

Hello,

I'm looking out my 6<sup>th</sup> floor office window and there is still some greenery despite the cold and snowy weather Regina has experienced. SLA's Board of Directors meeting in La Ronge on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> was great. Many of us had not been there before. It was my first time and the northern most point in Canada that I had ever seen on the ground. The scenery was spectacular! Many thanks to PNLS Director James Hope Howard for hosting our board meeting! The road trip was long but the conversations were fun (six of us traveled together).

It's with mixed feelings that I announce the departure of Anastasia Gould, Vice-President of Membership and Publications. She recently relocated to Ottawa, ON. Anastasia's inquisitiveness and thoughtful comments at meetings were enlightening. To that end, SLA's Board of Directors will discuss next steps on filling the vacancy at its upcoming meeting in Manitou Springs on November 14.

I'm pleased to announce that Cynthia Bretell (Program Head of the Library and Information Technology Program at Saskatchewan Polytechnic) and Carol Cooley (Director of Saskatoon Public Libraries and CEO) are SLA's representatives on the Canadian Federation of Library Association's (CFLA-FCAB) Truth and Reconciliation Committee. It has started holding teleconferences and there is representation from library associations and related organizations from across Canada. Details about the committee including its charter and deliverables are at <http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/programs/truth-and-reconciliation>.

SLA has posted a new one year contract for a Communications Coordinator. This is an exciting opportunity for an individual to work on special projects and assist the association with building a communications plan. Details about the position are at the Partnership's Job Board <https://partnershipjobs.ca>.

I hope that many libraries participated in the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Saskatchewan Library Week and also promoted the third annual Book Spine Poetry contest. It's one of many great programs that SLA offers to libraries and communities. Finally, SLA's third annual fall Happy Hour will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in Creighton, La Ronge, Moose Jaw, Regina, and Saskatoon. All library workers and their friends are invited to come and partake in free snacks at scheduled venues (link to poster/announcement?) Tweet a post on Twitter #sasklahh and you'll be entered in a draw to win a prize!

Best,  
Michael Shires, President