

**Minutes of Canadian Special Interest Group on Literacy CSIG-L  
Annual General Meeting in Convention Centre  
May 10<sup>th</sup> 2011 – Room 305A  
IRA Convention 11:30-12:00 NOON  
Orlando, FL**

**Welcome and Introductions:**

In attendance: Carol Hryniuk-Adamov (Chair, Mb), Donna Forsyth (Mb), Sherry Maglione (Mb), Robina Penny (AB), Sandra Quayle (Sk), Gail Sajo (NWT), Pam Walsh (NWT)

**Appointment of Secretary for the Meeting:** Sandra offered to take minutes of the meeting. Sandra will try to get a secretary to help her over the next two years from Saskatchewan.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

Motion: That the agenda be adopted as circulated. Forsyth/ Maglione/ Carried  
Minutes from the 2010 meeting were not available.

**Reports:**

**Chairperson: Carol Hryniuk-Adamov** – Carol urged us all to visit the UN Decade for Literacy Website for ideas and the global perspective. “As, Canadians, we can make a difference!” Thanks to Dorothy Morrow for her untiring dedication as Membership Coordinator. We exceeded our goal of 100 members last year ensuring we kept our 2hours and 45 minutes session at the IRA Convention. Carol issued the challenge to exceed 160 members this year. **June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for renewals and new members but Dorothy needs information earlier to prepare the membership roster.** Thanks also to Lynda Usher our terrific treasurer for keeping the finances straight. (See Lynda’s report).

We had wonderful Canadian perspectives in our Convention program this year highlighting a balance of theory, research and practice across the provinces. Thanks to Pam Walsh (Fort Smith, NWT), Katherine Kristalovich (Winnipeg, Mb), and Sandra Quayle (Prince Albert, Sask). Feedback was excellent.

Our gratitude and thanks go to Garth Brooks for organizing the Canadian Reception, Lorraine Giroux (Ont) for her leadership and dedication as Chair of CNIRAC and offer our support to Robina Penney (AB) as she begins her tenure as Vice- Chairperson. Mike Bowden (BC) deserves our thanks as not only our webmaster but also for raising the profile of our indigenous people in the SIG he chairs. Send provincial updates to Mike at the CNIRAC website. Let’s use it to foster communication.

Carol reported on the success of the Adolescent Literacy Summit on Literacy held in Manitoba in April. It was well attended and delegates had the opportunity to listen to Dr. Vicki Risko and her husband Marino Alvarez.

Carol concluded her report by acknowledging the untiring support and encouragement we have received from the LDA’s Sarah Womble, Jane Kline and Rayann Mitchell. Their help and leadership is very much appreciated. Carol wished Sarah well in her retirement later in the year. We will miss her.

**Membership: Dorothy Morrow** - Dorothy submitted a written report as she was unable to attend the Convention this year. Highlights – total membership of 159 participants thanks to Canadian councils support. Please submit addresses of members when renewing complete council executives. This helps with mailing the newsletter; electronic

emailing of the newsletter saves us money and allows us to do more with the dues we receive; please share literacy events in your area with us by contributing to the newsletter; next deadline is June 30 for publication in the Fall; our membership outreach is on so please renew your subscription (\$10.00) by June 1<sup>st</sup>. (Membership form can be downloaded off the CNIRAC website ([www.cnirac.ca](http://www.cnirac.ca) )

**Treasurer: Lynda Usher** – Lynda submitted a written report indicating that she will be discontinuing the role as of June 2011. She indicated that Diane Beetam will be taking on the Treasurer's responsibilities at that time.

Lynda's report indicated that we received a total of \$1371.51 (from membership dues) and had expenses totaling \$1178.62 leaving a balance of \$192.89. Our expenses for the year came from the printing of the 2 newsletters and our \$200 donation to support the Canadian Reception.

**Vice-Chair: Sandra Quayle** – Thanked Carol and her committee for their leadership over the past few years and looks forward to working with Carol, Dorothy and Diane over the next two years. She invites all members to contact her with any ideas, concerns or questions you might have. Like a patchwork quilt, all our separate efforts within our own regions come together to weave the Canadian perspective. We need to make that quilt come alive.

**Motion: That the reports be adopted as received. Walsh/Penney/ Carried**

**Business Arising:**

1. CISG-L Spring Newsletter delayed until after Convention (Dorothy has had surgery, we wish her a speedy recovery) Please submit articles and provincial updates to [morrow83@bell.net](mailto:morrow83@bell.net) ASAP
2. Membership Outreach is on, please submit to Dorothy by May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
3. Program for Chicago *Celebrating Teachers* Sandra is planning with Carol. If interested in presenting as part of this program let her know before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. We need cross-Canadian perspectives.
4. IRA Committees, get names of Canadians in for IRA Committees by October 6<sup>th</sup>.
5. Newsletter Deadlines June 1<sup>st</sup> for Fall, March 1, 2012 for Spring.
6. Adolescent Literacy Summit Highlights – very successful; great representation (Yukon NWT, Mb, Sk, Ab.) ; still lots of work to do in this area.
7. Vice-Chair and Secretary Vacancies – no volunteers for these positions from floor. Still vacant so please consider allowing your name to stand. These are not very time-consuming jobs. Contact Carol or Sandra. [squayle@srsd119.ca](mailto:squayle@srsd119.ca) or [vadamov@shaw.ca](mailto:vadamov@shaw.ca)

**Concluding Remarks:** Carol thanks everyone for taking the time to attend our meeting and urged all members to ***Celebrate Teachers*** by attending the **IRA Convention in Chicago, April 30- May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012. Chicago is our kind of town!**

**Good and Welfare:**

Watch the CNIRAC website for more information on the **Ogamas Aboriginal Literacy Festival** in Brandon, Manitoba, September 15-17<sup>th</sup> 2011. [www.ogamas.ca](http://www.ogamas.ca)

Meeting adjourned 12.00 noon. Next meeting right after CSIG-L presentation in Chicago.