

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to clarify the purpose and membership of the UWOFA Librarians and Archivists Committee, and to further explain the role of Stewards within the Association.

What is the UWOFA Librarians and Archivists Committee?

The purpose of the UWOFA Librarians and Archivists Committee is:

- to communicate with UWOFA-LA Members about matters important to the Bargaining Unit, and to coordinate communications between UWOFA-LA Members and UWOFA's officers and Board, and
- to provide a forum for UWOFA-LA stewards to keep in touch with one another.

Currently, Committee Members are:

Tom Belton
Bev Brereton
Bruce Fyfe
Kristin Hoffmann (Chair)
Denise Horoky
Elizabeth Marshall

As part of our mandate, we plan to send regular email bulletins on topics related to the Association or the Collective Agreement. The first bulletin will be coming out shortly, and will be on bargaining timelines and processes.

The Committee also provides a central place for the Stewards to come together to identify topics where additional communication would be beneficial, and to increase understanding and knowledge of the Collective Agreement (CA).

What is a Steward?

A Steward is your local UWOFA representative. Our Stewards have two primary roles:

- to be a 'familiar face' for Members to contact if they have questions about the CA or if they feel their rights may have been violated, and
- to monitor the implementation of the CA.

While we encourage all Members to take ownership of the CA and monitor its implementation, the Stewards will look out for your interests as well. We may not have immediate answers to all of your questions, but we will do our best to find the answers or refer you to the people who can provide them.

Your Stewards are:

Kristin Hoffmann (Chief Steward, Taylor)
Bev Brereton (Archives)
Bruce Fyfe (Weldon)
Denise Horoky (Education)
Elizabeth Marshall (FIMS)

Members may contact any UWOFA-LA Steward. Members may also contact the UWOFA Steward for the closest Academic Unit. A list of Stewards is available on the UWOFA website at <http://www.uwofa.ca/ctees/replist.htm>

The Steward system is still in its initial stages, so keep in mind that we are still working out the details of how this will work for UWOFA-LA Members. We welcome any comments about how the Steward system is working, and suggestions for improvements.

Regards,

Kristin (on behalf of the Committee and Stewards)

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