

ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2002

1. Status and nature of activities

The Ontario Library Association is incorporated without share capital under the laws of the Province of Ontario and qualifies as a non-profit organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada). Its purpose is to defend the democratic right of all individuals to free and equal access to information and to encourage the development and improvement of library services and programs throughout Ontario.

2. Significant accounting policies

Fund accounting

The general fund accounts for current operations and programs as well as the Association's administrative activities.

The Elizabeth Ann Cummings Memorial Lecture Fund accounts for a lecture event to advance the library profession. Restricted contributions and expenses for this purpose are reported in this fund.

The Margaret Scott Memorial Fund accounts for scholarships awarded to librarians for their attendance at continuing education, networking events and research. Restricted contributions and expenses for this purpose are reported in this fund.

The Grace Buller Scholarship Fund accounts for scholarships awarded to Ontario residents that would lead to the improvement of library services to special interest groups. Restricted contributions and expenses for this purpose are reported in this fund. Late in 2001, a decision was made to transfer the fund to the Faculty of Information Studies of The University of Toronto, as trustee. Although the fund balance at that time was approximately \$121,000, the decision made was to transfer \$150,000 to take advantage of the matching funds available at the time. Of this amount, \$130,000 was reflected in the 2001 financial statements with the remaining balance of \$20,000 shown in 2002, leaving a deficit balance of \$23,784. As the Association continues to receive contributions to the fund, now named the OLA Grace Buller Indigenous Peoples Scholarship Fund, it is understood that such contributions will offset this amount.

The OLA Janette May Baker Scholarship Fund, founded in 2002, accounts for scholarships awarded to individuals with previous work experience to attend recognized library and information science programs. Restricted contributions and expenses for this purpose are reported in this fund.