



**Canadian Special Interest Group on Literacy
Meeting Minutes, St. Louis, July 20, 2015**

Present: Mike Bowden, Garth Brooks, Lorraine Giroux, Carol Hryniuk Adamov

Carol Hryniuk Adamov, designated Chair by Sandra Quayle, circulated the agenda and minutes from New Orleans. Adoption of the Agenda, with the addition of next year's proposal for the CSIG-L, was moved by Lorraine Giroux, seconded by Mike Bowden. Adoption of the Minutes with the grammatical change of 'their' to 'its' excellent presentation, was moved by Garth Brooks, seconded by Mike.

Business/Discussions arising from the Minutes: It was noted that the Data Management tool for councils and SIGs has not been set up at this time. At the central SIG meeting, attended by Mike, there was interest in having one SIG rather than separate ones. At today's meeting, the group expressed concerned about this idea. The minutes from the SIG will be sent to Garth and he will forward it to us.

Reports:

Chairperson's Report: Sandra sent her regrets for not being to come to St. Louis. She thanked members for their good work promoting literacy in their area and asked that we continue. Sandra also encouraged us to 'beat the bushes' for new members by the end of the month to keep our numbers up. She wished Dorothy Morrow and Diane Beettam a happy retirement and thanked them for all their hard work.

Membership Report: Dorothy's report was delivered by Garth. Few new members were received in St. Louis. MCRC executive has group memberships. (Carol will remind Arlene to forward these.) We discussed what actions to take with people who haven't paid their current membership. Mike suggested that we keep a separate list serve of those who have paid and those who haven't paid. We would then keep a roster with information about the non-paying members for 3 years. One other discussion item was making our fiscal year end in July to coincide with the new ILA conference schedule.

The numbers for Sandra's report stand at 149 current members. It's important that we have a reminder to renew on website and Garth will send a reminder after the conference to renew.

Treasurer's Report: Diane sent her report. Garth and Shirley are now planning on being co-treasurers. Garth cautioned that the amount may not reflect the true amount for membership as there was concern that Diane may not have collected the full information to date. Diane has to turn over materials to new treasurers.

The acceptance of executive members' reports as submitted was moved by Mike, seconded by Lorraine.

Canadian Reception: Noted items were: there were several events at the same time which may have kept the attendance low; whole groups of teachers from Hutterite colonies in Manitoba attended; general agreement that all liked the author's inclusion; and there was a group of people at a Secondary Reading table. We agreed to keep this event on a Sunday night as there will be baseball game in Boston that may conflict with a Saturday event and the time will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. If Lori Rogg and Paul Kropp attend the Boston ILA, we could ask them to attend and do a reading. Garth offered thanks to everyone who assisted. Thank you, once again, to Garth for all his efforts in organizing this event.

Updates/Highlights:

- a) We need to encourage more Canadians to sit on ILA committees. Remember you can self-nominate. Mike will put a link on the website. The deadline will be October 15th for CSIG-L Newsletter and it will be emailed on November 1.
- b) Mike will be working on a new website for the Indigenous SIG.
- c) Presentations by Ontario Ministry of Education team at the CSIG session was an excellent modelling of teamwork.
- d) Dorothy's retirement was noted.
- e) We plan to continue to collaborate with Secondary Reading SIG. Carol will contact Julie Meltzer about information to publicize our reception and our program.
- f) Carol has completed her co-chairing of Adolescent and Adult Literacy Committee for IRA and will remain.

Elections:

Chair of Canadian Special Interest Group – Literacy - Sandra will remain.

Vice-Chair – Garth nominated Lorraine, seconded by Mike.

Treasurer – Shirley and Garth were nominated by Mike, seconded by Lorraine.

April 29, 2016 Amendment – Donna McCormick and Garth Brooks were nominated as new treasurers of C SIG-L

Moved by Lorraine Giroux Seconded by Sandra Quayle CARRIED

Membership – Garth was nominated by Mike, seconded by Lorraine,

The above placement of positions was moved by Mike and seconded Garth.

Carol thanked us for staying being faithful and working onsite, serving and doing followup.

CSIG Program Next Year: Elmwood High is planning on coming with their team. Donna Haydey has offered to present research. Lorraine recommended only a short section on demographics to begin. Carol stated that the presentation could be done by stations, with introduction by the chair and then have a breakout room. The planning group aims for the end of August for the details to be defined.

Adjournment: The meeting concluded at 1:45.