

Report from the Chair, CAUL/CBUA
(1 June-15 October 2015)

1. With this meeting, we welcome another Associate Member (?) to CAUL/CBUA. Andy Wood, who is responsible for the College of the North Atlantic libraries at Prince Philip Drive, Ridge Road, and Seal Cove, will be representing CNA on the Board.
2. While I'm on the subject, with the recent addition of several new members, it seems an appropriate time to remind everyone that in accordance with the CAUL/CBUA Bylaws at Article 3.1, B.iii.-iv., while Associate members "have the right [...] to attend and to speak at Meetings of Members", they are "not [...] entitled to vote [...]"
3. CAUL/CBUA and Novanet. At our meeting in June, the possibility of a merger with Novanet was raised during our discussion of what then appeared to be the possibility of Kathryn's imminent departure. After some discussion on the history of this question, we asked Kathryn to explore the possibility with Bill Slauenwhite. The Novanet Board has since discussed the potential merger and, it's my understanding, that the Board suggested an external review be performed before making any further decisions. CAUL/CBUA will continue to monitor and possibly revisit this topic. It may be beneficial to discuss this further during our mid-winter meeting review of progress on the CAUL/CBUA strategic plan.
4. Finally, a question: Our continuing cuts to e-resources at Mount Allison keep causing me to wonder what, if anything, we can all do to ensure that access to important content is not wholly lost within CAUL/CBUA. While consortial price is obviously determined (at least in part) by "the more (subscribing institutions) the merrier", what are the implications of all of us cutting the same "optional" e-content, in order to preserve our campus subscriptions to the stuff we view as core? Can and should we be doing something cooperatively as we make cuts?