

**TORONTO ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES
(the "Corporation")
2013-2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Minutes**

Wednesday the 9th of July, 2014 at 12:30 p.m.
at Far Niente, 187 Bay St, Toronto, ON M5L 1G5

Present: Julie Anderson, Pamela Bakker, John Bolan, Leanne Grilli, Laura Knapp, Eve Leung, Nathifa Williams

1. Call to Order

P. Bakker called the 2013-2014 TALL Annual General Meeting (AGM) to Order.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was modified so that J. Anderson could present her committee reports first so she could leave the AGM early.

3. Report of the Executive Officers

3.1. Message from the President

P. Bakker welcomed everyone and acknowledged that this year has been a challenging one for law firms and their library staff, as we all have been, or know members, who have been affected by the changing legal landscape. TALL has been, and will continue to be, a support both professionally and personally for those members.

P. Bakker thanked Leanne Grilli for volunteering as the TALL Secretary mid-way through the year to cover Leanne Notenboom's maternity leave and congratulated both Leanne Notenboom and Jill Taylor on the birth of their babies. She also congratulated Michelle Miles on her retirement.

P. Bakker thanked N. Williams and J. Anderson, who are stepping down from the Executive after their years of service.

3.2. Treasurer's Report

E. Leung thanked Shayla Hamilton for double-checking this year's financials.

E. Leung discussed TALL's investments and spending, highlighting some of the expenses including \$300 spent on PayPal, \$1000 paid to Alleyne, sponsorships, and speaker gifts. She mentioned that the Executive is

looking into ways to give back some of the money to the membership and use the upcoming 35th anniversary event as an example.

E. Leung made a motion to approve, which was approved by Jacquie Fex and seconded by Julie Anderson. All TALL members voted in favour.

4. Committee Reports

4.1. JD Lang Award

The James D. Lang Professional Development Award was created to recognize the significant contribution made to our community by Jim Lang, the popular legal publishing representative.

J. Anderson explained that every year, TALL sets aside \$1,000 from to assist one or more TALL Member(s) with their career development, and the recipient(s) then give back to the community by sharing what they learned through the most suitable medium, such as an article or a Lunch & Learn.

The announcement for applications was sent out on March 13, 2014. Three applications were received, and one was subsequently rescinded.

The Executive Board reviewed the two applications and on the Board's behalf and the award was split between two applicants, who each received \$500. The winners of the 2013-2014 JD Lang Award are Jacquie Fex, who used the award to support her attendance at this year's SLA Conference, and Laura Chuang, who will use the award to take a Business Law course at the University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies this Fall.

4.2. Election

The nomination call for the two open positions on the 2014-2015 Board of Directors, VP and Membership Liaison, was sent out to the Membership on May 14. At the time of the nomination deadline, there was one person standing for VP and three for Liaison.

For the election, an electronic ballot was sent out on June 3, 2014, using online software from Votenet Solutions Inc. Two follow-up reminders were sent on June 11th and June 16th. The Vice President position was acclaimed to Eileen Lewis and the three nominees for Membership Liaison were Victoria Baranow, Laura Chuang and Katherine Hyrcza.

J. Anderson provided a brief biography on the new Vice President, Eileen Lewis.

50.96% of the membership voted in the election and Victoria Baranow was elected at the new TALL Membership Liaison.

4.3. Education Committee

The 2013/2014 Education Committee consisted of John Bolan (Chair), Pam Bakker, Eric Leduc, Erik Brea, Martha Murphy, and Yasmin Khan.

There were a number of well-attended sessions throughout the year and the Committee was fortunate to have volunteers within the TALL community step up to share their expertise.

J. Bolan recapped the past year's events put on by the Education Committee: Last June, Louis Mirando and colleagues from Osgoode offered TALL a tour of the new Osgoode Hall Law School Library. In the fall and winter, Susan Barker and Erika Anderson delivered a pair of heavily attended sessions around researching legislative history and legislative intent. In February, the "Finding Your Inner Extravert" session was held at Metro Hall. Also in the winter, Zena Applebaum's competitive intelligence session garnered lots of positive feedback. Most of the sessions were close to, or right at, their maximum capacity.

Eileen Lewis will chair the Education Committee in 2014/2015 and is presently working on fall and winter events.

4.4. Information Technology

Mike McCaffrey discussed the IT Committee's work over the past year: The Committee has been overseeing the integration of the TALL website and dealing with the administrative issues that arose, such as the increased opportunities for members to make changes to the website, and the functionality and navigation issues which are still being tweaked.

The Committee saw a lot of Chair turnover this past year.

4.5. Publisher Liaison

The Publisher Liaison's report was presented by P. Bakker on behalf of Sanja Petrovic.

The main accomplishment of the PLC this past year was organizing the TALL Publisher Flip Forums with CCH, Carswell, and LexisNexis. They were very well received by both attendees and vendors and both sides appreciated the opportunity for dialogue.

Regarding committee members, Barbara Fingerote retired and Laurel Murdoch stepped down; Alexia Loumankis joined and two new members, Jennifer McNenly and Jessica Guthrie, will be joining.

4.6. Newsletter

It was a transitional year for the Newsletter Committee. S. Spong thanked the contributors and mentioned the forthcoming redesign.

Sarah Jones is leaving the Committee after accepting a position in Ottawa.

The next issue will be released in early September and the Committee is hoping to release another issue in December in time for the Season Social.

Not enough TALL members have been contributing to the newsletter and any content contributions would be greatly appreciated.

Issues other than the current issue will hopefully be posted on HeinOnline soon. The details are still being worked out.

5. Introduction of the New Executive

P. Bakker introduced the new TALL Executive:

Past President—Pamela Bakker
President—John Bolan
Vice President/President Elect—Eileen Lewis
Treasurer—Eve Leung
Membership Liaison—Victoria Baranow
Secretary—Leanne Grilli

6. Other Business

There was no other business to report.

7. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

J. Bolan commented on the busy year TALL has had and thanked P. Bakker for all her hard work, contributions, and commitment to TALL during her time as president.

The meeting was adjourned by J. Bolan.

8. Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 2:00 p.m.

Pamela Bakker,
President

Leanne Grilli,
Secretary