

CHLA/ABSC Chapter President's Report

Official Chapter Name: Northern Alberta Health Libraries Association (NAHLA)

Operating year for this report: October 2009 – September 2010

Number of Members : 27

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OUTLINE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ON WHICH YOU ARE REPORTING:

So far, this year has been a busy and fulfilling one for the Northern Alberta Health Libraries Association. The NAHLA Annual General Meeting was held on September 22, 2009. The following new officers were appointed to the executive: Dagmara Chojecki, President; Thane Chambers, Vice-President; Trish Chatterley, Past President; Dale Storie, Treasurer; and Linda Slater, Secretary.

Two motions were passed at the AGM. NAHLA now has a student executive member. The student holds an ex officio role within the executive. This year, we have two students sharing the position. Both Erica Wright and Maria Tan are students at the School of Library of Information Studies at the University of Alberta. The members also agreed to a Continuing Education Award of \$300 to be made available to members to support their professional development.

Programming

In November, two events were held. First was a session on point of care resources where a large number of resources were reviewed and discussed. The handout for this event can be retrieved from <http://www.nahla.ca/eventarchive.html>. Continuing with our members' interest in mobile devices, NAHLA hosted the Medical Library Association's webcast *Cut the Cord: Connecting our Mobile Users*.

Following the success of last year's collaborative Leading Edge session on project management with the Greater Edmonton Library Association (GELA), NAHLA continued to collaborate with other local library associations. To support our members' professional development GELA and NAHLA sponsored a series of workshops on a variety of topics throughout January to March. The following workshops were held:

- Resume preparation presented by Christine Gertz, Library and Information Specialist at CAPS.
- Dealing with role conflict in the workplace presented by Margaret Law, Associate University Librarian, International Relations at the University of Alberta.
- Interviewing from the Other Side of the Table presented by Kathleen de Long, Associate University Librarian, Human Resource Management/Teaching and Learning, University of Alberta and Louise Reimer, Director Library Services, Edmonton Public Library.
- NAHLA worked with both GELA and the Library and Information Studies Alumni Association to host a session on writing for clarity; presented by David Lloyd of Wordsmith Associates.

For a more health sciences librarianship focus, Linda Slater presented a Leading Edge session on searching for qualitative research in February.

This year's TRENDS Mini-Conference was held on Friday April 23rd. The keynote speaker was Susan Starr, Editor of the Journal of the Medical Library Association. Obianuju Mollel, Alberta Health Services; Linda Seale, JW Scott Health Sciences Library; and Peggy Yeh, Alberta Government Library, gave a panel discussion on collection development in Health Libraries. In addition, librarians from the Calgary Health Region presented on creating a health information network for different client groups who

work in different locations while Trish Chatterley and Liz Dennett spoke about creating and maintaining the Database of Online Health Statistics.

For fun this year, we held our annual Holiday Lunch in early December. In July we are also planning to hold a Zumba group fitness class for members, with drinks to follow.

Member Survey

In January 2010, we surveyed our members to determine how best NAHLA can meet their needs. Members were asked about the types of programming and continuing education opportunities they would like to see. In addition, we asked members about the most effective ways to communicate with them. Thanks to our members we now have information we look forward to using in our future events and programs.

Member Profile

NAHLA members are a diverse and dynamic group. To display this, we have created a member profile on our website <http://www.nahla.ca>. Please check regularly to learn more about our individual members.

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