



Minutes
Friday, October 28, 2005
Hyatt Hotel, Calgary, Alberta

Present: British Columbia - Meredyth Kezar
Alberta - Annette Sarginson (Vice Chair)
Saskatchewan-Sandra Quayle (Chair), Pat Selvig
Manitoba- Carol Hryniuk-Adamov, Norma Jones, Eileen Froehlich
Ontario-Garth Brooks
Northwest Territories – Lawrie McKeith
Canadian Special Interest Group on Literacy – Mike Bowden
International Reading Association-Sarah Womble

1. Welcome by Chair Sandra Quayle, introductions & clarification for voting -one vote per province-usually provincial coordinator votes-if absent he or she gives vote to another provincial representative. See underlined names above.
2. Approval of agenda- Moved by Pat, seconded by Meredyth. Carried.
3. Minutes of last meeting, July 18, 2004 Toronto, ON. Moved by Garth, seconded by Annette. Carried.
4. Financial report- Copies distributed by Secretary/ Treasurer Eileen Froehlich. Bank balance to date reported as \$7371.87. Moved by Eileen, seconded by Meredyth. Carried.
 - Motion: Moved by Garth, seconded by Meredyth that Annette be reimbursed for the \$138.25 cost of this CNIRAC meeting. Carried.

5. Business arising from July 18 meeting

- Canadian Authors Cookbook Project – Pat has contacted Susan Lenski. The suggestion was made that each province/territory be asked to contribute a story representative of their jurisdictions. Pat agreed to make these contacts.
- Query from Garth Brooks regarding a suggested motion that \$1000 from general fund monies be transferred to the Canadian Reception account. Secretary/ Treasurer explained that according to the stipulations outlined by the CNIRAC Finance Committee (see May, 2005 Report) and the monies earmarked for the Canadian Reception, the general fund balance of \$308.21 is insufficient to fulfill this request. Eileen reported that as of July 1, 2005 the ledger balance for the Canadian Reception is \$742.72. According to a motion passed at the May4, 2004 meeting the \$742.72 will be used as seed money for the 2006 Canadian Reception. Garth stated that, as in the past, the reception will be on Wednesday night and asked that we encourage attendees to hold that evening open.
- Awards Criteria and Application Form – This was referred back to the committee to send the Criteria along with a draft application form to all Provincial Coordinators for them to provide feedback to Meredyth Kezar who is the chair.

6. Cross-country Updates

- Northwest Territories – Lawrie reported that the North of 60 CIRA has been promised a charter. Eight teachers from the Northwest Territories are attending the Calgary Regional Conference. Sandra thanked Laurie for her diligent work and dedication in achieving this charter.
- British Columbia - Meredyth reported that the provincial conference has been cancelled. The IRA Chiliwack council has been approved.
- Alberta- Annette reported that there is a need in Alberta to encourage a greater number of student memberships. She stated that Alberta council members have been extremely

busy with the Regional Conference. She and her Committees were congratulated for hosting a well-organized, well-attended conference.

- Saskatchewan- Pat reported that Saskatchewan now has a viable website, www.saskreading.org. Two dormant councils are being encouraged to reactivate. Contact has been made with universities to recruit student representatives and to increase student memberships.
- Manitoba- Carol reported that the Reading Council of Greater Winnipeg will be celebrating their 50th anniversary and that MRA will be celebrating their 25th anniversary. MRA is cosponsoring two conferences, Ruth Scott on Spelling and Nell Duke. Efforts are continuing to reactivate a dormant council as well as to form a new council. She also stated that there is currently a call for Reading Clinicians and encouraged further exploration through the Manitoba website, www.readingmanitoba.org.
- Ontario-Garth reported that Ontario councils are busy preparing for the November Celebrate Literacy Regional Conference and invited people to attend.
- Canadian Special Interest Group on Literacy – Mike reported that membership numbers are very good and that C-SIG is guaranteed 2 hours on the IRA program in Chicago.

7. IRA Convention in Chicago – Annual Canadian Reception will be scheduled for Wednesday, May 3. Please send contributions to Eileen as soon as possible.

8. Website – Sandra urged provinces to send contributions to Gloria in order to make the CNIRAC a viable entity. Gloria's email address is antg@sasktel.net

9. Project Love – Garth requested that Project Love be advertised and encouraged in all schools. Councils are also encouraged to make monetary donations which are matched in triplicate by the Canadian Government. Garth stated that if he were invited, he would present Project Love at provincial conferences.

10. Outreach to Eastern Canadian provinces – It was suggested that the Past Chairpersons of CNIRAC undertake the responsibility of contacting Eastern Provinces. Garth volunteered to make contacts in New Brunswick and Carol volunteered to make contacts in Nova Scotia.
11. Sarah Womble stated that she is planning to schedule time for CNIRAC to meet during the day at the July 2006 Leadership workshops.
12. Meeting adjourned at 9:00AM

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Froehlich
CNIRAC Secretary Treasurer
