

**Minutes of the Second AGM of the LIASA Special Libraries Interest Group  
(LiSLIG) Eastern Cape**

**Cory Library for Historical Research, Grahamstown**  
10am.Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2008

**Programme**

10.00 10.30	<b>Tea</b>	
10.30 11.30	<b>Talk</b>	<b>Redesigning for the next generation libraries: challenges and critical issues</b> by Gwenda Thomas, Library Director, Rhodes University.
11.30 12.15	<b>Business Meeting</b>	<b>AGM and Elections</b>

**1. Welcome**

Dot Pitman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Attendance**

Present: Jill Otto, Fiona Still-Drewett, Lenore Schafer, George Monahadi, Ayanda Pantsi, Vuyi Kota, Shirley Kabwato, Ann Torlesse, Jenny Wooldridge, Dot Pitman, Liz de Wet, Stella Bosch, Rachel Williams, Lwandi Plaatjie and Lynne Crozier,

Apologies: Verna Whitely, Nicky Kendall, Marilyn Clarke and Thembi Nondywana.

**3. Minutes of the previous AGM**

The minutes of the previous AGM were circulated. A motion to adopt the minutes was proposed by Jenny Wooldridge and seconded by Fiona Still-Drewett.

**4. Chairman's Report for 2007-2008**

The report was circulated and read out in part by the Chairman. The report was accepted on a proposal by Ann Torlesse, which was seconded by Lenore Schafer.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report for 2007 – 2008 was circulated and confirmed.  
Proposed by Shirley Kabwato and seconded by Ann Torlesse

**6. Announcement of New LiSLIG EC Committee.**

Dot Pitman announced that Shirley Kabwato, Fiona Still-Drewett and Ann Torlesse had been nominated to the 2008/2010 LiSLIG EC Committee. As only three names were put forward there was no need to hold an election. Dot welcomed the new committee and thanked them for standing.

## **7. Report back from members on activities in their libraries.**

**Ayanda Pantsi** (Albany Museum Library) reported that she was helping the exhibitions officer prepare for the Timbuktu Exhibition. She was sending out exhibition invitations as well as the Museum Annals.

**Lwandi Plaatjie** (Queenstown Health Resource Centre) spoke about the Library which is part of the Resource Centre. Lwandi is assisted in the library by two student helpers  
The Resource Centre also has conference facilities, study rooms and a computer laboratory.

**Stella Bosch** (Port Elizabeth College) felt that management had to be convinced that libraries were a vital and integral part of education.  
She was taking an active part in preparing topic material ahead of lectures in order to assist students.

**Ann Torlesse** (NELM) commented on the stream of July visitors who combined research at NELM with Festival attendance.

**George Monahadi** (Amathole Museum Library) commented on the number of school students using the Museum Library. In response he had deposited photocopies of the relevant museum records in the public library. He had also worked with the school principal to improve the local school library.  
George remarked on the growing number of enquiries for historical information directed to the Museum and the Library.

**Rachel Williams** (East London Museum Library) also noted that the number of queries received by their Library had increased. The queries were coming from within South Africa as well as from international researchers. Rachel had appeared on a July Pasella programme, introducing viewers to historical East London.  
She had assisted in the gathering of over a thousand book donations for an outreach programme.

**Vuyi Kota** (East London Health Resource Centre) explained that the Library supplied information to medical and health professionals in the East London area. She is at present looking into the provision of electronic resources for busy doctors.

The Library helps a significant number of school students from the surrounding areas with information on Health and Science. The Centre also has conference facilities.

Vuyi works alone with the help of a part time assistant, covering opening hours from 8am to 6.30 daily and until 12.30 on Saturdays.

The newly built library was badly damaged in February when the roof was destroyed in a storm and the journal collections on the top floor were damaged. Library activities are hampered as the building remains unrepaired.

**Shirley Kabwato** (Cory Library) said that the staff was busy with the Cory Library Review which was undertaken every five years with the objective of making operations more efficient.

**Liz de Wet** (Cory Library) drew attention to the Cory web blog that has been set up by Sally Schramm. She also commented on the growing number of queries received from overseas. Liz said that librarians should be aware that students, who had not experienced the pre-digital age, had difficulty understanding that not all documents are available in digital format.

**Lenore Schafer** (Grahamstown High Court Library) had assisted the presenter at a three day course on computer literacy set up for Eastern Cape Judges. This had also included a useful refresher course in Juta Stat and Lexis Nexis.

**Fiona Still – Drewett** (Rhodes Music Library) had attended the IAML Conference in Naples. This conference is directed at musicologists, information specialists and music librarians. Fiona presented a paper on the theme of isolation, geographical, institutional and collegial, experienced by Music Librarians. On the 20<sup>th</sup> August Fiona attended the annual meeting of the Music Librarians' Interest Group of South Africa (MLIGSA) which was held in Port Elizabeth. The Music Library was also engaged in the Library Review.

**Jill Otto** (Rhodes Law Library) was finding the current Library Review challenging as the new Main Library development had to be considered. The Law Library itself was due to be refurbished with the help of funds from the Professional Provident Society. Jill was organizing the information literacy programme for 290 first year Legal Theory students.

**Dot Pitman** (Bayworld Library) said that material at the Library had suffered some water damage in April when a fish tank on the floor above had sprung a leak.

**Jenny Wooldridge** (CSIR Library P.E.) reported that the Library had lost its photocopy machine as a result of ongoing cost cutting measures.

## **8. Any other Business**

Jenny Wooldridge asked if any librarians from the group would be attending the LIASA Conference.

Jenny also drew attention to the LIASA sponsored training course that was due to take place in East London during September. This is a partner initiative with SABINET. The details of the course were available at the meeting. LIASA membership forms were also available at the meeting.

**9. Circulation of Contact List for amendment.**

The list was circulated.

**10. Next Meeting – date and venue**

The chairman left this open for the new committee.

**11. Thank you to Shirley and Cory staff**

Dot Pitman thanked Shirley for hosting the AGM at Cory Library.

**12. Closure**

The AGM closed, in some haste, at 1.20

**Dorothy Pitman (Chairman)**  
3rd September 2008

**Lynne Crozier (Secretary)**

**LiSLIG Eastern Cape**

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