

## CHLA/ABSC Chapter President's Report

**Official Chapter Name:** Saskatchewan Health Libraries Association

**Operating year for this report:** June 2006 – May 2007

**Number of Members :** 27

### **Executive for the operating year being reported on:**

President/Présidente : Mary E. (Marybeth) Gaudette  
Vice présidente/Vice-President : Not Applicable  
President-Elect/ Présidente-élu: Jeff Mason  
Présidente sortante/Past President: Susan Powelson  
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Trésorière/Treasurer: Not Applicable  
Editor/ Rédactrice: Not Applicable  
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Other Officers: Secretary-Treasurer: Chasity Berast  
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### **OUTLINE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ON WHICH YOU ARE REPORTING:**

2006-2007 was a period of membership growth for SHLA, with membership increasing over last year by 18 percent. Currently the Chapter has 27 members, two of which are institutional memberships.

The Prince Albert Parkland Health Region's Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert was the site of the September 26, 2006, Fall Meeting, at which eleven members attended. The educational program consisted of 1) a talk by Dr. Thomas Smith-Windsor on the University of Saskatchewan's College of Medicine's Rural Family Medicine curriculum and the research needs of residents enrolled in that program, 2) a presentation by member Marybeth Gaudette on free, online professional development resources for librarians; and 3) an audio conference presentation from the Education Institute on marketing electronic resources. During the business portion of the meeting, a provision was added to the SHLA Constitution stating that in the event the Chapter disbands, its funds will be distributed to the Saskatchewan Libraries Association.

Eighteen members attended the Annual General Meeting held April 4, 2007, at the Health Sciences Building on the University of Saskatchewan campus in Saskatoon. During the business portion of the meeting, Christine Neilson was elected President-Elect and Charles Wood was elected Secretary-Treasurer for the 2007-2008 membership year. The educational portion of the meeting consisted of a four-hour workshop on advanced PubMed searching techniques, which was taught by Holly-Ann Burt, an official trainer from the U.S. National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Eighteen members and three non-members participated in the training. A \$900 grant from the CHLA Chapter Initiative Fund helped make the workshop possible.

A successful experiment using a wiki as a communications tool helped to expedite the work of the SHLA Executive Committee, whose members live in different parts of the Province. With the cooperation and assistance of the Saskatchewan Provincial Library, the Committee initiated a project to create a private members' space on the SHLA web site. Two of the Committee's members had book reviews published in the *JCHLA*. SHLA member Susan Powelson served as CHLA/ABSC Vice President.

Respondent's name: Mary E. (Marybeth) Gaudette

Date: April 13, 2007