), four regions, and Saskatoon. Loss of representation from Palliser, Regina, Southeast, and this year Wapiti, have sadly weakened our ability to act as a voice for all regions when a voice of cohesion is so needed. The "go it alone" mentality is never a good one in times of stress; it only creates silos that separate us.

The unique perspective of the SLTA is that it represents the governance bodies, the boards, elected and appointed representatives who best speak for their local libraries, communities, and regions.

The SLTA is once again sponsoring a governance session at the Saskatchewan Library Association Conference, is involved in SLA conference planning, and has updated its module on the role of new board members. The Brief to the Minister is being created from suggestions and concerns of member regions.

The health of the library system in Saskatchewan requires an open communication between all boards and library organizations. The SLTA is a key player in cultivating communication between regions, advocacy, and strong effective governance. Its demise would enhance the forces of misinformation, insecurity, and polarization that have become more prevalent in our province.

As Joni Mitchell bemoans "That you don't know what you got. Till it's gone."

Steven Allen (Wheatland), President

We encourage you to visit our website, www.slta.ca. Specifically the materials under the "Guide to Saskatchewan Public Library Governance" section, designed for library trustees.

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LIBRARIES MATTER

YOUR SLTA STRIVES TO:

- Promote and foster the development of libraries and library services in Saskatchewan.
- Provide for exchange of ideas and experiences among library board members through conferences and publications.
- Assist members by understanding their responsibilities as library trustees.
- Cooperate with associations of library trustees outside the province.
- Seek improvements and foster necessary changes in the legislation affecting Saskatchewan libraries.
- Work in close cooperation with the Saskatchewan Library Association.

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SLA CONFERENCE 2022

The conference is scheduled for May 4-6 in Regina, https://saskla.ca/slaconference.

SLTA will hold its AGM at the conference—9:15-9:45 am, May 6. The AGM is open to all members of the SLTA regardless if they are attending the conference or not. Resolutions shall be presented only by library trustees who are active members of the Association. Resolutions shall be sent to the SLTA Executive Director in writing at least one month prior to the Annual General Meeting. Resolutions may be presented at the Annual General Meeting on any matter with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the trustees in attendance. The resolutions from the floor must be in writing and ready for distribution at the Annual General Meeting. Please forward resolutions to: Nancy Kennedy, Executive Director, SLTA, 79 Mayfair Crescent, Regina, SK S4S 5T9.

SLTA is proud to co-sponsor ***Governance Basics in a Non-Profit Organization***
This session is designed for board members, leaders, and decision –makers in non-profit organizations.

Good governance helps organizations succeed and ultimately sustains and strengthens the organization. It is a critical element in allowing the organization to be clear on its objectives, allocate resources to meet objectives and operate in the interests of its members, stakeholders, and community.

Using a model developed by the Ontario Non-Profit Network, this session will explore the fundamentals of non-profit governance, the functions of governance , the circumstances of an organization, governance options, and governance enablers.

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