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President’s Report 2014

Shannon Babcock

In the past year, IBBY Canada has been active both nationally and internationally. Nationally, our main project was the renewing of our bylaws and establishing continuance of the organization under the Canada Not For Profit Corporations Act. We also participated in the first ever Toronto International Bookfair, INSPIRE. Internationally, we participated in many IBBY programs awards including the Children in Crisis program for libraries in Gaza. We also sent a delegation to the IBBY Congress in Mexico City where the Children’s Book Bank, our IBBY Canada nomination, won the international ASAHI reading award.

Projects:

Continuance of IBBY Canada as per the Canada Not for Profit Corporations Act.

We had to go through the process of revising our by-laws and approving new Articles of Continuance before the new Act came into effect at the end of October 2014. This was an involved and lengthy process, many thanks to Brenda Halliday and Theo Heras for taking this on.

Joanne Fitzgerald Illustrator in Residence Program

The second residence took place in Toronto last October, with increased numbers of participants. A special thanks to all those who made this project such a success. Patricia Storms will be speaking about her experience as part of our meeting of members.

INSPIRE Toronto International Book fair

IBBY Canada hosted a workshop at the Book fair, featuring the IBBY Collection for Young People with Disabilities. In addition to the collection librarians Leigh and Sharon, the workshop also featured IBBY Executive Director Liz Page and collection founder Heidi Boisen, from Switzerland and Norway respectively.

National Reading Program
We continue to collaborate with the National Reading Program. The first “Reading Town Canada” was held in Moose Jaw Saskatchewan, in collaboration with Saskatchewan Festival of Words in May 2014. This year’s “Reading Town” is Charlottetown, PEI.

Finances:

Cleaver Award

A revenue of $1980.00 resulted from the fees received from the publishers submitting books for this award. A total of 99 books were submitted from 34 publishers.

Membership Levels

Most membership levels showed a slight increase, for a total of 109 members overall.

Russell Grant

We were able to completely reimburse the Russell Grant account this year. Thanks to Yvette for being so diligent. Deirdre Baker chaired the committee again this year, with contributions from Joanne Findon and new councilor Lesley Clement on the jury.

IBBY Canada

IBBY Canada has a solid team of committed individuals dedicated to the cause of bringing young people and books together, as well as supporting and encouraging Canadian children’s literature.

Canadian Awards:

Elizabeth Mrazik-Cleaver Canadian Picture Book Award

The 2014 Cleaver Award was a real success, with 99 books submitted. Thanks to the Cleaver committee chaired by Theo Heras for their great work.

Frances E. Russell Grant

The recipient for the 2014 Frances E. Russell Grant for research will be announced at the 2015 Annual Meeting. Thanks to Deirdre Baker and her jury.

Claude Aubry Award

We received 12 nominations for the 2014 Claude Aubry Award, in both French and English. Thank you to Susane Duschesne who was able to chair and rally a good jury.

Representatives:

Communication Jeunesse

At this time we do not have a Communication-jeunesse liaison. However, they continue to have our information on their website and collaborate as they did in the past.
WOTS

Again this year we were part of WOTS in Halifax thanks to Jane who is such a good ambassador for IBBY in the Atlantic region. Jane reported that our involvement was also a success in Halifax. We also participated in WOTS in Toronto, with first-time councilor Lesley Clement helming the ship and doing a great job.

**International Awards:**

Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award

IBBY Canada has nominated The Canadian Children’s Book Centre. The winner will be announced March 31 2015 as part of the Bologna Children’s Book Fair.

Outstanding Books for Children with Disabilities

The move of the documentation centre now housed at the North York Central Branch of the Toronto Public Library has been very successful so far. Workshops and information sessions have been given at, (among others), OLA Superconference, INSPIRE International Bookfair, Japan Foundation and there has been national media coverage by Quill and Quire, as well as the television network AMI.

**IBBY International News:**

Hans Christian Andersen Award

The winners will be announced at the Bologna Children’s Book Fair in March 2016. IBBY Canada’s 2015 nominees are author Kenneth Oppel and illustrator Pierre Pratt. Thanks to Josiane Polidori and Stephanie Dror for their ongoing work on the preparation of the dossiers.

Asahi Reading Promotion Award

For the year 2014 IBBY Canada submitted the Children’s Book Bank, and in fact won the $10,000 international award, sharing it with the PRAESA project in South Africa. Thanks to Merle Harris for her work on this project.

IBBY Honour List

The request for submissions for 2016 has just been distributed, we look forward to selecting and submitting our choices again. The IBBY Canada submissions for 2014 were honoured at the IBBY Congress in Mexico City last fall. A reminder of last year’s selection: English text: *The Stamp collector* by Jennifer Lanthier, Fitzhenry & Whiteside; French text: *Mingan, mon village* by Rogé, Éditions de la Bagnole; translation French to English: *Harvey*, by Helen Mixter from French text written by Hervé Bouchard, illustrated by Janice Nadeau Groundwood Books; illustration: *Virginia Wolf* illustrated by Isabelle Arseneault and written by Kyo Maclear, Kids Can Press; translation English to French: *Les Maux d’Ambroise Bukowski*, by Rachel Martinez from English text written by Susin Nielsen, Les Éditions de la Courte Échelle.

34th IBBY Congress in Mexico September 10-13 2014.
“Reading as an inclusive experience”  *May everyone really mean everyone* was the theme of last year’s Congress. IBBY Canada had a wonderful group of delegates, including two poster sessions as well as our IBBY Canada nomination winning the ASAHI Award. For more information please consult http://www.ibbycongress2014.org/

IBBY Children in Crisis fund

IBBY Canada contributed $7163.99 to the fund this year. There was a special appeal after the destruction of two IBBY libraries in Gaza last summer, with an open letter from IBBY as well as a specific letter written by IBBY Canada.

**IBBY Canada Board and Executive**

Upon completion of my first year as president of IBBY Canada, I know that such work is not possible in solitude. It is such a privilege to work with a team of knowledgeable, experienced and committed volunteers. We all do this because we believe in the power of literature to change lives and make the world a better place. Thank you to each of you, I look forward to the next year of growth.

**Acknowledgements and Thanks**

As ever, IBBY Canada would like to thank our faithful patrons and donors whose financial support is so important to our existence. IBBY Canada patrons are: Bayard Presse Canada, Groundwood Books, HarperCollins Canada, Library and Archives Canada. Donors are Brenda Clark, CODE, Gilles Plante, Kathy Stinson, Librairie Monet, Patsy Aldana, Sheree Fitch

The Canadian Children’s Book Centre provides priceless administrative support. Thanks particularly to CCBC Liaison Meghan Howe whose involvement has been so helpful.

We are grateful for the support of His Excellency The Right Honorable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada as Vice-Regal IBBY Patron.

Thanks to those who assisted with translation.

I would also like to thank Canscaip and the National Reading Campaign for their continued support in spreading IBBY Canada news and announcements to their members.

We welcomed Lesley Clement as Councillor for Ontario in 2014. Thank you to our brief but appreciated Board member: Lyne Rajotte, Councillor Quebec, who has served the past year and is stepping down. We welcome new Vice-President Sheila Barry in 2015, we look forward to collaborating and learning together!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as IBBY Canada President, I look forward to the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Babcock
February, 2015
(Acting) Past President’s Report 2014

Susane Duchesne

General IBBY Canada Activities:
Chaired 2014 Aubry Award Jury

Respectfully submitted,

Susane Duchesne
February 2, 2015.
2nd Vice President's Report for 2014

Theo Heras

This year, as 2nd Vice President, I was responsible and contributed to several IBBY Canada projects. Here is my report:

Projects:
- Continuance
- Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities List
- Nomination of Patsy Aldana for Chair of Andersen Award
- Articles for newsletter
- Inspire: Toronto International Book Fair
- Fund-raising event(s)
- Elizabeth Mrazik-Cleaver Canadian Picture Book Award

Continuance
I was part of a team with Past President Brenda Halliday to work on IBBY Canada's Continuance. Don't let this report fool you. Brenda did the lion's share of the work. I was Sancho Panza to her Don Quixote, tilting not at windmills but governmental and legal documents. Brenda also wrote the following report on the Continuance. We owe Brenda a huge debt of gratitude for her excellent and steadfast work.

Brenda Halliday's Report on Continuance
On October 17, 2011, the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act (the "New Act") came into effect. IBBY Canada, like all Corporations incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act, had until October 18, 2014, to continue under the New Act. As part of the process, corporations had to have their members approve Articles of Continuance (which state the purposes of the corporation, among other basic corporate information) and submit the Articles to Corporations Canada for certification.

Past President Brenda Halliday and 2nd VP Theo Heras prepared the Articles of Continuance and revised our operating By-laws so that they complied with the New Act. Once these were approved by our Board of Directors, an historic Special Meeting of Members was held in Toronto on July 8th, 2014, to approve our application for continuance under the New Act. We needed 20% of our members for a quorum, but 67% responded (in person or by proxy)! A two-thirds majority was required to pass the motion; the vote was unanimous in favour of our proceeding with our application.

A huge 'thank you' to Joyce McGuiney and her assistant Ashley Rego of law firm Blake, Cassels & Graydon, who offered their legal expertise pro bono to guide us through this complex process. First, application was made to Corporations Canada for a certificate of continuance. Then Joyce sent Corporations Canada a copy of our new by-laws, which came into effect on continuance. Our Certificate of Continuance was issued by Corporations Canada on July 16, 2014. We received a Final Report and copies of continuance documents from Joyce on October 2, 2014.
As a registered charity, we were required to submit a copy of our Certificate of Continuance and revised Bylaws to Charities Directorate, Canada Revenue Agency. CRA confirmed receipt of our documentation with a letter dated November 3, 2014.

We were unsuccessful in our bid to have Corporations Canada recognize IBBY Canada as our new legal name (because there is a company in Ontario named IBBY Inc.). However IBBY Canada is now registered in Ontario under the Business Names Act as “another name under which the Corporation carries on its activities.” This was effective September 9, 2014, and is valid for five years, and renewable thereafter.

Brenda and Theo delivered flowers, chocolate and two small bottles of Prosecco to Joyce and Ashley in December as a thank-you for all their efforts. We were invoiced in January 2015 for $228.40 representing only the costs incurred by the firm in processing our Continuance and registering IBBY Canada as the name under which we conduct business in Ontario.

**2015 Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities List**

- 70 Books submitted
- 25 French, 45 English
- 26 Publishers
- 7 French, 19 English, 2 self-published
- 3 books recommended for the Outstanding Books catalogue
- 33 (incl. above) recommended to the collection
  - 3 were already in collection
    - New edition of Jean Little's *From Anna* was added
    - Debbie Spring's *Kayak* previously selected
    - Original Spanish edition of *The Black Book of Colors*
- Created committee of 6 readers + me
  - Grace Andrews (English)
  - Mariella Bertelli (French)
  - Iana Georgieva-Kaluba (English)
  - Janet Haynes (English)
  - Pam Mountain (French & English)
  - Martha Scott (French)
- Delivered books to Leigh Turina on Wednesday, October 1 (except for 3 which I have to pick up from Janet Haynes)
- Will donate other books to the Children’s Book Bank

There were no major issues with this project. I could have used more French readers in Toronto. (Have already tagged Camilia for 2016.) The bulk of the submissions arrived in the summer. The usual procrastination among readers slowed things down just a little, but everyone, in the end, gave of their time gladly. Everyone read critically and offered thoughtful evaluations of the books. I think that next time I will look for more readers and distribute the work more evenly. I did not anticipate the large number of submissions we received. Also, next time I would like to ask IBBY Canada members to make suggestions through the website/newsletter. It’s possible that we missed some good books.
When I met with Leigh, I volunteered to chair this committee again in two years, just to work out the kinks of the first round.

Two books were ultimately chosen as Outstanding for the 2015 Collection of Books for Young People with Disabilities. Two sets of the outstanding books are available for tours, arranged by the IBBY Secretariat (www.ibby.org) The third set will be catalogued and on the shelves of the North York Central Library branch in the late spring.

The two selected books are:


**Nomination of Patsy Aldana for Chair of Andersen Award**

I assisted (Acting) Past President Susane Duchesne with the nomination of Patsy Aldana for Chair of the Hans Christian Andersen Award, for which she was the successful candidate.

**Articles for Newsletter**

I wrote several articles for the newsletter, as assigned.

**Inspire: Toronto International Book Fair**

I helped at IBBY Canada booth at Inspire.

**Fund-raising Event(s)**

I am trying to work with Maria Martella to create some small neighbourhood events to help fund-raise for IBBY Canada. The first event, tentatively scheduled in January, was cancelled.

**The Elizabeth Mrazik-Cleaver Canadian Picture Book Award**

This is reported separately.

Respectfully submitted,

Theo Heras
February 28, 2015
Membership Secretary’s Report 2014

Stephanie Dror

It has been an exciting year to be a member of the IBBY Canada Executive committee. With extra meetings, a mid-year mail out and lots of news to spread to the membership it was a pretty busy year for the membership secretary.

As many of you know I took over the position of Membership Secretary from Ellen Wu in August 2013 and will continue in the position at least to the end of the current membership year. My time working on IBBY is primarily spent organizing email communications: announcements, invitations, special offers, and other information of interest to the membership, acknowledging new and renewing members, often clarifying how to pay with Pay Pal, and responding to any questions and concerns the general membership may have. I produce membership statistics, chase missing information and answer lots of queries from potential members. I maintain and regularly update our membership database and e-mail contact lists. I also send our Bookbird subscriptions to JHU while payment is processed through Yvette’s side of things. I am in the midst of beginning correspondence with our new JHU representative as Alta has retired. Both membership and Bookbird prices remained unchanged this year.

This year, because of the new Continuance rules there was no massive paper mail-out membership renewal drive. Still, membership has been trickling in (we currently have about 20 non-board members & organizations for 2015) and I expect the numbers to continue to grow at the AGM and as we move on with the year (and send out a few more reminders).

This position has been a great experience and I look forward to continuing as the membership secretary into 2016.

Summary of 2014 IBBY Canada Membership

Membership totals:
- Membership for individuals increased slightly in 2014 from 93 up to 97. Organizations saw an increase from 11 to 14.
- 19 people joined for the first time – at the Donor level (1), as supporters (2), at the individual level (10), and as students (4)
- We gained two but lost one Organizational Members, we now have 13 Organizational Members. All but one of the 2013 organizations renewed for 2014; one Donor increased its level of support to Patron, and we now have (6) Organizations at the Supporter level.

Membership by designation or level of support:
- 1 Honorary Patron
- 3 Life Patrons
- 4 Patrons
- 6 Donors
- 19 Supporters
• 68 Individuals
• 7 Students
• 1 Honorary Member

Total: 109 Members

Membership by occupation or type of organization:
Some members report multiple occupations, some do not report their occupation. The sum of these numbers might exceed the membership totals, and are, therefore not exact. However, this list will still give a representation of the occupations that show interest and contribute to IBBY.

• 34 Authors/ Storytellers
• 17 Librarians, libraries, teacher-librarians, and library technicians
• 11 University Professors
• 9 Artists/ Illustrators
• 8 Students
• 6 Publisher
• 5 Educators (not university affiliated)
• 5 Retired
• 4 Editors
• 2 Bookseller
• 2 Education Consultants
• 2 Journalist
• 1 Governor General
• 1 Literary Agent
• 1 Poet
• 1 Professional Development
• 1 Translator

Membership by region:
• 72 Ontario (66% of total membership)
• 13 British Columbia (11.9%)
• 11 Quebec (9.9%)
• 5 Nova Scotia (4%)
• 5 Alberta (4%)
• 1 Manitoba (>1%)
• 1 New Brunswick (>1%)
• 1 Newfoundland (>1%)
• 1 Saskatchewan (>1%)

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Dror
February 20th, 2015
Recording Secretary's Report 2014

Alice Moore

This year of attending meetings and taking minutes has been a perfect way to learn more about IBBY, our projects, and the people involved in them. I think I may have finally learned how to spell all the names (even Aubry!) and mostly stopped irritating my fellow officers with my questions at long last. I'd like to give a special thanks to Meghan, who has been a wonderfully reliable backup on a couple of occasions for me - thank you for that help - and to thank everyone for their work on our many projects this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Moore
February 2015
Promotion Officer’s Report 2014

Helena Aalto

In 2014, IBBY Canada arranged the following press releases, presentations/activities, media invitations and calls for proposals. IBBY Canada promotion communications are in English and French, and are e-mailed to an extensive list (100+ contacts) of media, educators, librarians, bookstores and book organizations, as well as emailed to IBBY Canada members, posted on our website, and included in our newsletter.

- Elizabeth Mrazik-Cleaver Picture Book Award for How To, illustrated and written by Julie Morstad, Simply Read Books (press release Mar 2014)
- Frances E. Russell Grant call for proposals (call for proposals Oct 2014)
- Claude Aubry
- Award for distinguished service in the field of children’s literature (call for proposals Nov 2014)
- Relocation of IBBY Collection of Books for Young People with Disabilities from Norway to TPL North York Central Library arranged by TPL (launch event Feb 2014)
- IBBY booth at The Word On The Street Toronto, staffed by volunteers (Sept 21 2014)
- Toronto International Book Fair offered IBBY Canada opportunity to program a session for teachers; Liz Page, Executive Director of IBBY International, and Heidi Cortner Boiesen, former Director of the Collection in Norway, were part of this presentation along with Leigh Turina and Sharon Moynes of TPL
- Invitation to media for “guided tour” of Collection at TPL North York Central Library; tour guides Liz, Heidi, Leigh and Sharon (Nov 13, 2014); outstanding media coverage:
  - Toronto Star ½ page article with colour photo and great quotes by everyone
  - Quill & Quire online article
  - Children’s Book News CCBC’s magazine coverage by Gillian O’Reilly
  - CBC Radio Metro Morning Matt Galloway interviewed Leigh Turina
- Liz, Heidi and Leigh visited The Children’s Book Bank, winning nominee by IBBY Canada for Asahi Award (Nov 13, 2014)
- Excellent presentation by Liz, Heidi, Leigh and Sharon at Toronto International Book Fair session; about 15 teachers and librarians registered; Shannon Babcock set up PowerPoint slides (Nov 14, 2014)
- Event at home of Patsy Aldana (former president of IBBY International; recipient of Claude Aubry Award); event organized by Theo Heras and Shannon Babcock; Heidi presented with honorary lifetime membership to IBBY (Nov 14, 2014)
- IBBY Canada booth at Toronto International Book Fair, staffed by volunteers; created one-page IBBY Canada handout to distribute at the booth (Nov 13 to 16, 2014)

**Joanne Fitzgerald Illustrator in Residence Program**

- Second year of Joanne Fitzgerald Illustrator in Residence program, offering published children's book illustrators a one month residency (October) in a public library; Toronto Public Library (Northern District Branch) hosted the residencies in 2013 and 2014
- Patricia Storms was 2014 Joanne Fitzgerald Illustrator in Residence
- Program honours Joanne Fitzgerald (1956–2011), illustrator of *Plain Noodles, Emily's House* and Governor General’s Award winner *Doctor Kiss Says Yes*. Joanne’s family collaborated with IBBY Canada to establish the program; their financial support covers $4000 honorarium for illustrator, freelance coordinator, launch refreshments, art materials, IBBY administration
- Key activities for planning and executing the 2014 program:
  - Call for applications; requirements include extensive experience in making presentations for all ages, programming ideas, letters of reference
  - Jury for 2014: Shannon Babcock (IBBY president); Marie-Louise Gay, illustrator and author; Meghan Howe, Canadian Children’s Book Centre (IBBY CCBC liaison); Martha Newbigging (Illustrator in Residence in 2013); Martha Scott, Toronto Public Library; Leigh Turina, Toronto Public Library
  - Monthly meetings and ongoing updates with TPL on programming, promotion, staffing, etc.
  - Freelance coordinator outreach to public schools, high schools and colleges; scheduling of school visits; scheduling of portfolio reviews
  - Marketing by TPL: What’s On quarterly publication, website listings, links from Patricia Storms’ name and books on TPL website to info on program; flyers in host branch and surrounding branches, electronic billboard in host branch; TPL also created logo incorporating a feather from Joanne’s *Ten Small Tales* and logo used on all marketing materials
- Residency activities include evening/weekend workshops for adults at the library, activities for school classes visiting the library, one-on-one portfolio reviews for 30 minutes with artists, presentations at high schools and colleges; activities in 2014 were attended by a total of 615 people:

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Respectfully submitted,

Helena Aalto
February 9, 2015
Newsletter Editor’s Report 2014

Katie Scott

This year has been another busy one for IBBY Canada’s online newsletter! We published an average of thirteen articles per issue, with our busiest issue in November 2014 totaling sixteen news items. The number of articles has nearly doubled since 2012, which means members are receiving more timely news about IBBY’s activities, both in Canada and on the international stage. This year we continued to work with Susan Ouriou as our French copy editor, and she has greatly helped to ensure that our French content receives the same editorial standards that we set for our English content. We also added three French translators to our roster: Myriam Le Brock, Catherine Dussault, and Yveline Jean-Charles. Along with Susane Duchesne, Josiane Polidori, Todd Kyle, and Louise Tondreau-Levert, they have been a great help in ensuring that IBBY news is read in both official languages.

Each issue is copy edited by Meghan “Eagle Eyes” Howe and formatted by Camilia “Digital Whiz Kid” Kahrizi.

Thank you to all our volunteers who help to make each issue possible. I look forward to working with you all in 2015!

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Scott
January 28, 2015
Website Chair Report 2014

Camilia Kahrizi

We made several changes to improve the website in 2014. This past month, I set up a new template to give the website a fresh look. The new template is easier to navigate and looks for streamlined, and it is responsive on mobile and tablet devices. I also modified the front page to highlight the latest news from IBBY Canada, instead of having those posts on a separate “News” page. I am currently looking for a better e-commerce system that should hopefully improve user experience for anyone trying to renew their membership or make a donation.

In early 2014, we began using MailChimp to distribute our newsletter, and with help from Stephanie Dror, starting to do all mass emailing through that platform. Visitors to the website can sign up for the newsletter directly on the front page of the website, through a form that automatically adds their email address to our list on MailChimp.

Beyond the website, Shannon Babcock and I have tried to increase our presence on Facebook and Twitter, posting more regularly and engaging more with our followers. We share information about IBBY Canada, news from other IBBY branches, and general news about the Canadian children’s book industry. We currently have 408 Facebook followers, and 467 Twitter followers, which is almost double last year’s figures.

Respectfully submitted,

Camilia Kahrizi
February 25, 2015
Alberta Chair Report 2014

Merle Harris

This year I worked on and submitted IBBY Canada’s nomination of The Canadian Children’s Book Centre for the 2015 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. The winner will be announced at a press conference at the National Library in Stockholm on March 31 at 1 p.m. and broadcast live to the Bologna Children’s Book Fair. After announcing the award, the jury will present the recipient or recipients. The event will be streamed live at www.alma.se.

I also attended IBBY Congress in Mexico City where IBBY Canada’s nomination, The Children’s Book Bank of Toronto, was one of the two recipients of the 2014 IBBY Asahi Reading Promotion Award.

Finally, I spoke to and handed out IBBY information to the second year Grant MacEwan Library Technician students.

Respectfully submitted

Merle Harris
5 February 2015
Councilor-West Report 2014

Nafiza Azad

I assumed the position late in 2013 and am therefore just settling into the role. In 2014, I co-chaired the planning committee for the biennial 2014 Graduate Research Conference in Children’s Literature held at UBC on May 3rd, 2014 where we presented both the Russell Grant and the Cleaver Awards to their recipients and spoke about IBBY and its brilliant initiatives. We have materials such as bookmarks promoting IBBY and included them in the package given to conference attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Nafiza Azad
February 9, 2015
Regional Councillor-East Report 2014

Jane Baskwill

It has been a great year for getting to know the members of the IBBY Board better and for speaking with many like-minded folks throughout the Atlantic Region who enjoy Canadian Children’s Literature. Almost everyone I have spoken to is interested in the work of IBBY and more often than not feel IBBY is one of Canada’s best kept secrets!

Activities to date:

IBBY had a table at Word On The Street, Halifax. Once again we were in the Literacy Market Place. We were just across from Woozles, Children’s Book Sellers, so the area had a lot of traffic and there was a lot of opportunity to speak with parents about our Honour Books. Our display highlighted the various awards and activities of IBBY. There was lots of interest in the Children in Crisis Fund. Several teachers thought it might be a good project for their class next year. A treasure hunt for the education children’s literature class at Mount Saint Vincent brought students to the booth where they learned about the work of IBBY.

I had an IBBY table at several craft fairs and in some libraries. A display of books also accompanied the information. Visitors took away a list of some Canadian children’s books.

School visits were also opportunities to spread the word. A bookmark with the IBBY website and contact information is left. Teachers and Librarians are the targets here. On-campus talks to university and college students also provide great opportunities.

Future goals:

It continues to be my goal to make connections in the other Atlantic provinces and to continue to look for opportunities to showcase IBBY and the work of Canadian authors and illustrators. I look forward with members with whom I might collaborate in the region or to hear from those with suggestions about new venues I might try.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Baskwill
February 8, 2015
**CANSCAIP Liaison’s Report 2014**

Debbie Spring

I truly enjoyed my sixth year sitting on the executive of IBBY as the representative for CANSCAIP. I was impressed by the projects that IBBY undertakes and I am eager to continue to be an active participant in this valuable organization.

As the CANSCAIP Liaison officer, this year:

- Reports were made at CANSCAIP meetings, in their newsletters and emails, keeping members updated on current IBBY projects and events.

- At CANSCAIP meetings IBBY membership applications were available and Cleaver Cards were sold.

- I interviewed CANSCAIP authors and illustrators and wrote their stories for the IBBY newsletters.

In 2015, I will continue to do all of the above mentioned activities to keep CANSCAIP members in the loop about current news about IBBY. I look forward to my continued involvement with IBBY.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Spring
February 2015
Canadian Children’s Book Centre Liaison’s Report 2014

Meghan Howe

The CCBC provides IBBY Canada with a mailing address and phone reference contact. In addition to this, the CCBC continues to host the IBBY Canada executive meetings in our board room.

For IBBY Canada’s special meeting of members regarding the articles of continuance and By-laws, I kept track of the proxy votes that arrived in the mail.

For the various projects it administers, the CCBC keeps an up-to-date listing of publisher contacts. I provided Theo Heras with contact lists for both the English- and French-language publishers for the call for submissions to the 2014 Cleaver Award. I kept in close contact with the Cleaver committee during the entire submission process to inform them of the Cleaver submission fees that had been arriving at the CCBC office.

I also compiled a list of potential candidates for the Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities list and sent this to Theo Heras, Chair of the 2014 committee.

Last year I had the honour of serving as a juror for the Joanne Fitzgerald Illustrator in Residence Program. It was a great experience.

In addition to posting IBBY news on the CCBC website, I have also been proofreading the IBBY Canada newsletter before it is sent to members. I will continue to do this throughout 2015.

Finally, I had the opportunity to attend the 2014 IBBY Congress in Mexico City. My experience at the IBBY Congress was wonderful. There were many familiar faces there and I had the opportunity to meet a lot of new and interesting people.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Howe
January 28, 2015
Rapport de la présidente du Prix Claude Aubry 2014

Susane Duchesne

Pour l'attribution du Prix Claude Aubry 2014, nous avons sollicité des nominations en lançant un « appel de candidatures » en Novembre 2014 qui a été affiché sur notre site Web et dans l'infolettre d’automne de IBBY et nous avons contacté quelques éditeurs et professionnels du domaine qui pourraient proposer des candidats.

Nous avons reçu un total de 12 nominations - tous remarquables.


Pour services distingués dans le domaine de la littérature pour enfants (anglais) - Judith Saltman

Pour services distingués dans le domaine de la littérature pour enfants (français) - Jacques Payette

Tous deux recevront leur prix en conjonction avec un événement spécial de littérature jeunesse dans l'année à venir.

Merci à Helena Aalto pour l'envoi d’appel de candidatures à l’automne 2014.

Respectueusement vôtre,

Susane Duchesne
2 février, 2015
Elizabeth Mrazik-Cleaver Canadian Picture Book Award 2014/Le Prix Elizabeth Mrazik-Cleaver pour le meilleur livre d'images Canadien 2014

Submitted by Theo Heras, Chair

The work of the Cleaver Award Jury began in September 2014, when I sent out the call for submissions to 211 Canadian children's publishers. The books and cheques began arriving almost immediately, slowly at first, and continued to come until the deadline, December 15, 2014. Two or three small publishers asked for an extension for various reasons and I gave them to the end of the month.

There was a problem this year because the deadline did not appear on the website. I'll make sure the information is passed on to Camilia in a timely manner next year.

I couldn't have had a better team of jurors than I had this year. Allison Taylor-McBryde (Vancouver), professor and retired children's librarian (and active grandmother of two) is in her second year on the jury. Lyne Rajotte (Montreal), Quebec Councillor, school librarian and board member for the Corporation of Professional Librarians of Quebec (CBPQ) agreed to join the jury and we are delighted to have her.

My second team, the invisible committee of Meghan Howe, CCBC liaison, and Yvette Ghione, IBBY Canada treasurer, again made my life easier concerning the administrative and the financial aspects of the award. The highly organized and prompt Meghan sent Yvette the cheques and Yvette banked them all without a worry from me. I could not have done the work as easily without them and I thank them very much for making me look good yet again. IBBY-Canada received $1980.00 in fees in 2014.

In 2014, 34 publishers (and self-published authors/illustrators) submitted a total of 99 books. Of these 99, 10 were French-language books from three Quebec publishers, and 89 were English. Some of these books were not eligible, but the majority were.

After reading all the submissions and sharing comments on a Google document that Allison set up, all three of us jurors shared long lists (of 9 or 10 titles). There was not a lot of overlap and we ended up with 24 titles on our long list (about 25% of the titles submitted). After our considering the long list, I asked the jurors to choose two or three books they could defend as a winner. All of us reread the books on the long list. Our shortlist consisted of 5 titles (Allison selected 4; Lyne, 3; and I, 2). Each of us evaluated the books and wrote back and forth via email for a week or more. While there seemed to be a winner emerging, there also seemed to me to be some differences of opinion. We ranked our choices and I scored the five books. We were unanimous in choosing the winner. As last year, we also selected two books for the shortlist. The winner will be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

As the long-list suggests, there were many excellent picture books published in Canada in 2014. Besides evaluating the books using the Cleaver criteria, I also like to try to determine any
trends. Looking over last year's remarks, I believe that this year is similar. Here are some of our observations of 2014’s crop of picture books:

Out of 34 publishers who submitted this year, 16, or almost half of them are small presses – regional, aboriginal or self-published. Does this suggest that niche markets are the focus for these publishers?

As I looked over the three top books, I realized that, though they are all stylistically different, all employed both full-page spreads and smaller illustrations to convey the story.

There were fewer picture books for the toddler or pre-school crowd.

We saw fewer books in French than we would have wished.

I again want to thank my sister jurors Allison Taylor-McBryde and Lyne Rajotte for giving of their time and expertise. Anyone serving on a jury knows the time and responsibility it takes to come to a decision. Both Allison and Lyne demonstrated their depth of knowledge, their critical acumen and their brilliant intuition in evaluating the books submitted this year. It was a pleasure to work on this very important IBBY-Canada committee with these two wonderful people.

Respectfully submitted,

Theo Heras
February 2015
Hans Christian Andersen Award Report 2014

Submitted by Stephanie Dror, Co-Chair

The process for the Anderson award has really only just begun. For me, it all started with an email connecting me to Josiane, who also lives in Ottawa and who I have since met (she's lovely!). Over coffee, we went over the schedule, which is a lot tighter than in recent years with everything due at the end of April. Josiane had already handled the selection process and contacted the Canadian selection committee.

The selection committee included: Gillian O'Reilly, Judi Saltman and Josiane Polidori.

And the selected candidates are:
Author: Kenneth Oppel
Illustrator: Pierre Pratt

We have reviewed the selection criteria, previous dossiers and divided tasks among the two of us with myself taking on Author Kenneth Oppel's dossier and Josiane handling our Illustrator Pierre Pratt. We have notified the artists about their nomination and they are both thrilled.

As we move on with the process we expect to make some changes to the current dossiers and would greatly appreciate the help of anyone with any design skills. We'll be in contact with each of the artists' publishers for information, reviews, new photos and in order to ship each of the selected books out to the jury members.

Wish us luck!

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Dror, co-chair Andersen Nomination Committee
February 20, 2015
**Treasurer’s Report 2014**

Yvette Ghione

Operating Account Balance was $6,682.09 on January 1, 2014
$5,294.22 on December 31, 2014

**Operating Account Credits**

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## Treasurer’s Comments

- Total membership revenue was down by $22.72 from 2013
- Cash outflow exceeded inflow by $1,387 – but it isn’t as grim as all that.
  Key contributing factors on the expenses side:
• We made the final repayment to the Russell Grant fund ($3,306) – woohoo! – and 2013’s repayment + donations ($2,090) also cleared in 2014
• The 2013 Cleaver Award submission fees + donations + card sales ($2,100) didn’t clear until January 2014

If we were to back out the above-mentioned 2013 spillover debits (Russell Grant $2,090; Cleaver Award $2,100), our net 2014 inflow actually exceeded our outflow by $2,803.

Other factors:
• The Board voted in favor of IBBY Canada defraying some of the President’s Congress expenses; for 2014, we agreed to a sum of $500. (We will continue this going forward, and revisit the amount in every Congress year.)
• The Canadian dollar–Swiss franc exchange rate was (and is) lousy: IBBY Canada’s 2014 dues of 6,000 CHF = CAD $7,808

• CIC Fund
  o Donations were up $4,687 from 2013, in large part to a few substantial individual donations, but also thanks to the wonderful overall response we received as a result of the renewed call for support for efforts in Lebanon. 2014’s total is the highest since 2010.

Looking ahead to 2015...

• With 2014’s final repayment to the Russell Fund, we can now refocus on increasing revenue to ensure a healthy Operating account balance.

• We’ll be further streamlining our banking processes by transferring the Russell Fund monies to a Tangerine account, which will also net higher gains in interest.

• The Swiss franc is stronger still against the Canadian dollar than last year, so our dues payment will be a little higher (CAD $8,000 per the rate @ February 20).

• 2015 is a HCAA year, which is always an expensive endeavor; fees are roughly CAD $1,500. As with the past few campaigns, we will be soliciting support from the nominees’ publishers to help defray costs for the books’ shipping to jury members.

• 2016 Honour List fees — CAD ~$750 — are due by the end of October.

• We were unable to find a new accountant willing to provide pro bono services; this year’s financial statement and tax filing preparation will come at a maximum cost of $500.
IBBY Canada Slate of Officers 2015

**Group A** is to be elected (or confirmed) for a one-year term and includes:

- President – Shannon Babcock
- Vice President – Sheila Barry
- Membership Secretary – Stephanie Dror
- Liaison – CCBC – Meghan Howe
- Liaison – Communication Jeunesse – (Vacant)
- Newsletter Editor – Katie Scott
- Promotions Officer – Helena Aalto
- Regional Councillor East – Jane Baskwill
- Regional Councillor West – Nafiza Azad

**Group B** is to be elected for a 2-year term and includes:

- Second Vice President – Theo Heras
- Treasurer – Yvette Ghione (for one year)
- Recording Secretary – Alice Moore
- Liaison – CANSCAIP – Debbie Spring (for one year)
- Website Editor – Camilia Kahrizi
- Regional Councillor Ontario – Lesley Clement
- Regional Councillor Quebec – Lyne Rajotte
- Regional Councillor Alberta – Merle Harris