

Executive Director's Report

Hello,

The new SLA business year is well underway. The Board of Directors has met twice and participated in a half day retreat which focused on *Non-Profit Organizations and Governance*.

Committee Work is Underway

The Committee structure is integral to SLA fulfilling its mandate and we are pleased to report that there is a full roster of Committee Members. The Board of provided support to committee work by defining the objectives for each committee. This is a means of further structuring Committee work, ensuring alignment with the Strategic and Operational goals of the organization and recognizing that broader committee work may be multiyear broken down into achievable annual milestones. Many thanks to those who have stepped up to participate in Committees.

Committee Chairs are:

Conference 2020 - Michael Shires (Chair)

Conference Program Chair - Geoffrey Allen

Continuing Education -Tasha Maddison

Fundraising - Darrell Yates

Advocacy & Development- Anthony Woodward

Programming - Amber Daigneault

One Book One Province - Colleen Murphy

Communications - Linda Winkler

Engagement - Linda Winkler

The 2019-20 roster of Committee Members is [attached](#).

[The Strategic Plan 2019-23](#) was approved by the Board of Directors in August 2019. The 4 key areas of Strategic Focus are:

- Communication & Advocacy
- Stakeholder & Member Engagement
- Educational & Learning Opportunities
- Sustainable Health Organization

Thank you to all who provided input.

Board Member to attend Wicihitowin Conference

An SLA board member will attend the 5th annual Indigenous Engagement Wicihitowin Conference. This conference provides an opportunity to continue our learning and inform SLA's support of reconciliation in our community.

Congratulations to Continuing Education Grant Recipients

Lindsay Baker & Stephanie Jeanes each received a grant for \$500.00 to contribute toward their attendance at the OLA conference in January.

Maureen Woods Bursary – Applications are Invited

SLA is pleased to accept applications for the Maureen Woods Education Bursary. The bursary was established to promote the continued growth of professional librarianship in the province. SLA is offering a single bursary in the amount of \$5,000. Deadline for applications is October 30, 2019. For more information, please visit the [SLA website](#).

Funding Submission

SLA is planning for our 3-year funding submission to SaskCulture. This is an opportunity to reflect on the past 3 years and plan ahead. The Board of Directors will be identifying key areas for attention at the October Board Meeting. Our submission is due by December 1, 2019.

SLA is a member-driven organization always interested in your views. Never hesitate to contact me at slaexdir@sasktel.net or 306-789-9413.

Regards,

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