

Hello everyone,

Summer is finally here and July signifies a changeover of sorts. There is the end of primary and secondary school (I can't believe my daughter has finished grade one!). Many library workers start planning their summer vacation(s) or have already started theirs. My family is planning a trip to Calgary and Cypress Hills Provincial Park in mid-July. I've heard many good things about the latter and I'm excited to stay in one of their cabins. In early August we will visit Winnipeg for the first time. I would also like to do more tent camping in Southern Saskatchewan.

The SLA Office continues to work over the summer including preparing for Culture Days and Saskatchewan Library Week. The 2018 Conference Planning Executive Team (Jeff Barber, Judy Nicholson, and me) continues to meet. On June 11 your Board of Directors and some incoming directors met at Mantiou Beach to discuss results from the World Café session at the association's conference in May. Some good ideas came out of our conversations and they'll help plan some committee activities for the upcoming year.

We had a successful board changeover meeting on July 12 and there is a great group of people who left and joined your board. I'm really excited to work with our 2017-18 board. I also greatly appreciate all the members who answered the call for committee volunteers. I realize it is a challenge to balance office work and SLA committee work. However, I think it is a leadership and learning opportunity to be involved on exciting association projects, interact with new people, and perhaps work with individuals from the past. We also have fun and just ask any current or former board member about their experiences. Your contributions to SLA will make a difference in the province's library community.

Please note that continuing education grants and the one-time anniversary conference grant are available. Check SLA's site for deadlines and details! Do you want to host an informal July social in your community? Check out details in this issue.

Finally, feel free to contact SLA's Office or me, if you want to showcase interesting events, resources, etc. about your workplace or if there are staffing announcements that you wish to share. SLA is member driven and we want to share what the library community is doing. Don't forget to follow SLA on social media (Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram or view their feeds on our website.



Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Shires".

Michael Shires, President (2016-2018)

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