

Canadian Network of International Reading  
**Association Councilso**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003**  
**7:00 – 8:30 am**  
**Salon 13, Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Florida**

Present:

**International Reading Association:** Don McFeely (Leadership Development Associate), Sarah Womble (Leadership Development Associate), Brenda Townsend (Director Council & Affiliate Services)  
**British Columbia:** Shirley Choo (CNIRAC Chair) , Meredith Kezar, Ken Cooper & Bonita Steffler

**Alberta:** regrets

**Saskatchewan:** Lori Rog

**Manitoba:** Carol Hryrniuk-Adamov (CNIRAC Vice Chair), Laurie-Anne Regula, Joan Stevenson

**Ontario:** Garth Brooks

**Canad9an Special Interest Group:** Dorothy Morrow

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1. **Call to order** – 7:05 AM , Chairperson Shirley Choo
  2. **Welcome and Introductions.** Shirley also extended thank you to all the councils/council leaders for their support over the past four years.
  3. **Voting privileges** were noted to be the co-ordinator or designate from each province. (Names underlined in the attendance list above indicate individuals who carried a vote.)
  4. **Minutes of Meeting** held, October 26, 2002 in Vancouver. Motion: Meredith/Garth that the minutes be adopted. Carried.
  5. **Vice Chair Position:** Andrea Hantniuk, Yorkton Saskatchewan has agreed to accept the four -year commitment. Carol offered congratulations and thank you for accepting the position.
  6. **Financial Report** – Joan (for Eileen Froehlich)  
Current balance is \$2251,21. Two cheques for \$150.00 each from North Bay Council and LOMCIRA were submitted as further contributions towards the Canadian Reception, Orlando.

**Motion:** Meredith/Carol that the financial report be accepted. Carried.

**Motion:** Dorothy/Garth that 1000 sheets (one thousand) of stationery be purchased for CNIRAC at a cost of \$85.00. Carried.

## 7. Regional Conference Profits

Conference in Vancouver, October 2002 was a great success; many positive comments

Revenue for Canadian partners will be less than \$50,000.00; accounting is still incomplete (Shirley)

Need to encourage future regional conferences to 'pull councils together

Ken extended congratulations and thank you to Shirley and her committee

## 8. Formation or Activation of Councils

**NWT** – Carol mentioned that currently there is an interest in forming a charter; it is in the working phase. Carol will be visiting there in November, hopefully.

**Yukon** – Carol feels that there is hope of generating IRA membership but no sign of starting a council in the near future.

**Atlantic** – Shirley reported that there is a membership list available and some hope of reactivating the council.

**Quebec**- Garth reported that there is some difficulty in re establishing this council; he will work with that group.

**P.E.I.** – The possibility of setting up a charter council will be discussed at the Leadership Convention (San Diego). It was suggested that perhaps Saskatchewan might consider working with that group.

## 9. International Projects – Garth

**Brochures:** Newly published IRA brochures titled *State, Provincial & Local Councils International Involvement* were distributed. This brochure encourages council involvement at three levels of partnership between two

councils (a) short-term commitment, (b) short-to-long term commitments, and (c) long-term to partnerships.

**Project Love** is a project that supports international development endorsed by CNIRAC. The executive is seeking a contact person from each province. A form was distributed. If a province makes a donation to Project Love, CIDA matches that donation 3:1. Certificates will be given to provinces that donate.

10. **Canadian Reception, Orlando** – Garth

Financial Report was distributed. Total Revenue \$5650.00. Total Expenses \$5635.94 Balance: \$14.00

Discussion: that in future, all councils should be encouraged to make a donation

**Motion:** Dorothy/Meredith that forms be returned to the reception coordinator from each council in advance so that it would be possible to estimate the amount of money available for the Canadian Reception. Carried.

11. **Annual Convention – Toronto 2004**

**Canadian Reception.** Garth stated that it is possible that a larger budget (than Orlando) might be necessary since publishers may be hosting their own receptions and may choose not to contribute. Invitations/requests from councils may need to be sent out earlier AND it was suggested that a proposed budget be drafted and sent to the treasurer in advance.

**Proposals** Deadline postmarked June 2. Sarah Womble mentioned that a breakfast meeting (San Diego, 7:00AM) be set so that Canadians can get together with Melanie Younger to consider ideas/plans for Toronto.

**Promotion** Each council is encouraged to promote the Toronto IRA Conference

An official IRA Letter & Registration form needs to be sent to Superintendents and School Boards in Canada.

Exemplary Reading Awards/ Canadian Applicants. Only one from Canada this year. i.e. from British Columbia. It was noted that provinces must submit an intent-to –participate form in advance of submitting an application for this award.

12. **Multiple Language Literacy Conference.** Posters were distributed announcing the Upcoming conference, September 26-28, 2003 , Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver
13. **Awards Committee.** A committee consisting of Carol, Ken and Meredith was set up to consider Awards for Canadian Research.
14. **C-SIG** – Dorothy mentioned that the current president is Deirdre McConnell of Calgary. Currently there is more than 100 members. Submissions to their newsletter were encouraged.
15. **Breakfast Expense, Orlando.** A collection consisting of \$85.00 US and \$35.00 Canadian was taken up. The balance will be paid by CNIRAC. Shirley will contact Eileen (treasurer) regarding that amount.
16. **Next Meeting** will be held during the Leadership Workshop, San Diego @ 2:00 –3:30 PM on Friday. Co-ordinators are urged to arrive early to attend. (Note: Change to 1:30)
17. **Thank-you Shirley** Carol extended THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to Shirley on behalf of CNIRAC for four years of service as vice-chair and chairperson.
18. **Adjournment.** 8:25 AM

Submitted by

Joan Stevenson, Acting Secretary

