

LTAIG Annual Report: 2010-2011

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2010 Was an exciting year for LTAIG. Below is a summary of our 2010 activities:

Media

We have updated the website, keeping viewers informed on the latest news and improving the navigability. As well, we have regularly posted to our blog to pass along information and promote discussion. Our brochure was reprinted for distribution at workplaces, conferences, meetings, and other events. We have sent meeting notices out on our Facebook page, and created a discussion forum to facilitate interactive communication amongst our members. We have also created hundreds of buttons for distribution.

Conference

At the 2010 BCLA conference in April in, LTAIG had a table. We also convened a roundtable on "Library Support Staff in the Big Picture," and lead a pre-conference session called "Speak Up! Public Speaking for Libraries". We also had a table at the 2011 Conference

Petition

At the 2010 Conference, we launched our petition to become a section of BCLA. We needed the valid signatures of 10% of BCLA members for the petition to be approved at the BCLA Annual General Meeting at the 2011 BCLA Conference in Victoria. The petition was promoted on the website and LTAIG list, and was made available at LTAIG meetings. We ultimately did not attain enough signatures of current individual BCLA members for it to be presented at the 2011 AGM. We are starting over again, and had about as many total signatures

when we left the conference as we did when we previously submitted our petitions.

Mentoring program

Annie Smith, Tamarack Hockin, and Stephen Karr have been coordinating the program. Experienced technicians and assistants are matched with students and recent graduates, to help them launch their careers. We had our first intake in mid-May, and a second intake in November. We also have a speed-mentoring workshop at UFV in early 2011.

Chapters and Education

Groups have been established in the interior, on Vancouver Island, in Prince George and in the Fraser Valley. The Prince George, Vancouver Island, and Prince George chapters all had several meetings in 2010. The chapters will facilitate communication amongst library technicians and assistants across BC.

Shanna Meunier has kept us updated on continuing education opportunities for library technicians and assistants, such as workshops and webinars.

Meetings and Events

We had several planning meetings in 2010, including an Annual General Meeting in October.

We held a social for library technicians, assistants, and students at the 2010 Conference. In addition, we held a summer picnic in July at Trout Lake in Vancouver. We also had a December social at Steamworks Brewpub in Gastown.

Appreciation

All the progress and projects would not have been possible without the enthusiasm and dedication of our volunteers. We are dedicated to promoting networking and communication and providing opportunities (volunteer and otherwise) to Library Technicians and Assistants throughout British Columbia.

The LTAIG Committee wishes to thank the British Columbia Library Association for their continuing support of the Library Technicians & Assistants Interest Group. We look forward to another exciting year in 2011!

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