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The Board

We're looking forward to seeing you at CAPAL18 in Regina! Our accomplishments over the past several months are as follows:

- We approved the creation of a student chapter at the University of British Columbia.
- We published volume 3 of the [*Canadian Journal of Academic Librarianship / Revue canadienne de bibliothéconomie universitaire*](#).
- We held a webinar on academic freedom, presented by James Turk, Director of the Centre for Free Expression at Ryerson University. A [recording is available](#) on our website.
- We held our first online election for the board of directors. Thank you to those who let their name stand for election and to everyone who voted. We will be welcoming incoming directors Afra Bolefski (University of Manitoba), Maha Kumaran (University of Saskatchewan), Jeff Lilburn (Mount Allison University), and Tracy Zahradnik (University of Toronto).
- We welcomed Tracy Zahradnik as CAPAL Treasurer, replacing Harriet Sonne de Torrens in this role. Thank you to Tracy and to Harriet for your excellent service.

Lisa Richmond, Chair, 2017 - 2018

Advocacy Committee

The CAPAL Advocacy Committee has been primarily occupied with planning a two-part event at the CAPAL/ACBAP 2018 being held in Regina, Saskatchewan: "The MLIS Degree -- Really, Why Bother?" which will be presented in both a panel and subsequent roundtable formats, May 29th, Concurrent Sessions 2A & 3A. The Panel will feature Chris Nicol (University of Lethbridge), Tami Oliphant (SLIS University of Alberta), Toni Samek, (SLIS University of Alberta) and Carol Shepstone (Ryerson University). The intention behind the panel is to interrogate the foundations of the library profession, the profession's relevance to academe, and whether present pedagogical approaches are commensurate with the demands of the academic workplace and emerging critical scholarship.

As well, the Committee crafted for the CAPAL website [an open letter on the Mount Allison University](#) proposal to deprofessionalize leadership of the library and replace this role with a manager lacking an MLIS. It was recently announced that Mount Allison has since backed down from this proposal.

Planning for the 2018 Census of Canadian Academic Librarians has continued with an updated instrument being tested and submitted for ethics approval. The census will be conducted throughout the late spring and summer months.

The Committee anticipates having a great deal to report coming out of the 2018 Conference.

Michael Dudley, Advocacy Committee chair



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Research and Scholarship Committee

Call for Papers

With the long Canadian winter and academic year finally behind us, and some sunlight making its way into our work lives, we hope you find time to think and write. If you do, please keep our [Call for Papers](#) in mind. In a special issue of the *Canadian Journal of Academic Librarianship*, we are gathering diverse perspectives that engage with the question: What is research and scholarship for academic librarians? We hope to unearth uncertainties, highlight points of divergence and convergence about research and scholarship within the profession, and bring other important questions to the fore. *Deadline* for submissions is *July 1, 2018*.

Lecture Series

We also invite you to contact us about our lecture series, which will commence in 2018. Through scholarly, praxis-oriented lectures, the series will inspire librarians to pursue research with a sense of research community in Canadian academic libraries. We are keen to hear your suggestions for lecture topics, and for speakers you've been longing to hear. Please send your thoughts to [Roger Chabot](#).

Melanie Boyd, Research and Scholarship Committee chair



CAPAL18 Dine Around

Interested to grow the conversation beyond the conference? Sign up for the CAPAL18 conference Dine Around!

Who: You! And your conference (ca)pals!

When: May 29th, 2018 at 7pm (reservations under the name: "CAPAL")

What: 8 people is the maximum number of conference goers per restaurant (4 minimum)

How: Please sign up by 12 noon on May 29th.

Link to sign up Doodle:

<https://doodle.com/poll/uaza5mkkdyupxi9c>

Where: Restaurants to choose from:



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The Capitol

Vegetarian and Gluten Free Options (limited)

1843 Hamilton

[restaurant website](#)

Cathedral Social Hall

Vegetarian and Gluten Free Options (limited)

2062 Albert Street

[restaurant website](#)

Fireside Bistro

Vegetarian and Gluten Free Options

2305 Smith St

[restaurant website](#)

Bodega Tapas Bar

Vegetarian options

2228 Albert St.

[restaurant website](#)

Bushwacker Brewpub

Vegetarian and Gluten Free Options (full [gluten free menu](#) including drinks)

2206 Dewdney Ave

[restaurant website](#)

Wann Izakaya Japanese Gastropub

1950 Broad St

[restaurant website](#)

*****Please note, if fewer than 4 people are signed up for any particular restaurant at 12 noon on May 29th, the reservation will be cancelled.*****

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee has continued our work and efforts disseminating internal and external CAPAL communications among our members and to our Canadian colleagues at large. Our work primarily focuses on sharing news and activities of interest to those working as professional academic librarians in Canada or those interested in the profession. To this end, we work to support other committees and of the Board by sharing updates and other news related to the work of the association.

A current focus of the committee is to create and use graphics for events and initiatives in order to develop brand recognition for the association. We have also taken responsibility for the shared CAPAL email account, and developed a draft retention policy to be shared at the next board meeting.

One area of weakness of the committee is the lack of a bilingual member. While we are appreciative of the work of the translator we have used for the past several years, and conscious of the labour translation takes, translation also takes time. As a bilingual association, it is difficult to provide all updates in both official languages. We will continue to use the translator when appropriate until the time in which we have a member willing to translate smaller communications; however, we are not actively seeking that member out and hope that an interested party will volunteer.

Following the conference, the Communications Committee will develop a strategy for the upcoming year. If you are interested in becoming involved in the work of the Communications Committee, please don't hesitate to [get in touch](#).

Kevin Tanner, Communications Committee chair

Keep in touch with CAPAL/ACBAP!



Student Committee

In December the Student Committee collaborated with the Research and Scholarship Committee to revise, update and draft documents related to student participation at the annual conference. In particular, we are proud to be offering a mentorship initiative this year to support student members who will be presenting at the conference. Please offer your encouragement and welcome to any student members you meet this year at CAPAL18!

In response to demand from our chapters for promotional materials to use at their events, the Communications Committee have reformatted a CAPAL poster into a printable format for use by the student chapters. The poster is being translated into French and we hope to follow this with a bookmark-sized version that can be handed out to increase student membership in the LIS schools.

The committee continues to publish its newsletter, [Emerging Academic Librarians in Canada](#), on a monthly basis and send it by email to student members throughout Canada.

Finally, we are happy to announce the formation of a new student chapter at the University of British Columbia. The chapter hopes to be operational and hosting events by the fall of 2018. Welcome UBC!

Sarah Shaughnessy, Student Committee chair

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the results of CAPAL's first online election. The following members were elected to the Board of Directors for terms from 2018-2021:

Maha Kumaran (University of Saskatchewan)

Afra Bolefski (University of Manitoba)

Tracy Zahradnik (University of Toronto)

Jeff Lilburn (Mount Allison)

The nomination period was open from January 12 through to February 04, 2018. The election ran from March 19, 2018 to March 26, 2018. 52% of eligible CAPAL members cast a vote. These new board members will begin their terms at the first meeting of the Board after CAPAL 2018.

The Nominating Committee itself is in need of rejuvenation. If you are interested in elections and governance please reach out to the [CAPAL Nominating Committee](#). We need you!

Jeff Newman, Nominating Committee chair

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is committed to serving our CAPAL members and committees through our service and resources. This past year was focused on growing the membership directory, as well as revisiting our membership categories to ensure they accurately reflect our membership. In addition, we welcomed a fourth member to the committee. Afra Boleski (University of Manitoba) joined us in the New Year and has been a valued addition to the committee.

Our membership demonstrated some changes from past trends. There was a decrease in overall membership (10%) in the past year. However, the number of Regular employed members has increased by 6%. These trends will inform our long-term planning for the 2018-2019 membership year.

As my 2016-2018 term as Chair ends, I am grateful to the membership for their continuing feedback, as well as the committee for their time and effort. As we are still seeking a Chair for the 2018-2020 term, I encourage those interested to contact the [Membership Committee](#) to discuss this opportunity.

Alison Foster, Membership Committee chair

Education and Professional Development Committee

Our first Community of Practice is wrapping up. Thank you to Carol Leibiger for facilitating our sessions and to Zahra Premji for being the CAPAL moderator. These lively sessions included discussions on fake news, predatory publishing, and the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy. Stay tuned for new Communities of Practice starting in the fall.

These sessions are helping librarians across North America network and meet to discuss common issues and interests.

If you are interested in facilitating a Community Of Practice on a topic of interest to you, please reach out to [Rhiannon Jones](#). Groups meet once every month or two for an hour.

Rhiannon Jones, Education and Professional Development Committee chair

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