

SOLS Board Summary

June 2004

Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Acclaimed

The annual elections for the positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson were scheduled for this meeting. Susannah Ketchum was returned as Chairperson and Audrey Lawrence Vice-Chairperson both through acclamation.

New Board Appointments

Alan McEwen was elected to the Board at the Trustee Council 2 meeting in April. He fills a vacancy left by the resignation of George Deshpande. Alan is a trustee from the St. Catharines Public Library.

Lynda McKittrick was elected at the Trustee Council 8 meeting, filling a vacancy left by the resignation of Beverley Rix. Lynda is a trustee from the Augusta Township Library.

Patricia Waters-Holst was elected at the Trustee Council 7 meeting. She is filling a vacancy left by the resignation of Lynn Campbell. Patricia is a trustee from the Petawawa Public Library

Assurance of Funding - MPP Visits

One of the four jobs of the Board is assurance of funding through advocating the provincial government for optimal funding and pursuing a variety of funding and resource development activities that support SOLS' Ends priorities.

The Board has launched a program to visit all MPPs whose ridings overlap SOLS' service area as well as most Cabinet Ministers. A total of 77 visits are planned and twenty-one visits have been completed to date.

Assurance of Funding - Fundraising

The Board also established a Gifts Committee at the June meeting. The role of the committee is to:

- 1) Develop organizational capacity to raise funds through individual donations.
- 2) Develop donors willing to give to SOLS.
- 3) Raise \$30,000 for SOLS' 05/06 budget.

The first meeting of the new committee is June 15 and they will be working on developing the case for support, the marketing strategy, recognition vehicles, and developing a canvassing team.

Ends Policy Development

The Board continued work on Ends policies for SOLS and approved the following statements.

Mission: SOLS exists so that there is a strong system of effective and efficient public libraries enabling equitable access to library services for Ontarians.

A strong system of effective and efficient public libraries is further interpreted to include:

- 1) Libraries collaborate to make the most effective use of resources.
 - a) Libraries are connected together in a network which enables access to a full range of information resources.
 - b) Libraries can acquire a wide range of goods and services cost effectively.
- 2) Libraries are equipped to meet future challenges and opportunities.
 - a) Libraries are able to meet the Ontario Public Library Guidelines for Accreditation.
 - b) Library trustees and staff have the skills, information and guidance they need to govern, advocate, plan and operate effectively.
 - c) Libraries work together to achieve shared goals.
- 3) Stakeholders are kept informed of the value of libraries.

The CEO will be seeking input on these Ends statements from client libraries through key informant interviews over the summer.

Provincial Marketing – Library Booth at AMO

SOLS Board continues to support the Provincial Marketing Committee's efforts at the annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference. In addition to a financial contribution, SOLS Board members participate in staffing the booth. This year our volunteers are Audrey Lawrence, Jim Neill and Susannah Ketchum.

Operational Plan Quarterly Update

An update on various operational items on SOLS' services is available on SOLS' Website at www.sols.org.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of SOLS' Board is scheduled for Saturday September 11, 2004, location to be confirmed.