

President's Greetings

Although it feels at times like the world slows down over the summer, we have been busy at SLA. Marina, in the SLA office, has been working on getting the SLA member registry set up, which will allow us to do some exciting things in the near future. With the member registry, you will get a membership number. For individual members, keep an eye out for new member benefits.

I am happy to welcome Anthony Woodward to the SLA board as VP of Advocacy. He joined us just in time for the Board's retreat and August board meeting. The board retreat focused on board governance, SLA's organizational culture and planning for the upcoming year.

We are looking forward to a lot of work this fall in getting ready for our funding request submission. The work has already begun with a meeting that Dorothea Warren and I had with representatives from SaskCulture to review our organization, including our policies, programs and strategic directions.

Some committees are already underway. Please let us know if you are interested in participating on any of the SLA committees. The 2020 Conference planning committee has met once and planning is already well underway. I am looking forward to working with a great group of people towards an exciting conference next year.

I was excited to see the numbers of applications that SLA received for their Culture Days grants. There are some interesting and engaging programs that will be going on across the province this month. Thanks to Anne Pennylegion for her work on this program.

The One Book One Province Committee and Anne are already hard at work planning for March 2020. I am looking forward to diving into Candace Savage's book, *A Geography of Blood*. It will be an interesting month full of great discussion and activity.

I went to the Partnership retreat hosted by the Ontario Library Association in Toronto on August 13 and 14. It was an engaging time with an amazing group of people from across the country. Although we were missing 4 of the provincial and territorial library associations, we had very thorough discussions around a number of key areas, including: board structure; membership structure; planning for the future; and ended with a focused discussion on the programs including the Partnership Journal, the Education Institute and the Continuing Education Certificate. I would love to hear from you about any of these programs if you have comments or questions.

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