



Annual General Meeting

Thursday June 29, 2017

17 voting members present

1. Approval of AGM 2017 Agenda

Shaunna M. moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Shane A. Motion carried.

2. Approval of AGM 2017 Minutes

Miala E. moved to allow the ELLA Executive to approve the 2017 AGM minutes; this would allow the Executive to post the minutes on the website this year. Seconded by Josette M. Motion carried.

3. Old Business and Reports

- **a. Chair's Report, submitted by Megan S.**
- ELLA is 38 members strong.
- **September** - A discussion-based business meeting, which included asking the ELLA membership for new programming ideas as well as feedback on sessions held during the previous years. We received some great ideas and scheduling information to keep in mind for the months to come!
- **October** - We had our final ELLA meeting in the old Field Law office on Halloween day before they moved! We heard from Bobbi Jo McDevitt from the Alberta Court of Appeal, who offered insight into the different types of appeals and the processes involved.
- **November** - ELLA heard from government information librarian turned copyright librarian, Amanda Wakaruk from the University of Alberta, who unraveled the intricacies of the upcoming Copyright Act review to happen later this year!
- **December** - We had our fabulous Christmas party in The Vintage Room at Sutton Place Hotel! There were appetizers and drinks galore, all in good company, of course!
- **January** - Field Law hosted our first meeting of the New Year in their brand new office. We heard from Tom O'Reilly and Shohini Bagchee of Field Law who spoke about The Patently Non-Obvious World of Patents and The Tradecraft of Trademarks.
- **February** - Gisele Abt from Alberta Queen's Printer provided us with updates on the many projects and prospects of the Alberta Queen's Printer, including their involvement with the Alberta Open Government Program!

- **March** - After consulting with the ELLA membership over the course of several months, we made the switch from Doteasy to a more cost-effective, and overall more effective web-hosting service with GoDaddy, with thanks to our Web Manager, Jennifer Schell! At the March meeting, we heard from Gary Weber and Kirk MacLeod on the Alberta Open Government program in terms of Open Information and Open Data!
- **April** - A newer member to ELLA, Angela Ashton spoke to the membership about her market research findings and how legal research complements where the legal practice is headed.
- **May** - We decided to take a break from programming for the month of May. The CALL/ACBD Annual Conference took place in Ottawa and the WILU Conference came to Edmonton!
- **June** - Today, we hold our AGM and Election. As I end my term as Chair of the Edmonton Law Libraries Association, I want to thank my excellent Executive – Jane, Ana, and Jennifer and the general ELLA membership for their support over the last 2 years. I am excited to see what ELLA holds in the future.

b. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report and Financial Statement, submitted by Jane S.

- An Interim Statement of Income and Expenses for both the ELLA accounts was circulated, As of June 20th, 2017 we had \$261.38 more than the same time last year.
- Further expenses before the end of the fiscal year will be the cost of lunch for the AGM and bank maintenance fees from June to August. We are waiting to hear from the Web Master as to any outstanding fees for the website.
- The Annual Return was mailed March 29th. The Proof of Filing has not yet been received; however we did not receive that notice for last year’s return until June 6th, 2016.
- Stacey B. is unable to act as our Auditor for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. A request for a volunteer was put out at the meeting and Sandi M. volunteered to do it.

c. Web Manager’s Report

Jennifer S. was unable to attend the meeting.

d. HeadStart Committee Chair’s Report, submitted by Megan S.

- We held our 15th Annual HeadStart workshop for articling students. This year, I chaired the committee, assisted by Shaunna M., Jane S., Ana S., Josette M., and Gina L. A special thank you to Rick L., Carrie J., and Julie R. for lending a hand to making it a 15th success!
- There were 36 registered for HeadStart this year. Presenters included an opening keynote by the always splendid Justice Côté, and sessions by Benga Shoyele, Shaunna Mireau, Angela Ashton, Robyn Mitchell, and Meris James.
- Based on the feedback from last year’s running of HeadStart, we held the workshop over a day and a half at Edmonton City Hall and the Law Courts. Attendees were mostly articling students with a few library students and librarians in the room. Overall reception of the event was positive and the students indicated that they learned something from attending.

4. New Business

a. Programming 2016-17 Feedback

We heard the following comments:

- Shane A. found the Open Data session to be a positive experience
- Doris W., a new member, found ELLA to be supportive and welcoming

- Julie R. was not able to attend many sessions because of work commitments. This is a problem for all the Courthouse staff at the moment.

b. Programming Suggestions for 2017-18

The following suggestions were brought forward:

- Josette M. had put forward several ideas including sessions with Stacy Rowe, Director of Client Success, from Manzama. They were:
 - Library and Marketing Department Collaboration to boost Business Development Success
 - Law Firm Librarians Bringing Intelligence to Business Development
 - Building a Case for News Aggregation
- An update of Reforming the Family Law Project System (Guest Speaker – Justice Andrea Moen)
- Angela Ashton - Rethinking How Lawyers Seek Information
- Mental Health Court Project
- An information session on the CPLED Program
- A return visit by Dennis Edney
- A talk by Chris Evans, defense lawyer
- Legal Archives of Alberta
- An overview of the legal consortia in Alberta
- A push to get more students out to our sessions
- A review of the updated Municipal Government Act
- A session on linked data
- Michael McNally to speak on FOIP

5. Election of the 2017-19 Executive

- Anke E. has taken on the position of Member-at-Large
- Shane A. has taken on the position of Secretary-Treasurer
- A call for nominations for the position of Chair went out, but no reply was received. The filling of this position was postponed until our meeting in September.

6. Adjournment

Gina L. moved the Annual General Meeting be adjourned; seconded by Doris W. Motion carried.