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Everyone is now officially back to school after the February break and Showcase 2008. There were many fabulous sessions and everyone found something to take back to their classrooms or school libraries.



New Website

If you have not had the chance, please check out our new website, www.ssla.ca. It contains information about the upcoming conference, contacts, links, *The Medium*, and Association information. Please note that some of this information will be available only to SSLA members in the Fall.

Special thanks to Carlene Walter and the Prairie Spirit School Division for all their hard work on the website.



Conference, Annual General Meeting, SSLA Awards and Bursary

Please be advised that the Association's A.G.M. and Awards Ceremony will be held on May 14, 2008 at the Saskatoon Club (Saskatoon) during the conference

luncheon. The Awards Ceremony will honour and celebrate worthy recipients who are dedicated to school libraries and teacher-librarianship. For more information on these awards see [SSLA Awards](#).



Great Listserv

If you have not subscribed to Pete Mackay's listserv, consider doing so. A new website is sent to your email every morning. Someone is doing your web surfing for you!

[The Teacher List](#)



Quotes

"If you're not prepared to be wrong, you'll never come up with anything creative."

~Sir Ken Richardson~

"Never judge a book by its movie."

~ J. W. Eagan~

"A book is like a garden carried in the pocket."

~ Chinese Proverb ~

SSLA Constitution: Proposed Additions and Amendments

The following additions and amendments to the SSLA's Constitution will be presented at the Association's Annual General Meeting on May 14, 2008. Only members in good standing can vote on these resolutions. A current copy of the Constitution is posted on the SSLA website.

Resolution #1: Be it resolved that Article 8.3 be added as follows:

8.3 A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Council shall consist of 50 percent of its members.

Resolution #2: Be it resolved that Article 8.4 be added as follows:

8.4 Meetings of the Executive Council and Special Committees may be held electronically (video conferencing, online conferencing, audio conferencing) provided that all participants can communicate with each other simultaneously.

Resolution #3: Be it resolved that Article 8.5 be added as follows:

8.5 In the case of a motion that is easily handled by the expression of a vote in favour or opposed, communication via email to a designated recipient is deemed acceptable.

Resolution #4: Be it resolved that Article 15.2 be added as follows:

15.2 The Executive Council may make such editorial, grammatical, or numbering changes to Articles of the Constitution as do not change their substance or meaning. These changes shall take effect upon approval of the Executive Council.

Resolution #5: Be it resolved that Article 9.4 be amended as follows:

9.4 Executive Officers of the Association shall be elected at the Annual Meeting ***and shall assume office July 1.***

Resolution #6: Be it resolved that Article 9.5 be amended as follows:

9.5 ~~The President and Vice President shall be elected annually for one year terms. The Editor(s) shall be elected to a two year term. All are eligible for re-election. The councillors shall be elected for two year terms, to be~~

elected in alternate years if possible.— **Officers of the Association are eligible for re-election.** (see Resolution #8 below)

Resolution #7: Be it resolved that Article 5.1 be amended as follows:

5.1 The officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice-President, Past-President (**if applicable**), Marketing/Secretary **Secretary/Marketing/Archivist** Councillor, Networking Councillor, Editor(s), of ~~The Medium~~, and any special committee members as appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Council.

Resolution #8: Be it resolved that Article 5.5 be added as follows:

5.5 The President, Vice-President, and Past President shall serve one-year terms. All other officers shall serve two-year terms and shall assume their positions in alternate years if possible.

Resolution #9: Be it resolved that Article 5.1.1 be amended as follows:

5.1.1 The Treasurer **/Memberships Councillor** shall be appointed **annually** by the President, and approved by the Executive Council, **and have full voting privileges.**



New Ministry of Education Policy

Connections: Policy and Guidelines for School Libraries in Saskatchewan (2008) has been posted in PDF format on the Saskatchewan government website at the address below.

<http://www.publications.gov.sk.ca/details.cfm?p=24424>

Print copies will be sent to school division offices for distribution to schools when they arrive from the printer at the end of February or early March.