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Voting Directors

- Amanda Wheatley (McGill University)
- Carol A. Leibiger (University of South Dakota)
- Justin Fuhr (University of Manitoba)
- Katie Harding (McMaster University)
- Marian Davies (University of Waterloo)
- Aneta Kwak (University of Toronto), Chair
- Kyle Feenstra (University of Manitoba)
- Hannah Tanna (Queen's University)
- Cecilia Tellis (University of Ottawa)

Update on Standing Committees

Welcome to (co)chairs this year:

- Advocacy Committee, Laura Koltutsky
- Communications Committee, Carol Leibiger
- Diversity and Equity Committee, Ben Mitchell (co) and Megan McMeekin (co)
- Education and Professional Development, Helen Power
- Membership Committee, Doug Fox (co) and Tara Mawhinney (co)
- Nominations Committee, Jeff Newman
- Publications Committee, Mark Swartz
- Research and Scholarship Committee, Katie Harding is chairing while Maureen Babb is on leave
- Student Committee, (Vacant)

Welcome to the new treasurer:

- Marta Samokishyn (Saint Paul University)

Update on Partnerships with Other Associations

- **Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA):** Based upon the direction of the AGM 2016, CAPAL/ACBES joined the CFLA-FCAB for a period of three years (to be reviewed on a three-year cycle), for the membership cost of \$300 per year. This cost was and will be applied as a levy in addition to your CAPAL/ACBES membership dues.
- **Canadian Association of Learned Journals:** We have an annual membership with this organization in support of our journal, the Canadian Journal of Academic Librarianship / Revue canadienne de bibliothéconomie universitaire.
- **International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA):** We have been associated with IFLA since ~2013. Early July 2023, CAPAL Board wrote and circulated [statement in opposition to location of IFLA's World Library and Information Congress \(WLIC\) 2024 \(Dubai, United Arab Emirates\)](#). As an IFLA member, CAPAL Board voted in favour of rejecting IFLA 2024 hosting the annual conference in Dubai (United Arab Emirates) and voting "no" for IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) 2024 referendum, as shared in the [message to CAPAL Membership](#). The Board discussed the possibility of withdrawing their membership from IFLA should the conference

continue. The [bid to host the IFLA 2024 Congress in Dubai was withdrawn](#) in early October. The Board voted to renew their membership in IFLA.

- **National Indigenous Knowledge & Language Alliance / Alliance nationale des connaissances et des langues autochtones (NIKLA-ANCLA):** CAPAL joined NIKLA as an institutional member in September 2023, following Board approval.

Update on Student Chapters & Student Support

- Sarah Wood-Gagnon has been serving as the Student Committee Chair and Liaison to the Board
- Update on current active chapters:
 - McGill University Chapter- active in campus events and has recruited new membership
 - Western University Chapter - electing new executives and they recently had a successful end of year event
 - University of Toronto Chapter - has many returning members and they are discussing a social media campaign. They have also been in talks with the Board of Directors about a WordPress site for the student chapters
 - University of British Columbia Chapter – newly started chapter

Update on the Canadian Journal of Academic Librarianship

In 2024, Canadian Journal of Academic Librarianship / Revue Canadienne de bibliothéconomie universitaire, is publishing volume 10, with a Special Issue on Libraries and/as Extraction. The issue is guest edited by Maura Seale (University of Michigan), Nicole Pagowsky (University of Arizona), Rafia Mirza (Southern Methodist University) and Karen P. Nicholson (University of Guelph). Thank you to the guest editors, to our authors, and to our peer reviewers for contributing to another high-quality issue.

CJAL will be issuing a call for co-editors and copy editors -- keep an eye out for the call to go out via the CAPAL listserv, and contact the CAPAL Publications committee (capalpublications@gmail.com) with any questions and applications.

Projects Completed

- Conference Committee organized CAPAL24 on Sustainability and Shared Futures in Academic Libraries, held virtually following the 2023 decision to alternate between in-person conferences with Congress and online conferences held solely by CAPAL
- CAPAL Awards Committee Working group developed the Terms of References, selection criteria and guiding rubrics for three new CAPAL awards, the Early Career Researcher Award, the Student Paper Award, and the Contributions to the Association Award
- Continue to work towards a financially healthy CAPAL, by increasing revenues, membership and reviewing costs, as well as creating investments.
- Will continue to develop better experiences for membership by responding to issues as they arise.

Projects in Progress

- Board has voted in favour of transitioning banking from BMO to TD Canada Trust, as recommended by the Treasurer. The Treasurer is working on facilitating this transition.

CAPAL24 Conference

Conference Theme: Sustainability and Shared Futures in Academic Libraries

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Conference Organizing Committee for their dedication, leadership and efforts in bringing together an informative conference.

- **Conference Organizing Committee**
 - Katie Harding (McMaster University), Co-Conference Manager (January – June 2024) and Budget Officer
 - Ariel Stables-Kennedy (McMaster University), Co-Conference Manager (January – June 2024) and Logistics Coordinator
 - Hanna Tanna (Queens University), Co-Communications Coordinator
 - Cecilia Tellis (University of Ottawa), Co-Communications Coordinator

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- Marian Davies (University of Waterloo), Conference Manager (August 2023-January 2024)
- Laura Koltutsky (University of Calgary), Program Chair
- Samantha Zani (University of Toronto), Program Subcommittee
- Ratna Dhaliwal (Dalhousie University), Program Subcommittee
- Caitline Keenan (University of Victoria), Program Subcommittee
- Caitlin Ratcliffe (Red Deer Polytechnic), Program Subcommittee

I would like to take a moment to thank all the Board members, all the Committee Chairs, and all the Committee and Community of Practice facilitators who have served this year. CAPAL has had a successful year thanks to the hard work and dedication of its volunteers, board members, committee members, and members at large. Thank you so much for all you do and for allowing me the privilege of working with you all.

Respectfully submitted,
Aneta Kwak, Chair
On behalf of CAPAL/ACBES Board of Directors, 2023-2024

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