

President's Report

Our meeting with the Learneds this summer proved to be fruitful, particularly since we were able to share sessions and concerts with CUMS. It was apparent that the two societies—or two professions—share many of the same interests and concerns.

A session on faculty-librarian cooperation highlighted the need for a collaborative approach to designing assignments and a session on music research and teaching through the Internet clearly demonstrated how faculty and librarian projects are conceivably interchangeable.

Following on this success, we will all meet with the Learneds (although they will be called something different) again next year in Ottawa. The focus will be on National Library and Archives resources and initiatives, an opportunity for the Ottawa people to strut their stuff!

The results of the vote for the constitutional amendment were overwhelmingly in favour of implementing the CAML-only membership option. But, as has been pointed out by the IAML executive, in order for us to comply with their constitution, we need to have some language in our constitution ensuring that some of the key members of the board are IAML members.

Otherwise, the board will not be able to perform the functions of a national branch. It looks like we will have to redo the vote in the fall to comply with IAML.

With this issue of the newsletter, Desmond Maley takes over from Cheryl Martin, who held the post for two years, producing some of the thickest newsletters in recent CAML history. For that matter, thanks to Cheryl for having spent the past six years on the board as both Treasurer and Newsletter editor.

We also have a new membership secretary, Diane Peters, who faces the daunting task of acting upon the implementation of the CAML-only membership; in other words, to make it work by attracting new members. And long-time music librarian Vivien Taylor joins the board as member-at-large.

My apologies to all for compressing the Annual General Meeting and rushing through without food or drink. There obviously are many issues that need to be discussed in more detail, particularly now that we are implementing change. Please e-mail me with your concerns.

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