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Our Mission:

ABQLA, a non-profit voluntary association of library personnel and friends in the province of Québec, provides a network for its members' mutual support. It serves the community through education, advocacy and communication.

Goals and Objectives:

This Association shall exist for the promotion and development of library services in Quebec. The goals and objectives of the Association shall be to promote interest in, and the welfare of libraries throughout the province by providing its members opportunities of meeting and discussing professional questions, by making the public aware of the facilities which libraries offer for recreation and education, and by arousing public opinion to the need for more numerous and better-equipped libraries and higher standards of training at all levels. This organization shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or other gains to this organization shall be used for the promotion and development of library services in Quebec.

- To provide opportunities for its members to pursue their professional interests
- To facilitate the exchange of information on library-related issues
- To raise the political and public awareness of the role of libraries in Québec
- To strengthen ties with national, provincial and local library organizations
- To support and promote literacy throughout the community
- To Increase membership
- To ensure the financial stability of ABQLA

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Anne Galler Award 2010

Peter McNally

Anne Galler Award 2011

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President's Report

(Anne Wade)

Welcome to the 79th annual general meeting of ABQLA. As I review the reports provided in this year's *Annual Report*, I continue to be astonished at how much can be accomplished through the collaborative efforts of a group of engaged, dedicated and highly competent individuals. The section heads have provided a rich and diverse program offering to our membership, the committee chairs have completed a number of ambitious special projects, and our representatives on a variety of special committees have served to increase the profile of our Association provincially and nationally....all of this is achieved through the significant volunteering of people's time and expertise. ABQLA continues to be a leading organization because of the work of these individuals.

A special thanks to the Communications Committee who have had the difficult, yet critical task of managing the Association's communications hub--compiling and posting timely and relevant content on our website, Facebook profile, and in our *Bulletin*. We also appreciate the efforts of Chantal Brunette, a McGill intern who is finalizing the complete translation of the Association's website. And a special mention goes to our incoming President, Julie-Anne Cardella who provided such strong leadership in the organization of this year's conference. Indeed the Association will be in good hands with Julie-Anne at the helm!

Another accomplishment that I am pleased to report is the finalization of a new Strategic Plan for ABQLA. Through the efforts of the Strategic Planning Committee we were able to set a new vision, a revised mission statement and a progressive five-year plan that will ensure our Association continues to be responsive to the needs of the membership. Given our membership has gradually increased over the past five years (2010 – 148 members; 2009 -140; 2008 – 140; 2007- 137; 2006 – 129; 2005 – 140), we are well positioned to continue the growth of our Association!

Finally I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Board of Directors who provided continuous and relevant input on important decisions that impact not only our membership, but the profession as a whole. The Board responded to such issues as the Library Book Rate (Bill C-509), the proposed CLA Future Plan, and eBook lending policies. We decided not to join the recently established cooperative composed of the various associations within TAMDAQ, as we felt the benefits would not serve our membership. This decision may possibly be re-visited in the coming years.

In closing I would like to offer various recommendations to next year's Board of Directors as there are some tasks that are natural "next steps" to some of the accomplishments that were achieved this past year. These include: the completion of the **Strategic Plan Checklist** that will serve as a monitoring device for the annual review of our *Strategic Plan*; the establishment of a **travel policy** for ABQLA Boards members who represent the Association at various meetings and conferences; the setting of an **annual budget** linked to each of the goals in the *Strategic Plan*; the assignment of a **specific dossier to each of our**

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six Directors to help work on some of the newly established goals within the *Strategic Plan*; the establishment of a **By-laws Task Force** to review and update the *1992 By-laws* following the lengthy and difficult task (taken on by our archivists, Janet and Rosemary) of merging multiple documents into one electronic file; and the completion of a **Communications Procedure Manual** which is an offshoot of our new *Communications Policy* (prepared by David Pickup). In my capacity as Past-President next year, I look forward to working with the Board of Directors on these priority areas.

KICK-OFF

Our traditional Fall Kick-off took place in the elegant Westmount Room at Westmount Public Library on September 29. Approximately 30 ABQLAers, including a large contingent of students, enjoyed the wine and cheese and animated discussion with their colleagues. Although our invited speaker, Ms Kelly Moore (CLA, Executive Director) was unexpectedly unable to attend, a statement on the CLA Future Plan was read on her behalf.

CONFERENCES

ABQLA Annual Conference

On May 7 and 8th, our 78th conference took place at the Holiday Inn Montreal Midtown with the theme “Libraries as Learning Places”. Led by Anne Wade (Chair) with the sound and experienced guidance from Maria Morales and Lisa Milner, coupled with a dedicated Conference Committee, 29 sponsors helped provide a diverse program to 95 attendees. Keynote speakers were Lori Reed, Mitch Joel, and Pam MacKellar, while Paul Huschilt provided a hilarious presentation on humour in the workplace during the Annual Awards Luncheon. The theme was selected as it highlights the important role that library and information specialists provide in educating our clientele on the many different facets of librarianship—a role that is becoming increasingly critical in our knowledge society. It was due to the combined efforts of this committee that this year’s conference was able to offer a top notch slate of speakers, resulting in a program that provided our membership with some new and innovative ways of thinking about their role....as educator, trainer, and facilitator.

Congratulations to Peter McNally, recipient of the 2010 Anne Galler award for outstanding library service. Peter’s humorous acceptance speech reminded many former students in the audience what a talented speaker he is and brought back many fond memories of “Prof. McNally’s” classes.

CLA National Conference and Trade Show 2010 (Edmonton, AB)

On June 2 and 3, Anne Wade attended a one and a half day retreat entitled Treasure Mountain that was designed to bring together representatives from various sectors to discuss

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the future of school libraries. The Treasure Mountain organizing committee was comprised of Carol Koechlin, Liz Kerr, Cindy Matthews (CASL Councillor), Linda Shantz-Keresztes (CASL President) and Ruth Hall (OSLA President). The 54 participants included a wide range of academic researchers, consultants and school-library based educators. The need for evidence-based practice and an agenda for promoting change became evident in the course of the days' activities. For further information on this initiative please visit the Google Group, Treasure Mountain Canada.

Given Treasure Mountain was held during the same period as the CLA conference, there was some juggling required to catch the sessions at CLA. Anne was able to participate in a Town Hall session at the CLA conference and was pleased to see a number of ABQLA members in attendance. Breakout groups responded to the question – Should CLA exist? Anne also attended the Leadership luncheon, chaired by Kelly Moore (Executive Director, CLA), along with members of the Partnership, CARL, CLA and ALA. Ms Moore provided an overview of CLA's Future Plan and proposed the same question to the group—Should CLA exist?

Congrès des Milieux Documentaires du Québec

(Lisa Milner)

The second annual CMD was held from November 3 – 5, 2010 at the Palais des Congrès in Montreal. ABQLA along with our partners APSDS, ASTED, BPQ, CBPQ, Réseau Biblio, SLA Eastern Canada Chapter were joined this year by our remaining TAMDAQ members AAQ and APTDQ to put on this conference. This edition's theme "Imagining New Partnerships" spoke to the new opportunities for innovative partnerships and practices developed in response to new technologies. Over 800 people attended. It was announced that for the 3rd edition, new conference events would include an annual award for innovation in libraries or archives and architectural prize for new or renovated library/archive/information centre buildings.

OLA Super Conference 2011

Julie-Anne Cardella and Anne Wade attended OLA's conference with the theme "The Power of C: Collaboration" on February 2-5, 2011. They both attended the opening plenary session, entitled *Meet the Next Generation*, which was facilitated by the seasoned *Stephen Abram*. Abram's unique and interesting format consisted of about a dozen grade 11 and 12 Toronto students sitting on a stage, who responded to Abram's pre-determined questions and spontaneous questions from the audience. The session provided an informative snapshot of the next generation's habits and preferences. They also both attended the plenary session with cultural anthropologist Michael Wesch who provided an interesting perspective on the

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effects of social media and digital technology on society using a variety of videos to help communicate his views. The theme of next year's conference will be "INNOVATION: Imagine. Innovate. Impact".

PARTNERSHIPS

27th Annual ABQLA/CLA/SLA CODE Holiday Fund-raising Event

The Event took place on December 8, 2010 at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Hall, raising \$1621 for CODE. This donation, when doubled by the Anne Galler Matching Fund and leveraged by the CODE/CIDA agreement, resulted in over \$12,800 going to CODE. Thank you to our many members who supported the fundraiser, our perennial generous sponsors, and the McGill SIS and EBSI (UdeM) student volunteers. ABQLA members serving on the tri-association Organizing Committee were Rosemary Cochrane, Luigina Vileno and Leticia Cuenca.

The Partnership

The Partnership (www.thepartnership.ca) is a collective revenue generating program and service delivery arm for the provincial and territorial associations taking part. The purpose is to strengthen the value of membership in each organization and to contribute to the bottom line. Membership consists of the Presidents, Vice Presidents and Executive Directors from each of the provincial and territorial library organizations. The Ontario Library Association (OLA) serves as the administrative hub for the organization. Meetings are held semi annually (August and February). The two-day summer meeting is held at the OLA office in Toronto and travel costs are subsidized by OLA. The one-day winter meeting is held during the OLA Super conference.

Anne Wade and Julie-Anne Cardella attended the Partnership meetings held August 17-18, 2010 and February 1, 2011 in Toronto. Each meeting included a rapid fire session. Some challenges faced by the associations included: Loss of revenue, difficulty in seeking new Executive members, strategic planning exercises, and the difficulty in organizing annual conferences – some have decided to forego this activity. Updates on each of The Partnership initiatives are listed below.

Certification Program: Currently coordinated by Library Association of Alberta this originated as a pilot program (43 participants) in Alberta in 2007. Based on an Australian program, it is designed to provide a means for library and information specialists (professionals, technicians) to document their professional development activities over a three-year period. The pilot ended in August 2010. All participants were surveyed to learn

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about what worked and what didn't. Following the analysis of the survey results, a report was issued to The Partnership at the February 2011 meeting and various recommendations were put forward. A committee has been struck to conduct a cost analysis of program implementation and database design, hosting and maintenance. The committee will submit a report at the August 2011 meeting.

Job Board (<http://www.libraryjobs.ca>): Coordinated by the BCLA, the Job Board is designed to provide a centralized source for job postings within the library and information sector in Canada and more recently, internationally. It is designed to generate revenues for participating provincial associations. ABQLA provided the French translation of the site. ABQLA received \$500.70 in revenue from the Job Board this past year.

Education Institute (EI) (Mary Jane O'Neill and Jocelyne Andrews): Led by an EI Coordinator hired by OLA and Chair of The Partnership EI Committee, the EI provides online professional development opportunities to members of The Partnership. Each participating association must identify an individual to be a program developer. These nine people provide a core set of programs to the Institute each season. On-line courses and stand-alone workshops and conferences are developed on a profit-sharing formula separate from provincial royalties. Over the years, the popularity of sessions has fluctuated, and the current strategy for having fewer sessions per month works well. Consideration is being given to the repackaging of EI sessions as "EI on the Go".

Jocelyne Andrews attended two telephone meetings with the Education Institute committee in 2010, having taken over the position of liaison from Mary-Jane O'Neill in the latter half of 2010. Mary-Jane had attended three meetings earlier in the year. Very few sessions were held in 2010 due to a lack of staffing within OLA and it is expected that the number of sessions will increase in 2011 with the hiring of a new coordinator, Michelle Arbuckle. For those sessions that did take place last year, notices were forwarded to the ABQLA membership. To date there are three possible speakers proposed by us for 2011. ABQLA received \$295.08 in royalties from the Education Institute in 2010 for a total of \$1,871.42 since 2005.

An online community (OLA Community - <http://www.accessola3.com>) been set up by OLA as a means for information sharing and for ensuring continuity for a group that changes its representation every two years.

Partnership eJournal: This journal is designed to be an outlet for applied and practical research being conducted by Canadian library and information personnel. It is published in an electronic format, twice a year. Anne Wade sat on the Selection Committee for a new editor and sections editors. Given Partnership activities are designed to be revenue-generating, the newly hired editor, David Fox will be asked to pursue advertising in the journal. A report will be made at the August 2011 meeting.

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Other activities under discussion include: **Affiliate Program:** Various possibilities for an affiliate program and **Member Benefits:** Offering company benefits (such as discounts) to members of The Partnership.

Provincial Advisory Council of Teachers of English (PACTE)

On November 24, 2010 Anne Wade represented ABQLA at the first meeting of PACTE which is a committee of the curriculum and evaluation branch of the Québec Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), chaired by Michele Luchs (Interim Coordinator of English Language Arts-curriculum). All of the Quebec English school boards (represented by their English Language Arts or Literacy consultants) sit on this committee, along with representatives from the Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations, Association of Jewish Day Schools, LEARN and a faculty member from McGill. PACTE members were asked to share their perspective on the primary and secondary ELA programs in schools and/or school boards. PACTE members also reported on their literacy initiatives. A new MELS mandate has resulted in a Progression of Learning document for English Language Arts and this document was reviewed by the committee.

Representative on the Organizing and Program Committees for the Conference of the Library and Information Community of Quebec

(Heather Brydon and Lisa Milner)

Lisa Milner and Heather Brydon once again served on the organizing and programs committees respectively. Our association and members continue to benefit from our participation in the organization of this event. Benefits include an increase in the profile of our association, reduced conference fees for ABQLA members and some modest profits which are returned to our association to assist with our activities. The conference provides interesting learning opportunities and a chance to connect with colleagues across the province.

The next annual conference will take place November 30-December 2, 2011 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal. Through the continued work of the nine partner associations, this third edition, "Redefining Information Spaces", will allow participants to reflect upon the metamorphosis taking place in the library community, torn between tradition and modernity. ABQLA has proposed and was accepted to organize a workshop for this conference. Details of the workshop are still being worked on.

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Table des milieux documentaires et archivistiques du Québec (TAMDAQ)

(Lisa Milner)

On January 27th 2010, a special teleconference meeting of TAMDAQ took place. A subcommittee was set up to study the issue of French language e-books in Quebec libraries and to organize a pilot project on possible modalities regarding the distribution of e-books published in Quebec and elsewhere. Mary Jane O'Neill represented ABQLA on this subcommittee known as Colinum (Comité sur le livre numérique).

Members of TAMDAQ met on September 14, 2010 in Montreal. Progress of the Colinum committee was discussed as was the need to educate the government on the roles we play and the current realities we face in the provision of new e-book services and products. A proposal for a cooperative to be created amongst interested members of TAMDAQ was announced. The cooperative would work to share resources such as office space, staffing, communications and various other costs. Five associations altogether decided to move ahead with this joint venture. At this time, costs would likely be much higher than the current administrative costs for ABQLA and we have chosen not to join. Those participating members were announced during the 2010 CMD conference. They hope to be up and running by 2012.

Information about the Réseau de numérisation patrimoniale which wants to work on a plan for a vision for the digitization of the Quebec's cultural heritage. It will seek funding from the provincial government to create a platform that can be used by many different types of institutions.

In November 2010, a letter was sent to *Le Devoir* in response to an article that appeared on November 16, 2010 discussing the promotion of Quebec literature and the various groups with a strong role to play in the "chaîne du livre". Notably missing from this list were libraries and documentation centres. Our letter stated that libraries are valuable resources promoting reading and serve an essential role in the promotion of reading and literature.

On March 8 a letter was sent to Quebec Minister of Culture, Christine St.-Pierre by TAMDAQ in support of ASTED's position paper and that of the Canadian Archives Councils submitted to the committee studying Bill C-32 on Copyright. TAMDAQ supports the protection of the rights of authors but wants the Federal government to allow enough flexibility in the law, so that libraries, archives and documentation centres can continue in their respective missions and continue to meet the needs of their users. A press release was also issued on this topic.

In light of the recent Harper & Collins decision to limit their e-books to a maximum of 26 circulations, on April 11 a letter authored by ABQLA and supported by the eight associations, was sent out by TAMDAQ stating our opposition to this policy.

Marc Beaudoin of the Association des archivistes du Québec will assume the presidency of TAMDAQ for 2011-2012.

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SECTION REPORTS

College and Research Libraries Section

(Eamon Duffy, President and Lindsey Sikora, Vice-President)

The College & Research Section held two events this year. On December 9, we hosted a panel discussion, entitled “Getting Published in the Library World,” at McGill’s School of Information Studies. We were joined by Lorie Kloda, Megan Fitzgibbons, Joan Bartlett and Jared Wiercinski, each of whom talked about his or her experience writing and submitting articles to library journals. They provided helpful advice about collaboration with other librarians, choosing a journal, interacting with editors and the writing process. An active question and answer period followed their presentations. This event was a great success, and was well attended by tenure-track librarians currently preparing their dossiers.

For our second event, the College & Research Sections decided to try something a bit different. We participated in a fundraiser, hosted by the Quebec Writer’s Federation and the McGill Faculty Club, to benefit the QWF’s “Writers in the Community” program. The event consisted of a trivia quiz, with teams answering questions on literary topics for the chance to win prizes. It was an evening full of laughs and excitement, and all for a good cause. At the end of the night, one team of librarians finished in fourth place, and took home a collection of novels by Quebec authors.

Public Libraries Section

(Melissa Tomecz, President and Karen Biskin, Vice-President)

Two *Dewey Divas* events were held in 2010 by the Public Libraries Section with a third event still planned for early Spring of this year. Two of the Dewey Divas, Maylin Scott from Random House and Rosalyn Steele from HarperCollins, came to entertain a group of enthusiastic and eager librarians on Jun. 2nd, 2010 for a 7:00pm talk at the Westmount Public Library. Many school librarians were excited because they were finally able to attend, since they are not always able to come for the annual one that usual happens in the morning during the Fall. There were a good number of librarians that showed up and enjoyed the information and the free advanced reading copies of certain books. It was a different twist to hold the event in the evening during springtime, and very much appreciated as well.

The other Dewey Divas event took place on Oct. 26th, 2010 from 9:00-12:00 at the Westmount Public Library. This time, six of the Divas representing their publishers, shared their picks with the interested crowd. Librarians from public and school libraries had the pleasure of listening to Maylin Scott, Janet Murie, Rosalyn Steele, Lahring Tribe, Susan Wallace, and Susan Menchinton. The turn-out was a success as usual, and everyone went away with smiles and books! For more information about the Dewey Divas, keep checking their web page: <http://deweydivas.blogspot.com/>

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There is a Reader's Advisory event that is in the works for May. The section plans to have an informal session where attendees will listen to Côte Saint-Luc Public Librarians Tanya Abramovitch and Janine West speak about the hot authors for popular genres. Registrants will be encouraged to ask questions and share their thoughts, while socializing with colleagues and friends in a comfortable setting. The talk is equally meant for professional development as much as for personal interests. Stay tuned for upcoming details on the ABQLA website.

School Libraries Section

(Beverly Graham, President and Shannon Wallace, Vice President)

On November 22, 2010, the School Library Section partnered with the Youth Section to invite members and the public to a reading by award-winning young adult author, Walter Dean Myers. This event, planned and hosted by Maria Varvarikos at Lower Canada College, garnered a great turnout. After the reading, ABQLA invitees had the chance to meet with the author, get copies of his works signed, and enjoy refreshments.

Youth Section

(Heather Brydon, President and Ekaterina Valkova-Damova, Vice-President)

The Youth Section of the ABQLA organizes activities for members working in school and public libraries, and others interested in library services for youth. In November 2010, and in conjunction with both the School Libraries Sections and Lower Canada College's Speaker Series, author Walter Dean Myers spoke to our members about his life and his writing. For the first time in many years, the Youth Section did not host a Book Week author visit, as this yearly event has moved from the fall to the spring. Watch for the return of a Youth Section sponsored author visit for the 2012 edition of the TD Canadian Children's Book Week.

McGill ABQLA Student Chapter

(Amber McNair, President)

Student Orientation and Pizza Lunch (in collaboration with other student groups) (August 30th 2010)

- Students from 2009-2010 ABQLA Student Chapter Executive committee presented the merits of joining professional associations to incoming first year students. Second year students volunteered by serving new students a pizza lunch.

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ABLQA Student Chapter Saturday Hike Up the Mountain (September 4th 2010)

- To welcome new students to SIS, the ABQLA Student Chapter organized a walk from the SIS building on Peel Street to the top of Mount Royal to eat lunch, sightsee and discuss association involvement and the MLIS program with new students. 7 students participated in this event.

MLISSA Student Association BBQ (September 10th 2010)

- The BBQ was organized as social networking event to promote the six student associations offered to McGill SIS students. This event was also meant as an opportunity to encourage interaction between the new first year students and the second year students. The ABQLA Student Chapter members spoke with students and highly encouraged attendance at the ABQLA Fall Kick Off event.

ABQLA Student Chapter First General Meeting and Elections (September 15th 2010)

- A large turn out of interested students at this meeting and a willingness to expand the executive in numbers resulted in the decision to allow two people share each position.
- Students voted to fill open positions on Executive Committee
 - ◇ Beth Potter :Co-Vice-President
 - ◇ Kat Daniels: Co-Vice-President
 - ◇ Sabrina Hepworth: Co-Secretary/Treasurer
 - ◇ Anne-Marie Quiring: Co-Secretary/Treasurer
 - ◇ Morgan Eaton: Co-Communications Officer
 - ◇ Adele Flannery: Co-Communications Officer

Executive Committee Meeting (October 20th 2010)

- First meeting of the executive to discuss ideas for the upcoming year.
- Planning for Halloween Bake Sale

Student Chapter Financial Request at ABLQA Board Meeting (October 27th 2010)

- President of the ABQLA Student Chapter explained financial situation and requested help from the Association.
- The request and vote taken from the Minutes of the Board Meeting, October 27, 2010:

Amber McNair requested that the Association provide the student chapter with a small budget for activities. Last year the group incurred a debt as a result of an event that failed to prove auto financing.

Motion: Anne Wade moved that the Association provide \$100 annually to the ABQLA McGill Student Chapter. Seconded: Heather Brydon. Carried.

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Halloween Bake Sale – ABQLA and Multilingual Children’s Library (October 28th and Friday October 29th 2010)

- Along with another student group, the Multilingual Children’s Library, we organized a bake sale
- Planning was mainly done through Google Doc sign up sheets as to student group members to sit at the tables and bake goods for the sale
- Payment for baked goods was by donation
- Bake sale was a success financially and students enjoyed selling the baked goods

Executive Committee Meeting (November 12th 2010)

- Meeting of the executive to discuss and plan upcoming events
- Began ideas and planning of a public libraries talk

SIS Forum on the Future of the School of Information Studies (November 15th 2010)

- Two ABQLA Student Chapter members we asked to participate in round table discussions with employers and faculty about the future of the curriculum at SIS

Code Fundraiser (December 8th 2010)

- One student member of the executive volunteered to serve dinner and wash dishes at the CODE dinner

Executive Committee Meeting (January 19th 2011)

- Students met to discuss ideas for upcoming semester and the Panel Discussion: Careers in Public Libraries

Executive Committee Meeting (February 2nd 2011)

- Students met to finalize communication details, promotion and baking for upcoming Panel Discussion: Careers in Public Libraries

Panel Discussion: Careers in Public Libraries with Lora Baiocco, Heather Brydon and Joanne De Groot. (February 9th 2011)

- Panellists were asked to share about their work experiences and tips for applying for jobs in public libraries
- Very positive feedback was received from students about this event
- This event was very well attended, with 20 students making up the audience in Room 106 of the SIS building.
- Cookies and juice were served

Zotero Workshop with Liaison Librarians Megan Fitzgibbons and Graham Lavender (March 9th 2011)

- The use of Zotero, an open source citation management software, is of interest to many

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students and this event was attended by 14 people, including two PhD students from SIS.

- ABQLA Student Chapter members worked with Megan Fitzgibbons to communicate and promote this event

NAFTA Visas for Information Professionals with Liaison Librarians Megan Fitzgibbons and Jill Boruff (March 23rd 2011)

- A talk was given for students who are American citizens interested in working in Canada and Canadian citizens interested in working in the United States.
- Experiences, advice and resources were shared by the speakers
- ABQLA Student Chapter members worked with Megan Fitzgibbons to communicate, promote and book a location this event
- This event was attended by 6 students. Offering an event this late in the semester likely led to lower attendance
- Notes and the handout of resources was emailed to students who were very interested but unable to attend

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives Committee

(Rosemary Cochrane and Janet Ilavsky)

Janet Ilavsky and Rosemary Cochrane continued to update the ABQLA Archives collection to 2007 and accepted files dated 2008 and 2009.

Janet and Rosemary also finished proofreading the French and English versions of the 1987 ABQLA By-Laws, keyed in by Genevieve Gore, and updated the text to include amendments approved in 1991 and 1992. Preliminary drafts of the digitized version were submitted to the Board of Directors in January 2011. The digitized version is a welcome asset, as it will allow for more efficient updating of the text whenever incorporation of future amendments becomes necessary.

Communications Committee (formerly *Bulletin* and Publications)

(Lora Baiocco, Ashley Baker, Antonella Ferraro, Christelle Felx, Megan Fitzgibbons, Dongwook Kim, Luisa Niño, David Pickup, Shamron Spence)

This year, the Bulletin Committee and Web teams merged to better support the communications needs of the Association. The merged teams are often referred to as the Communications Committee.

The team published three issues of the *ABQLA Bulletin* this year. The *Bulletin* was published in print and online as a pdf. The merger of the teams this year resulted in an HTML

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version of the publication directly on the ABQLA website. The team is pleased to offer a more visible, accessible, and flexible online format to the association through the Drupal platform. Because of the new online format, the *Bulletin* now follows a continuous publishing schedule whereby articles are posted shortly after they are submitted to the *Bulletin* editorial team.

David Pickup led the web initiatives attending two Drupal workshops with Michael Schmid. He subsequently trained other members of the committee including new website interns, Shamron Spence and Dongwook Kim. David continued to make improvements to the Association website such as the creation of a sub-site for each ABQLA section and embedding a Facebook box on the homepage.

The committee continued to develop the Communications Policy and created a Job Descriptions document in order to facilitate the operations of the new blended team and the Association's communications objectives.

The team wishes Christelle Felx the best in her future endeavours and thanks her for her work. The team also thanks the *Bulletin* sponsors for their continued support.

Strategic Planning Committee

(Anne Wade (Chair), Julie-Anne Cardella, Rosemary Cochrane, Lisa Milner, Maria Luisa G. Morales, Janine West)

The Strategic Planning Committee met monthly this past year with the goal to formulate a new five-year strategic plan for the Association. The committee reviewed the strategic plans from other associations, as well as our own, along with the comments and suggestions from the 2010 Strategic Planning Town Hall session, and current and selected former ABQLA Board members. The new *Strategic Plan (2011-2016)* includes a vision statement, a revised mission statement, and five goals each with a variety of measurable objectives or action items. The committee recommends that these actions are reviewed annually to ensure the plan is monitored and attainable. The Plan was approved by the ABQLA Board on March 23, 2011 and will be brought forward for approval by the membership at the AGM. This document sets a new direction for ABQLA to ensure our association continues to meet the needs of our diverse membership, and to serve as a leading organization in our province.

Administration

The ABQLA Board extends a warm thanks to Cathy Maxwell, our former secretary, who stepped down from this position in December, 2010. We also thank Margaret Goldik who took on the position of Secretary with lots of energy and enthusiasm. And finally thanks to Janet Ilavsky, our Treasurer, for her continued diligence with managing the Association's finances.

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Treasurer's Report

The 78th Annual General Meeting of the Quebec Library Association was held on May 7th, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Midtown in Montreal. Since then, eight meetings of the Board of Directors have been held: May 26, September 15, October 27, November 24, 2010 and January 26, February 23, March 23, and April 27, 2011.

At last year's Annual General Meeting, Mr. Joseph Tuwaig, Chartered Accountant, was once again nominated to compile the financial records of the Association for 2010. You will find the resulting financial statements in the 2010 Annual Report.

In September 2010 the Board of Directors voted to raise the Secretary's salary from \$5,000 to \$6,000 per annum, effective immediately. This accounts for the slight increase in the Salaries and Benefits expense of the financial statement. The Conference-other expense refers to the cost of sending the President and/or Vice-President as ABQLA's official representatives to Partnership and Canadian Library Association conferences in 2010. Telecommunications expenses include the cost of ABQLA's telephone and Internet access, its annual fee to the web host, and some Drupal training for managing the web site. Generally speaking, expenses in 2010 remained modest.

In April 2010 ABQLA received more than \$7,000 for its joint participation in the organizing of the first Congrès des milieux documentaires du Québec held in November 2009. The 2010 ABQLA conference was also a success due in large part to the ongoing financial support of its sponsors. Section workshops were well attended, self-financed and overall showed a small profit for the year. Online access to the *Bulletin*, as well as print copies made available three times in the year, allowed that service to once again operate at a profit.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Executive Secretary Cathy Maxwell for her management of the daily financial transactions of the Association in 2010. I also would like to thank the Board of Directors for their hard work and effective planning, which made 2010 a very successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Ilavsky
Treasurer



ABQLA 2010 MEMBERS

Personal 127 * Institutional 18 * Corporate 3 * Total 148

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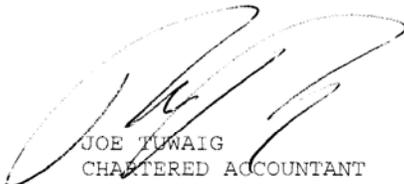


JOSEPH TUWAIG C.A.

NOTICE TO READER

On the basis of information provided by management, I have compiled the balance sheet of Quebec Library Association as at December 31, 2010 and the statement of revenues and expenses for the year then ended. I have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, I express no assurance thereon. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Prior to compiling the association's financial statements, this accounting firm prepared several journal entries which have a material effect on these financial statements.



JOE TUWAIG
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Montreal, Quebec
May 4, 2011

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QUEBEC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2010
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	2010	2009
ASSETS		
Cash and term deposits - QLA	\$36,343	\$25,514
Accounts receivable - CHRISTMAS FUND	110	213
Accounts receivable - WORKSHOPS	60	26
Accounts receivable - BULLETIN	-	156
Accounts receivable - GENERAL	129	-
Prepaid expenses	<u>17</u>	<u>37</u>
	<u>\$36,659</u>	<u>\$25,946</u>
 LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		
Accounts payable - QLA	\$ 1,762	\$ 1,924
Accounts payable - CHRISTMAS FUND	1,621	1,600
Membership advances - QLA	140	140
Conference sponsors advances	<u>-</u>	<u>640</u>
	3,523	4,304
Surplus	<u>33,136</u>	<u>21,642</u>
	<u>\$36,659</u>	<u>\$25,946</u>

Approved on behalf of the Association

JOSEPH TUWAIG C.A.

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QUEBEC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	2010	2009
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		
Revenue		
Memberships	\$11,850	\$11,430
Royalties	796	167
Government grant	-	-
History publications	40	495
Interest income	<u>92</u>	<u>46</u>
	<u>12,778</u>	<u>12,138</u>
Expenses		
Salaries and benefits	5,720	5,339
Conference - other	1,624	1,152
History publication expenses	123	1,691
Office	1,190	1,364
Postage	263	338
Telecommunications	1,067	1,021
Professional fees	1,235	1,157
Associations, memberships and sponsorships	-	100
Bank charges	13	6
Donations	102	90
Miscellaneous	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>11,346</u>	<u>12,258</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses - GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$ 1,432</u>	<u>\$ (120)</u>
WORKSHOPS		
Revenue	\$ 229	\$ 657
Expenses	<u>73</u>	<u>15</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses - WORKSHOPS	<u>\$ 156</u>	<u>\$ 642</u>

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	2010	2009
CONFERENCES		
Revenue		
ABQLA	\$22,755	\$ 7,141
CDMDQ	<u>7,430</u>	<u>-</u>
	30,185	7,141
Expenses	<u>20,656</u>	<u>1,917</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses - CONFERENCE	<u>\$ 9,529</u>	<u>\$ 5,224</u>
 FALL KICK-OFF		
Revenue	\$ 174	\$ 1,125
Expenses	<u>279</u>	<u>1,024</u>
Excess of expenses over revenue - FALL KICK-OFF	<u>\$ (105)</u>	<u>\$ 101</u>
 BULLETIN		
Revenue	\$ 1,248	\$ 1,284
Expenses	<u>759</u>	<u>820</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses - BULLETIN	<u>\$ 489</u>	<u>\$ 464</u>

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	2010	2009
CHRISTMAS FUND		
Revenue	<u>\$ 2,909</u>	<u>\$ 2,594</u>
Expenses		
General	1,195	977
Donation - Other	100	-
Donation to CODE	<u>1,621</u>	<u>1,600</u>
	<u>2,916</u>	<u>2,577</u>
Excess of expenses over revenue - CHRISTMAS FUND	<u>\$ (7)</u>	<u>\$ 17</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	\$11,494	\$ 6,328
SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>21,642</u>	<u>15,314</u>
SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$33,136</u>	<u>\$21,642</u>