

Greetings all! It is a busy time at SLA. We just had what is likely to be our last Board meeting of 2020-2021 before the Annual General Meeting in May. It was a busy meeting with a lot of discussion, some of which focused on preparations for the upcoming AGM. We have been finalizing the draft proposal in response to the resolution at last year's AGM about a bursary for Indigenous Canadians. I am excited for this to be presented to you at the AGM.

We are celebrating a successful month of OBOP. Anne and the committee worked very hard with Paul Seesequasis and many others across the province for the creation of an excellent program. It looked very different this year and I certainly missed the in-person events, but it was a pleasure to see programming that could be accessed anywhere in the province with an internet connection. I know that we even had interest and attendance from outside the province.

Work on the MLA-SLA joint conference is well underway and I hope that you will consider putting forward a proposal. I also hope that because the conference will be offered online, it might reach to more corners of our two provinces and beyond. I am looking forward to seeing you there to enjoy the amazing programming. If you hadn't heard, we have a few amazing speakers – Honorable Murray Sinclair, Nora Young and Chris Kutarna – already lined up.

Finally, I am very happy that spring has sprung. The longer days and more sunlight are certainly helping me out. Stay safe and healthy! Until next time....

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