

CHLA/ABSC Chapter President's Report

2003-2004

Official Chapter Name: Wellington Waterloo Dufferin Health Library Network

Current Operating Year: April 1 – March 31
Annual General Meeting held in the month of June

Number of members: 15 Institutions

Executive 2003-2004:

President: Elaine Baldwin, St. Mary's General Hospital Kitchener
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Treasurer: Shari Gross, Conestoga College Kitchener

Secretary: Gayle Jessop, Region of Waterloo Public Health

Outline of Activities

The Union List of Serials was published in the fall of 2003. This was the last independent union list as the Network has contracted with a MLIS student, Catherine McNally to enter our holdings into DOCLINE. This was made possible by the CHLA/ABSC "windfall" the Network earned by hosting the CHLA/ABSC Conference 2002 The Spirited Connection.

A presentation in December 2003 by McNally, which explained her project for the Region of Waterloo Public Health and DOCLINE, convinced the Network members to proceed with the project.

The Consortium group has once again agreed to continue subscribing to EBSCOHOST.

The OLA teleconference, "Copyright and the Librarian" was held at St. Mary's General Hospital in March 2003 for the membership.

Membership News

Nancy Pal of Cambridge Memorial Hospital retired in July 2003 and was replaced by Dawn Bombay.

Laura McCartney of Groves Memorial Community Hospital retired in December 2003 and has yet to be replaced.

Shari Gross of Conestoga College will be retiring in July 2004. Her replacement has yet to be named.

Tracy Morgan has replaced Angela Osterreicher from Guelph General Hospital.

Two of our members, Barb Gray from Brant Community Healthcare System and Jackie Stapleton from the University of Waterloo are expecting babies in June 2004.

Elaine Baldwin from St. Mary's General Hospital had a letter read on CBC's Sunday Edition (March 2004) in response to a documentary on librarians forced to go the USA for employment.