



Northern Lights Library System Board Meeting
September 21, 2019
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Good Morning, I hope everyone had a lovely summer. This summer has been busy for ALTA.

- June 15th was our face to face meeting. At this meeting we were informed that our part time IT person who managed our webpage, database, memberships and newsletter “disappeared”. Along with him he took a substantial amount of our digital access to all things ALTA. At this board meeting the decision was made to terminate his contract and contract with 2 IT summer students funded by the STEP grant we received.
- The ALTA webpage (librarytrustees.ab.ca) has now been completely redesigned. It officially launched September 3 and I encourage everyone to look at it.
- Trustee connect which I have been promising for a full year now, and I’m very sorry to say was needed to be redesigned and rebuilt along with the webpage. It has now been rebuilt and the database for memberships are just in the process of being completed so that it can roll out. Personally, this is a membership perk of ALTA that I think will be most beneficial and I assure you I am pushing for this to be live to the best of my ability.
- We have started a new membership payment process and members will be required to pay the processing fee, however, have changed our processing provider so that these fees are now reduced.
- Our New Trustee Toolkit was fully reviewed, updated and reformatted so that it is easier for members to access information and best utilize it. The newest information added was advocacy tools.
- Our Website now has a search bar to make utilizing our site simple and convenient
- This summer I was invited to attend a number of meetings relating to Advocacy. Most recently I was part of an advocacy working group with TAL (The Alberta Library) and time was spent coming up with a plan to create a “briefing book” The intent for this would be to have easy to use access to information of frequently asked questions and a template for trustees to be able to have a consistent message across Alberta. We have another meeting scheduled for end of month, and then one directly after the budget has been released. There may be plenty of questions on consistent messaging and plan of action following this news, and we hope to be able to offer one. ALTA is playing a role in creating this book, and then having a way to distribute it to board trustee members.
- I was also invited to an advocacy working group by LAA (Library Association of Alberta) which takes place September 23, 2019.
- I will also be at the trade show with the library systems at AUMA so hopefully I will have an opportunity to see some of you then.

As always please contact me with any questions and concerns you may have.