

Hello everyone,

It's September 20 as I write this and yesterday Regina experienced its greatest single day rainfall in three months. It wasn't a torrential downpour but we desperately needed the moisture. I'd almost forgotten what it was like to have rain.

On a more serious note, SLA's committees started meeting in September and some of the work will be guided by reviewing the association's programs. Determining how to measure their success and impact on SLA and its membership is important. The board's annual retreat at St. Peter's College, Muenster, SK August 27-28 included great discussions about prioritizing projects for the upcoming year. We also had a lot of fun socializing!

Did you know that SLA has 9 committees (excluding board member only committees) that members can participate? They are: conference planning, programming, Saskatchewan Library Week, One Book One Province, membership, advocacy, fundraising, publications & communications, and continuing education. There are approximately 16 individuals (non SLA Board members) who are volunteering a couple of hours each month in these fun leadership opportunities. Many of these people are in more than one committee and some, like membership, could use at least one more person.

SLA also has members who represent us on 5 outside organizations. We also have individuals who participate on CFLA-FCAB committees. Our association is member driven and strong participation in committees is critical to SLA's continued success.

I've got two save the date reminders. Firstly, Saskatchewan Library Week is Oct. 15-21 with SLA's Book Spine Poetry Contest running through Nov. 1. Details are at <https://saskla.ca/programs/slw>. Secondly, SLA's 4<sup>th</sup> annual province-wide Happy Hour is on Thursday, November 2. Please watch for information on the social to be held in your community or near you in SLAte.

A final bit of news is that Judy Nicholson, SLA Executive Director, and I were interviewed on Sept. 8 for a Sasktel community TV show about libraries in Saskatchewan. It was a very interesting experience and I'll talk more about it in the next issue of SLAte.

Best,



Michael Shires, President (2016-2018)