

Greetings,

I am very pleased to announce that after a thorough search process, Dorothea Warren has been appointed as SLA's next executive director. She brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the association and I look forward to working with Dorothea. Judy Nicholson has transitioned to an advisory role and will work closely with Ms. Warren until her last day on December 8. [Read the official announcement](#). I am very grateful to have worked closely with Judy and I have learned much. All the best in your well-deserved retirement Judy!

I would also like to thank all members of the personnel committee: Brad Doerksen, Treasurer, Linda Winkler, V.P. of Membership and Publications, and Alison Jantz, V.P. of Advocacy and Development for their significant contributions to the executive director search process.

Your board of directors met at the Waipiti Regional Library in Prince Albert on November 20. The road trip to Prince Albert from Regina was another opportunity to visit a new community and library. Many thanks to Tony Murphy and Lindsay Baker for hosting the board. Many of the board members, along with Dorothea and Judy, carpoled and it was another fun way to socialize and discuss some board business in a more casual way. The only disappointment of the trip was seeing the Saskatchewan Roughriders and Edmonton Eskimos lose their respective playoff games (I'm a fan of both teams).

On a more serious note, I'm fortunate to work with a very talented and committed board and office staff. During the meeting we had thought provoking discussions about some of the programs and services that SLA offers. I think it has been healthy to review the many activities SLA does and try and determine their impact on the association, members, volunteers, and office staff. As a result the board will be developing a short membership survey in winter 2018. It will be the first in 3 years so your feedback is critical to the continued successful operation of our association.

As 2017 starts to wind down I would like to wish all of you a very happy holidays and a healthy and prosperous 2018!

Best,

Michael Shires

President, 2016-2018