



Agenda –CNIRAC Meeting
Tuesday, May 1st, 2012, 7:00 – 8:45 a.m.

Meeting Suite 3
Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, 3rd Floor
2233 Martin L King Drive, Chicago IL 60616

1. Welcome, introductions, clarification for voting
Sandra Quayle (SK), Carol Adamov (MB), Garth Brooks (Secretary/Treasurer, ON), Mike Bowden (BC), Lorraine Giroux-chair, Shelley Stagg-Peterson (International Reading Association board member elect – OISE, University of Toronto)
2. Approval of agenda Sandra/Mike
3. Minutes of last meeting Mike/Carol
4. Financial report
 - Canadian Reception Sandra/Mike \$4811 cost - \$4795 raised – publishing companies down – many reading councils generous in donations
 - Garth talked about The Shadowed Road online interactive graphic novel – each representative given bundle of brochures to distribute at provincial events
 - Operating \$6900 balance – few expenses \$3.75/month – website host \$112/year
5. Correspondence concern about starting time 6:00 pm
none
6. Report on Canadian Reception – Garth
Sandra – to thank Canadian Publishers for support
Lorraine – to thank Canadian local and provincial councils for support
7. Business arising from last meeting -
8. Cross-country Updates –Provincial Coordinators /Designates Report
North of 60 – Janet/Michele/Pat Walsh – not present
British Columbia – Mike – no news – superintendent from NT presenting at IPSIG session
Alberta – not present, no report
Saskatchewan – Sandra – successful conference – 400 – Regina, next year Moose Jaw – ministry strict restrictions
Manitoba - busy year, celebrating 30th anniversary Award of Excellence- 2 won Honour Council, membership award – Summit April 25-26, 2013 in Winnipeg hosted by MRA –

www.readingmanitoba.org Mike to post – on CNIRAC & IP – anniversary first Sat in June - support of CNIRAC & C-SIG – Sarah had to cancel – Melissa Hochman author – Victoria Risko came to Summit, visited schools

Ontario – dormant – hope to revitalize – Toronto Council is also dormant, Shelley on Board, Carrice supports ON – niche leadership - Lorraine moving to TO – perhaps promising - TRC – Alison Sydney presenting – Wednesday after Rosh Hashanah at OISE

Next year - IRA 58th Annual Convention – April 24-26, 2013 – San Antonio, TX

9. Updates

- a. Website - Mike Bowden - not busy – lately – newsletter – Lorraine leadership – post reception, CNIRAC meeting – emails – have website – don't use it
- b. C- SIG – Dorothy could use leadership article
- c. Indigenous People – website - SIG - Maureen

10. Welcome to Shelley – glad to make it to meeting – Canada has infiltrated board, only states can advertise events – contact David Mangan – contact Sarah – retirement scheduled for end of June – send email addresses to Shelley – some communication problems with IRA/Canadian councils; CDN members lumped in NA– CNIRAC concerned national affiliate would lose provincial councils – research/university component pushing for national affiliate – discussion on TD Bank and reading Initiative – IRA retreat – leadership conferences missed – last one Dallas – pay partial? Reminder to involve Prov Coordinators in discussions concerning national affiliate initiative concerns – Carol Jupiter - ON – Teacher Excellence Award – new representative - must be a practicing teacher deadline Shelley will help – has to be outside ON – Carol/Mike may help – start conversation on Canadian affiliate? Increase student membership 3 years/reduced rate

10. Chairperson's Closing Remarks - enjoyed being chair of CNIRAC, conventions outstanding opportunities to grow – always positive experience

11. Next Meeting – San Antonio – Robina Penney & new Secretary/Treasurer – need 2 people from Calgary as co-signers on CNIRAC account; Awards – Meredyth continue? Or new person for Awards?

12. Meeting Adjournment - Garth