

To: Marzio Apolloni, Chair, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries  
CC: David Allen, CEO, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries  
From: Elise C. Cole, Chair, Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council  
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Re: Annual Report to Federation Annual General Meeting

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Please find below a summary of the OPL Guidelines Council's activities for 2008:

Representation to our Council changed in 2008 with the departure of Marzio Appoloni (FOPL) to become Chair of the Federation and the retirement of Margaret Williams (AMPLO.) Our FOPL Representative is now Gay Kozak-Selby while Cindy Weir replaces Margaret as the AMPLO representative.

The Council met six times in 2008 with approved minutes available on the Federation's website at: <http://www.fopl.ca/GuidelinesCouncil/index.html>.

The Guidelines Council's website with the current versions of the Guidelines themselves is available at: <http://www.olsn.ca/Guidelines/OPLG.aspx>

The Fourth edition of the *Guidelines* went into effect January 9, 2008. A grant was obtained from the Ministry of Culture in order to produce a print copy of the appropriate version of the *Guidelines*, and these were mailed out to every public library in Ontario, courtesy of the same Ministry grant. Other promotional items for the *Guidelines* included the creation and distribution of brochures describing the *Guidelines* at SOLS workshops and OLS-North conferences, press releases targeted at both library and non-library audiences were distributed to journals such as *Access*. In addition, Margaret Rule and Elise C. Cole submitted an article on the OPL Guidelines accreditation program to the Canada-wide journal, *Municipal World*. The article was accepted for publication and appeared in the August 2008 issue.

At the September 30, 2008 meeting, Elise C. Cole was nominated and acclaimed to a second two-year term as Chair of the Guidelines Council. Shann Leighton was nominated and acclaimed to a two-year term as Vice-Chair of the Guidelines Council.

Five libraries were reaccredited in 2008 and are being honoured at the OPLA/OLBA Awards dinner tomorrow, Thursday, January 29. They are:  
Bruce Mines and Plummer Additional Union Public Library, Fort Erie Public Library, Galway-Cavendish & Harvey Township Public Library, St. Marys Public Library and Terrace Bay Public Library

Respectfully submitted by:  
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