

Canadian Special Interest Group on Literacy (CSIG-L)
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Room: CC23.
Immediately after the CSIG-L Program
Chicago May 1st, 2012

- I. **Welcome and Introductions.** *Sandra took minutes for the meeting.*
***In attendance:** Carol Hryniuk-Adamov, Marisa Hochman, Mike Bowden, Sandra Quayle*
- II. **Adoption of the Agenda** *Moved by Mike Bowden / seconded Carol Hryniuk-Adamov*
- III. **Adoption of Minutes from 2011 meeting (Orlando)** *Moved by Carol Hryniuk-Adamov / seconded Mike Bowden*
- IV. **Reports:**
Chairperson's Report- *Sandra's report attached to the Agenda – thanks to Katherine Kristalovich and Marisa Hochman for agreeing to assist Carol with the CSIG-L presentation after the delegation from Alberta were unable to attend. They both did an exceptional job. Also a sincere thank you to Carol, for not only carrying the presentation, but for all the help and leadership so graciously given this year. A true leader!*
Special thanks to Dorothy Morrow as our volunteer membership chair and Newsletter editor. We could not function without her assistance. Unfortunately Dorothy's health prevented her from attending. We wish her well in her recovery and hope to see her in San Antonio next year.
The following people were thanked for their various contributions – Diane Beettam (Treasurer), Mike Bowden (webmaster and faithful supporter of all Canadian activities), Garth Brooks (Canadian Reception), Lorraine Giroux (CNIRAC), Sarah Womble and Jane Kline (IRA's LDA's) – and for all their support to CSIG-L.
Congratulations to DR. Shelley Stagg Peterson for her election to the Board of the IRA. We will be working closely with Shelley to promote the Canadian profile within the IRA.
*All members, wherever you are, were urged to remember the **membership drive is on in earnest now until May 28th**. **We need 120 members by the end of May to keep our time at the annual convention.** This is extremely important to keep the Canadian voice. **We have wonderful research and projects developing in our country and need to show the world. This is our opportunity.***
*In that vein, I am calling for proposals to present Canadian content at San Antonio. **If you know anyone who is will to share research or projects please email me an abstract prior to June 15th, 2012. The program needs to be finalized by the end of June.***
Finally, Sandra thanked all our members for their continuing service in promoting literacy within their own communities across Canada and urged everyone to continue piecing together that quilt of experiences that makes every Canadian a literate Canadian.

Membership Report –Dorothy Morrow **Membership Drive is on. Please submit to Dorothy by May 28, 2012** *Dorothy's written report is on file. She urged everyone to*

submit articles of interest from your community for the newsletter (**Sept. 15, 2012** deadline for CSIG-L Newsletter in the fall and **April 1, 2013** for spring)

Treasurer's Report – Diane Beettam – report on file shows we have the grand total of \$53.20 in the bank so as you can see, the memberships are important as they are our only revenue.

- V. **Canadian Reception**- Donation made for \$400.00 –Thanks to Garth Brooks.
- VI. **Program for San Antonio 2013**; Sandra Quayle is planning; Let her know if you are interested in presenting. Submit proposal to Sandra for June 15th
- VII. **Important Dates and Updates** –Submit names in for IRA Committees by October 6 Sept . 15 deadline for CSIG-L Newsletter in the fall and April 1, 2013 for spring
- VIII. **Highlights of Year's Activities**

Thanks to Vicki Risko for her leadership this past year in IRA. Vicki was a great supporter of Canadian initiatives. She highlighted a Manitoba teacher during the opening address of this year's convention.

Curtis Brown and Brent Kaubach from South Slave School District in NWT made a great presentation titled "Strong Like Two People" based on the initiative in their district to improve literacy within their community. Well done, gentlemen. We look forward to hearing more of your project.

Carol Hryniuk-Adamov and Katherine Kristalovich from Manitoba presented their joint project on Co-Teaching in the Winnipeg School Division and we thank you for some great ideas. Katherine has been accepted as a graduate student to OISE. Thank you for helping out and good luck with your studies.

The other part of our presentation was a reading from Marisa Hochman's book "A Walk in Pirate's Cove." An extremely heart-touching story in poetry of children's adventures on a beach. The illustrations are exquisite and I urge you all to get a copy of this talented young teacher-author's book.

Marisa has been asked to chair the PJ Library Committee – an international initiative.

Dr. Shelley Stagg Peterson from OISE has been elected to the IRA Board of Directors. We wish her well in her new appointment and are confident she will continue to keep the "I" in the IRA by promoting the interests of all Canadians within the literacy field.

Carol Hryniuk-Adamov has been appointed co-chair of the Adolescent Literacy Task Force. Carol will do a fantastic job in that role with her enthusiasm for adolescents.

Barbara Galessiere (Manitoba) has been appointed co-chair of Councils and Affiliates. Barbara will also continue to promote the Canadian interest within that role.

Saskatchewan had a highly successful conference in Regina during late March. The quality of presentations makes it a mini-IRA Professional Development opportunity. The next event planned will be held in Moose Jaw April 25-26th April, 2013.

Manitoba hosted a very successful Summit on Adolescent Literacy this year and is already planning for next year. There will be an Adolescent Literacy Summit in Winnipeg on April 25 and 26. Speakers will include big names such as Doug Fisher, Penny Kittle, Jeffrey Wilhelm, Fay Brownlie. For updates please visit www.readingmanitoba.org.

- IX. **New Business:** - *It was suggested that we could increase membership by taking CSIG-L into the graduate program. This would offer graduate study students the opportunity to present their research at the international level. CSIG-L would offer a venue to network with other students, always a valuable exercise.*
We also made contacts with some border states like North Dakota to foster our north south friendships.
- X. **Vice-chairperson's and Secretary's Vacancies** –*Marisa has volunteered to act as Secretary for this group. Thank you Marisa. **We still need a Vice Chair.** Sandra urged everyone to please consider it and let her know if you are willing to take on that position.*
- XI. **Past-Chairperson's Remarks-** *Carol Hryniuk-Adamov thanked those present for their support and work done during the year.*
- XII. **Chairperson Sandra Quayle's concluding remarks, acknowledgements and adjournment.** *Sandra thanked everyone for attending and expressed concern that we are not getting the representation from the Canadian's attending the convention. What can we do to improve this? She welcomes ideas from fellow members. All ideas, concerns, correspondence can be sent to squayle@srsd119.ca*

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm