

# CASLIS TORONTO NEWS

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Division of CLA, Canadian Library Association

## From Our President

**G**reetings CASLIS Members.  
And so ends 2002. And a look ahead  
to a fresh new year!

Lots of activity at the CASLIS National level as they seek nominations for the new Executive and for the Special Librarian's Award by January 10<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> respectively. (Please see the notices deeper in the newsletter for more information).

Being a part of the **National Executive Committee** will give you (or your lucky nominee) the opportunity to make a unique contribution to the profession and the CASLIS organization. Talk about professional development; this is the ultimate! Contact Mia Yen, CASLIS National Second Vice President with your nominations for President Elect or Director.

And who doesn't want to be recognized? The really "special", special librarians don't always stand out, but rather they toil away ensuring that their clients come first, their resources are the very best, their profession stands out and their contribution makes a difference. Why not recognize an every day hero on a national level for the **CASLIS Award for Special Librarianship** in Canada? Contact Helen Kula, CASLIS National Director with your nominees.

2002 has been a great year for CASLIS Toronto. Our **November program** had the best turn out I've ever seen- nearly 80 eager listeners at one program!  
Congratulations to Brenda Ross, the meeting director for the program, for getting the topic and timing all right. Unfortunately,

Brenda has had to resign from the executive since the meeting as her career takes flight away from the library profession.

The **December Joint Holiday Social** on December 5<sup>th</sup>, was a rousing success again this year. Over 125 folks turned up and we noshed the night away. Many thanks to the collective committee for pulling together to make the evening flawless... Kolette Taber and Lynda Viger of SLA were instrumental in kicking us off and taking care of registration, sponsors and music. Christine Chang, of THLA, coordinated the food bank and helped out with prizes. Marina of OALT/ABO was active at the registration table and handing out prizes. Robyn Stockand, our own VP, was instrumental in getting all of those door prizes organized. Our registrar, Amy Camarda, also helped out at the registration table. Hart House, as always, did a lovely job with the food and set up! Thanks to all! Such a festive and relaxed event for everyone in attendance.

And now 2003 looms large!

Coming up in **March** Gwen Harris will be our speaker; addressing the topic of "Current Awareness"- how do you keep up with all that's going on in our profession and the information world? We'll find out from an expert!

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In **April** we'll be discussing "Hot Potatoes: Professional Responsibility and Liability"; truly a "hot" topic as we become more integral to the decision making process in so many of our organizations.

And finally in **May**, our Annual General Meeting. Few details can be revealed at this point but suffice it to say we have some really engaging ideas that we're plotting!

I hope the holidays are restful and fruitful for you all. And as we say goodbye to another year, let's look forward to a new year of commitment and involvement in our profession. Nominate yourself or someone else for the awards they deserve; and/or make the leap to a national level by joining the National Executive committee of CASLIS.

Happy Holidays!!! See you in '03.

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## **October Program Review**

### ***What Happened at Our Recent Meeting?***

#### ***"Members of the Naked Society and Denizens of a Goldfish Bowl": Privacy and You.***

***Speaker: Mike Gurski, Senior Policy and Technology Advisor for the Information Privacy Commission of Ontario. October 15, 2002.***

Why do we need to know about privacy? Our speaker suggested searching on Google under "privacy glitch" to see what can happen to information given on Internet sites. His talk was about the Platform for Privacy Preferences (or P3P), a standard developed for use with Web sites and matched to browsers to help users decide whether the level of privacy offered by a site agrees with their personal preferences. Privacy statements of site owners, often found on sites, are translated into a standard XML code on the site. The statements themselves

are often difficult to understand (i.e. written in high-level legalese), hard to find, take a long time to read, and change without notice. The P3P process makes them accessible to site users without effort.

The main P3P site is <http://www.w3.org/p3p>. Mr. Gurski also talked about the "semantic web" as defined by Tim Berniers-Lee and outlined in Scientific American for April 2002. This concept is the base of P3P, and involves taking statements, policies, etc. and developing a taxonomy with locked down meaning, coding this, and using it to enable machines to talk to each other. P3P is an international standard. If you set up your preferences in Canada, they will be valid when you visit German sites, though the site owners in Germany may be governed by different national laws.

Other tools useful for privacy were discussed briefly. Encryption is one of these.

Anonymizers are another.

P3P is a very large standard, and only part of it is used by Internet Explorer 6, Netscape 7 and AT&T., but already there are some effects. As it makes inroads into unintelligible policies, people are making more informed decisions about using sites. In addition, there has already been one case where the policy was challenged and the Federal Trade Commission was prepared to rule fraud when the company's policy was really different from the statement.

Branding as 'privacy friendly' is becoming desirable. Numbers of companies are adopting the standard, including Yahoo, Lycos, IBM, Royal Bank.

There are also enhancements arriving, one of which is Lorrie Cranor's privacy bird, which can be downloaded free from

<http://privacybird.com>. It works with IE to extend the possibilities already offered.

Moving toward the new Web, there is work on extending the P3P standard. Mr. Gurski spoke of bots searching for you with privacy-enabled programming included.

All this sounds quite serious and difficult, but the speaker added much humour and explanation and it was a pleasurable meeting.

Information Privacy Commission of Ontario  
Web site:  
<http://www.ipc.on.ca/english/index.htm>

**For further reading:**

The Privacy Hoax by Eric Goldman.  
Forbes, October 14, 2002.

"Consumers say they care about Internet privacy but don't act that way."

[read this with care: Ann Cavoukian, the Privacy Commissioner for Ontario, thinks they really do care, that competing demands have obscured this, and that in any case individuals should be able to make their own decisions.]

The Lure of Perfect Security by Peter de Jager.  
CIO Canada, September 2002.

<http://www.itworld.ca/>

"What if we could create electronic documents that only authorized readers could access?"

Marilyn MacKellar  
Program Director

**The 11th CACR Information Security Workshop, Toronto, Ontario, Nov. 7-8, 2002.**

Prepared by Marilyn MacKellar, who thanks the Information Privacy Commission of Ontario for this challenging opportunity to learn and grow.

What an amazing well-organized conference!  
What a diversity of topics!

When Mike Gurski came to speak at the October meeting, he offered us places at the CACR Workshop. I was one of the lucky attendees at this conference.

Privacy has been one of my interests for a very long time, and security (in the computer sense) has been familiar, starting with my first encounter with networks. But when the two concepts are put together there are many other facets to the combination.

In our ever-present atmosphere of increased concern with security and the new legislation aimed at increased 'safety', an increasing number of comments raising privacy concerns are coming from the Privacy Commissioners.

The speakers at this conference covered these topics with viewpoints from the personal (stolen identities) to the international (P3P), from the technical (biometrics) to the legal (ATA, or, The Anti-Terrorism Act, Bill C36), from the practical to the theoretical. There was a Mock Medical Inquiry (complete with Justice Horace Krever as the chair) — a scenario much too close to the possible. There were people from everywhere (so lots to talk about). There were networking games (based on poker hands!). There was lots of good food and lots of fun, too.

But the competing claims of security and privacy are serious subjects, and finding methods for security measures which will still not threaten our privacy is not easy. This conference provided the knowledge needed for a conceptual background, and some practical examples of how to proceed.

**WEB WATCH**

*Some current awareness services to help you stay up-to-date about trends and happenings in the library and information science world.*  
Prepared by Michel-Adrien Sheppard

1) **UI Current LIS Clips** -  
<http://www.lis.uiuc.edu/clips/>

This service provides summaries of the key recent publications in the field. It is run by the Graduate School of Library Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2) **Virtual Acquisition Shelf and News Desk**  
AKA Gary Price's Resource Shelf -  
<http://resourceshelf.freepint.com/>

Gary Price, co-author of the book, *The Invisible Web* (<http://store.yahoo.com/infoday/invisibleweb.html>), produces this indispensable weblog that is updated daily. It contains links to professional reading, as well as news on new databases, products, search engine enhancements, gov docs etc...

### 3) Hotbytes E-Newsletter -

<http://www.informationhighways.net/news/news1.html>

The bi-weekly e-newsletter from Information Highways magazine. Your source for information industry news in Canada.

### 4) Librarian and Information Science News -

<http://www.lisnews.com/>

This is a collaborative weblog devoted to current events and news in the world of Library and Information Science. It was started in 1999 by a librarian in the Midwestern USA.

### 5) Library News Daily -

<http://www.lights.com/scott/>

Same as above but from a more Canadian point of view

### 6) NewsBreaks -

<http://www.infotoday.com/newsbreaks/breaks.htm>

Industry news flashes (product announcements, corporate reorganizations in the info industry, conferences) from the publishers of the professional journals Searcher, Computers in Libraries, Information Today, ONLINE Magazine and KMWorld

### 7) Steven Bell's Keeping Up Web Page -

<http://staff.philau.edu/bells/keepup/>

Designed to help library and information science professionals develop and maintain a program of self-guided professional development.

Here is an excerpt from an article he wrote entitled "To keep up, go beyond: Developing a personal professional development plan using e-resources outside the bounds of library literature", College & Research Libraries News, <http://www.ala.org/acrl/keepup.html>:

#### **Avoid getting overwhelmed**

*One hazard in any keeping up strategy occurs when reading and reviewing alerts amount to an hour or more a day. Few of us can afford to allot that much workday time to this task. To*

*prevent it from becoming a time-consuming burden, here are some strategies for minimizing the time devoted to keeping up.*

- **Be a browser.** *Many of the publications will be peripheral and you will want to follow-up on only ten or twenty percent of the total. Get skilled at browsing. Do not attempt to read them in detail. Concentrate on spotting the one or two items you need to know.*

- **Use your e-mail client to get organized.** *Many e-mail software programs allow users to identify messages coming from specific addresses for routing to folders. Create a "keeping up" folder and set aside 15 minutes each day to scan its contents rather than stopping other activities throughout the day to read materials just arriving in your inbox.*

- **Print or capture and review later.** *Many "keeping up" resources primarily identify Web sites, and considerable time is spent visiting sites of interest to determine if they can be of further use. Avoid making those determinations online. It can be more efficient to make a quick site visit to print that page or use your browser to capture the page for offline viewing. Use your offline time to determine those sites worth a return visit.*

- **Share the load and tackle it as a team.** *Develop a list of all of the e-newsletters and sites you follow. Ask co-workers to join in a "keeping up" club. This distributes the load and reduces the likelihood of any individual getting overwhelmed.*

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Michel-Adrien Sheppard works as a Web Content Producer and editor of the Ask an Advisor e-mail service at workopolis.com, Canada's largest Internet recruitment services site. Every week, he scans some 20-30 current awareness services for interesting odds and ends to share with colleagues.

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### **CASLIS National Executive Position Nominations**

**The deadline for the CASLIS National elections is fast approaching -- January 10, 2003!!**

Contribute to the long-term health of your organization! The Nominating and Elections Committee needs your help to identify candidates who are committed to CASLIS and willing to lead the division. All CASLIS members are vital to this nominating process.

Consider running for a position on the CASLIS National Executive! You are also encouraged to nominate yourself as a qualified candidate.

The CASLIS National Executive is currently seeking candidates for the following two positions:

1. First Vice-President/President Elect (four-year term; one as First Vice-President, two as President, and one as Past President)
2. Director (three-year term)

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Candidates for First Vice-President and Director must be personal OR institutional members in good standing of CLA and CASLIS. While President (two years), the candidate must be a personal member of CLA and CASLIS in good standing. Enthusiasm and a desire to contribute to the association are essential; no previous association experience is required.

#### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**

To nominate a candidate for one of the above positions, please send the following to the address below before January 10, 2003:

◆ A nomination signed by two personal members of CASLIS. Standard forms available at <http://www.cla.ca/elections/caslis.htm> or from the Member Services Department at the CLA Office. Contact Brenda Shields at (613) 232-9625, Ext. 318; E-mail: [bshields@cla.ca](mailto:bshields@cla.ca). Forms may also be obtained from Mia Yen.

- ◆ A letter of consent signed by the nominee;
- ◆ A brief biography of the nominee;

◆ A brief (175 words maximum) platform statement, by the nominee, indicating why s/he wants to run for a position on the CASLIS Executive; and,

◆ A recent photograph (2 inches by 3 inches, preferably black and white) to be printed in Feliciter.

#### **Send nominations by January 10, 2003, to:**

Mia Yen, Assistant to the Deputy Minister for International Trade  
Office of the Deputy Minister for International Trade  
Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade  
Lester B. Pearson Building, 125 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, ON K1A 0G2  
Tel.: (613) 944-0357  
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Questions regarding nominations should be directed to Mia Yen.

### **CASLIS Award for Special Librarianship in Canada**

The CASLIS National Executive invites the CASLIS membership to nominate an individual or individuals to receive the CASLIS Award for Special Librarianship in Canada.

Instituted in 1979, the award is intended to recognize and reward those who have made an outstanding contribution to special librarianship in Canada through professional and/or Divisional activities. Appropriate professional activities may include research, publishing, teaching, or significant participation in other related professional associations, while examples of Divisional activities include participation in activities benefiting CASLIS or CLA, leadership within CASLIS or CLA, or other noteworthy actions on behalf of CASLIS or CLA. Candidates must be members in good standing in CLA and have actively participated in the Association or Division.

Nominations for the CASLIS Award for Special Librarianship in Canada must be accompanied

by a current curriculum vitae of the nominee and a supporting statement that outlines his/her professional career and the specific achievement(s) that merit granting this award.

Signatures of at least two CLA members must also support any nomination. All nominations and deliberations related to this award shall be considered confidential.

The award will be presented at the CASLIS Annual General Meeting, held during the CLA conference in June.

**The closing date for nominations is JANUARY 20, 2003.**

**Nominations should be sent to:**

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**CLA Conference Grants for CASLIS Members**

CASLIS National is pleased to offer 3 conference grants of \$500 each for use in attending the ALA/CLA Conference in Toronto, June 19-25, 2003.

**WHO CAN APPLY?**

You can apply if you:

- ◆are a personal member of CASLIS in good standing, and your membership began prior to January 1, 2003,
- ◆demonstrate financial need,
- ◆(if employed) provide a letter from your employer assuring you time off to attend the conference,
- ◆are not receiving conference-related funding from another CLA or CASLIS chapter source,
- ◆are able to attend the CASLIS Annual General Meeting on June 22, 2003, and provide a written summary of your conference

experience for publication in CASLIS Special Issues within 6 months of the end of the conference.

Conference grant applications must be submitted in writing, indicating your eligibility for this grant and your ability to meet the grant's requirements. If employed, please indicate the amount of financial support you will be receiving from your employer for the conference.

The conference grant is non-transferable; if the recipient of a conference grant is unable to attend the conference, another candidate will be selected. Conference grants will be presented at the CASLIS Annual General Meeting.

**The closing date for applications is April 1, 2003.**

Applications should be sent to:

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Ottawa, Ontario K1S 5B6  
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**Toronto Guide for CLA/ALA Conference**

CASLIS Toronto is producing an "on the cheap" guide for the joint CLA/ALA conference. This conference will bring thousands of librarians to our city and we have the unique opportunity to provide some insight into enjoying Toronto in a fun and cost effective way. The 2003 guide will focus on inexpensive dining, transportation and entertainment options, all written up with a personal touch. We need volunteer writers who would like to share with conference delegates their 'best of' in Toronto. The guide will also include information on group rates, day excursions, theatre events, TTC tips, etc. Volunteer writers will **not** be responsible for an entire section, but contribute to a section (or sections) with their favourites. Work on the guide will begin

early in the new year. **If you are interested in contributing, please contact:**

Robyn Stockand. (416-869-6763)

[Robyn.stockand@nbfinancial.com](mailto:Robyn.stockand@nbfinancial.com)

### **CASLIS Strategic Planning Task Force**

The Task Force continues to make progress in developing the plan to guide our association into the future. Please look for new documents in the New Year on the strategic plan web site including reports from the Chapter focus groups and a draft goals document.

<http://www.cla.ca/caslis/strategicplan.htm>

### **CASLIS Toronto Listserv**

Members are encouraged to subscribe to the Toronto Chapter's unmoderated discussion group. The list provides a forum for discussion topics of interest to Canadian information professionals working in special libraries.

The listserv is hosted by Yahoo! Groups.

**TO SUBSCRIBE:** Send a message to

[caslistoronto-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:caslistoronto-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

After subscribing, you may receive a message saying that your e-mail address has been rejected. Do not fear! Yahoo Groups will only accept invited members to join their groups. CASLIS Toronto president, Jennifer McCready, will review your e-mail and sign you up.

For more information, see the CASLIS website:

<http://www.caslistoronto.on.ca/Listserv5.html>

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### **TORONTO CASLIS EXECUTIVE**

#### **2001 - 2002**

We would like to thank Brenda Ross, Program Director, and Andre Boudreau, Publicity and Listserv, for their contributions to CASLIS Toronto this year. If anyone is interested in filling the positions of Archives or Publicity/Listserv, please contact Jennifer McCready.

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