

# MINUTES OF THE 37<sup>th</sup> ASDAL CONFERENCE

NEWBOLD COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
BRACKNELL, UNITED KINGDOM  
MILLENNIALS - GENERATION X, Y, OR Z:  
HOW WELL DO WE KNOW OUR CUSTOMERS?  
JUNE 25-29, 2016

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## SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017

1. Registration, Meet & Greet
  - 1.1 Registration was held in the Library.
  - 1.2 Welcome supper in the Blue Room, Moor Close

## MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017

1. *Devotional*: Abigail Wright, Newbold College of Higher Education.

God's word is transformational and life-giving. Our words impact others.
2. Keynote: Tom de Bruin, Newbold College of Higher Education, *God Must Feel That Way*.

Each generation advances knowledge. In our accelerated

culture students have constant access to information, but librarians still have the functions of selecting materials and guiding students to the best resources. The world is changing, but we can provide spaces which allow students opportunities and inspiration to be creative.

3. Carolyn Gaskell, co-authored with Richard Scott, Walla Walla University, *Digital Natives in a Strange Land: What Library Assessment Tells Us*.

Library satisfaction surveys were completed by undergraduate students at Walla Walla University with regard to library space, resource format,

and service satisfaction. Results showed that remodeling led to a 44% increase in library use, with freshmen and sophomores using the library more than juniors and seniors. Millennials preferred quiet areas and computer workstations and print books over e-books.

4. *ASDAL Business Session I*. Carolyn Gaskell, Larry Onsager, Katy Van Arsdale, Jason St. Clair, and Gillian Connors were elected to the Resolutions Committee.
5. Jason St. Clair, Andrews University, *Adulting in the Library: Experiences of Millennials as Library Staff*.

SDA college and university libraries reported that 49%

of their librarians are baby boomers, 33% are from generation X and 15% are millennials. Millennials expressed concerns about budgets and job shortages, work-life balance, and changes in libraries. Characteristics of millennials found in literature such as uniqueness and hopefulness were observed in interviews with SDA millennial librarians.

6. Rose-lee Power, South Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church & Adventist Heritage Centre and South Sea Island Museum, Australia, *The Yuk Wow Employee*.

Millennials' recent entry into the job market has made them the subject of current focus in the business environment. They are inventive, highly educated, informed, and entrepreneurial and must be fully engaged in the workplace. They need job satisfaction, appreciation, feedback, opportunities for promotion, and to work in their area of passion.

7. David Trim, General Conference Archives, Statistics & Research, *Archives and Records Center Accreditation* [read by Roy Kline].

The General Conference Archives and Records Center supports and coordinates archives and records centers

around the world. Training is often needed as personnel may be inexperienced in archives management. Accreditation will insure excellence and standardization.

8. Necy Tabelisma, South Asia-Pacific Division, *Records Management in the Southern Asia-Pacific Division*.

Archives have increased four-fold since 2015 with the efforts of 2 ½ fulltime personnel. Administrative and historical documents, both published and unpublished, minutes, photographs, and audio visuals are archived. Goals are to promote the culture of records, and provide workshops in records management.

9. Ashlee Chism, General Conference Archives, Statistics & Research, and Katharine Van Arsdale, Pacific Union College, *Selling Yourself: Outreach and Promotion in Two Adventist Archives*.

It is important to find new and

creative ways to make archival material available to patrons and bridge the gap from pop culture to archives. The General Conference Archives, Statistics and Research has initiated a video program, *This Week in Adventist History*, on a YouTube channel. They have a social media presence with a Facebook page, daily Twitter feeds and Instagram. The Pacific Union College Heritage Room is endeavoring to process a backlog and build more outreach through online finding aids, social media posts, posters, informal talks, displays, and collaboration with different entities on campus.

10. *ARMS Business Session*

10.1. Alan Hecht and Roy Kline replace Rose-lee Power and Heather Rodriguez-James on the ARMS Steering Committee. Approved.

10.2. Web pages devoted to ARMS issues will be added to



the ASDAL web site. Members should send useful information, reference questions, and materials for the Adventist Digital Library to that site.

10.3. Discussion of archives accreditation ensued.

10.4. Promotion of the archives is needed. The following suggestions were made:

hold a “career day” at local institutions, make marketing the theme of the section at a future ASDAL conference.

10.5. Would archives workshops be helpful at the beginning or ending of a future ASDAL conference?

11. Kenrie Hylton, General Conference Archives, Statistics & Research, *Processing and Making Available Photographic Records*.

Digital assets should be analyzed according to four categories: select, store, digitize, or discard. When choosing a software system, determine needs and look at management, embedding, tools, searching, social media sharing, security, etc. Plan for user training.

12. Katharine Van Arsdale, Pacific Union Collage; Adorée Hatton, Burman University; Lori Curtis, Loma Linda University, *Processing Archives: A Conversational Induction for the Non-archivist*.

Document all gifts with a name and number and acknowledge the donor. Assess each item

for condition and note if you remove anything. Keep a list of collections, adding notes as needed. Establish rules for use of materials.

13. Ashlee Chism, General Conference Archives, Statistics & Research, *Scanning and Sleuthing: Archives and Adventist Daily Life in the 1880s*.

Diaries and an autograph book of Jenny Thayer were scanned and transcribed then analyzed to give a window into the life of an SDA woman of this period.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017

1. *Devotional*: Audrey Andersson, Trans-European Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

God’s power calms the storm, heals the brokenhearted, and brings

2. Merlin Burt, Andrews University, *Adventist Digital Library*.

The Adventist Digital Library is now fully functioning, supported by the General Conference, White Estate, ASTR, North American Division, ASDAL, and Andrews University. Promotion will begin this year. Burt invited Terry Robertson and Per Lisle to speak briefly about how ADL can impact researchers in their respective libraries.

3. Benjamin Baker, General Conference Archives, Statistics

& Research, *A Librarians’ Encyclopedia*.

The new Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists (ESDA) is being designed to appeal to librarians and those they serve which will make it useful and easy to use. ASDAL members are encouraged to contribute to ESDA by helping those tasked with writing articles for the Encyclopedia. The Encyclopedia will be comprehensive and thoroughly researched with the help of division, regional, and thematic editors.

4. Rowena J. Moore, General Conference Archives, Statistics & Research, *A Moment in Time: A History of the SDA Yearbook*.

The SDA yearbook is the best place for information on the growth and development of the SDA church. Through its pages one can trace the developing work in each country and each institution as it changes and grows. It began in 1883 as a 72 page pamphlet which included statistics and business proceedings. Later a list of ministers was added, only to be removed in recent years due to space and privacy concerns.

5. Per Lisle, Newbold College of Higher Education, *Aspects of Adventist Publishing in Scandinavia: The First 50 Years*.



Items were published for some years in Scandinavia. There was a market in the U.S. around 1900 due to emigration of Scandinavians to America. Presently only Finland still has an SDA publishing house.

6. *ARS Business Session.*

6.1. Jim Ford and Alan Hecht were voted as members of the ARS planning committee.

6.2. Jim Ford reported on the focus of digitization at Andrews University:

- (1) Ellen G. White's pre-1916 writings and her personal library available at Andrews University;
- (2) English SDA periodicals prior to 1901;
- (3) Non English periodicals prior to 1946.

6.3. Lori Curtis reported that Loma Linda University received the Peck collection of 60 boxes of photos, diaries, etc. in October.

6.4. Benjamin Baker reported that the GC ASTR has added new periodicals, updated its web site, and is planning to digitize photos, audiovisuals, GC minutes, and books.

6.5. Merlin Burt reported this year celebrates 125 years of Steps to Christ. The Ellen G. White Estate's visitor's center at the General Conference is being finished and a new website is planned. The Bates' home is also being renovated.



Audio recordings are being improved.

6.6. Program suggestions for next year include having a presentation on the history of Canadian conscientious objectors and to keeping the program integrated with the rest of the ASDAL conference.

7. Robin Anthony, Newbold College of Higher Education, *The Boy that Driveth the Plough and the Geneva Bible.*

The Geneva Bible was the heartbeat of the Reformation. Many expressions we use today

are from the Geneva Bible. Shakespeare used it. The King James version took about 90% of its text from the Geneva Bible. It was the version taken to America by the pilgrims.

8. Silas M. Oliveira, Andrews University, *Aligning Academic Library Space with Millennials' Learning Styles.*

Learning styles and technology have influenced academic library space. Kinesthetic learning styles now predominate, but a variety of spaces that are flexible and

moveable with communal as well as solitary, quiet areas are needed.

#### 9. Breakout Sessions

#### 10. Campus Tour

#### 11. Patrick Hilt, Swiss Academic Software GmbH, *Citavi: The Reference Manager that Accompanies the Whole Workflow of Academic Writing*.

The Citavi program helps to facilitate reference management and academic writing. It enables a person to analyze and extract information, write comments, recover information, structure knowledge, and recover quotes, comments and ideas. It has a plug-in to Microsoft Word.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017

#### 1. Tour Day. *Tour of Windsor Castle and the Royal Library*.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017

#### 1. *Devotional*: Kärt Lazić, Newbold College of Higher Education.

Meaning takes place in the space between pictures or

words. Libraries and educators make information available, but need to leave safe spaces for God to touch students.

#### 2. Victor Hulbert, Trans-European Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, *Conscientious Objectors in World War I*.

British conscientious objectors did hard labor and were incarcerated in Dartmoor and other prisons during World War I. They endured many hardships. Some lived short lives as a result of their treatment and some became church leaders. By World War II, conditions had changed for conscientious objectors. For more information see <http://adventist.org.uk/wwi/ww1>. A peace garden was created in Stanborough Park.

#### 3. Norah Osebe Mauti, Adventist University of Africa, *Transforming and Nurturing Better Customer Service for Millennials at the Adventist University of Africa Library in Kenya*.

Students were surveyed about

their satisfaction with the library at Adventist University of Africa. Results showed that 82% felt that online tutorials were “very” to “strongly” important and 68% rated social media as very important. Students use the library for relaxation as well as study, so games and hot drinks have been added.

#### 4. Lawrence Onsager and Terry Robertson, Andrew University, *The Wurker-Gibson Bible Collection: An Adventist Connection to the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation*.

The Wurker-Gibson collection consists of 65 bibles and other rare books and with a couple of exceptions is housed at Walla Walla University. One exception, found at Andrews University, is Luther’s 1534 Bible which was the first German translation from Greek and Hebrew and includes fine woodcut illustrations which relate to Luther’s theology.

#### 5. Sheila Clark and Darel





Bennedbaek, Burman University, *Perception: Seeing Further*.

Libraries are institutional commodities which can affect student outcomes. A study at Burman University with data from 2015 showed that a group of students with improved GPA's had 50% more library use than other students. Regardless of GPA movement, students rated librarians as readily available and knowledgeable and perceived information literacy as a valuable resource.

6. Rosemary Maturure and Josiline Chigwada, Solusi University [read by Lynda Baidam], *How Libraries in Zimbabwe are Serving the Millennium*.

Undergraduate students at Solusi were studied to determine their needs and difficulties. The students valued the helpful and friendly library staff and space to study. Difficulties identified were slow internet, shortage of computers, and lack of recently published books. Millennials would like more online resources.

7. Lynda Baidam and Per Lisle, Newbold College of Higher Education, *A Few of Our Favourite Things: Items from the Roy Graham Library*.

Baidam showed a light fixture from Stanborough Park

Sanitarium, old pictures and artifacts. Lisle displayed rare books in Norwegian published in Battle Creek and the first volume of Review and Herald. Accompanies the Whole Workflow of Academic Writing. The Citavi program helps to facilitate reference management and academic writing. It enables a person to analyze and extract information, write comments, recover information, structure knowledge, and recover quotes, comments and ideas. It has a plug-in to Microsoft Word.

8. Lauren Matacio and Lawrence Onsager, Andrews University, *Is SDA History Relevant to Millennials? Minnie Day Sype, Licensed Minister 1903-1956*.

A Library survey showed that millennials are interested in SDA history and value women's participation in SDA ministry. Males rated the value of SDA history higher than females, but females supported women ministers more than males across age groups. Minnie Day Sype, a lesser known SDA minister in the early twentieth century, was unknown to most. Constructive and creative ideas were suggested for Library promotion of SDA history topics.

9. Bruce McClay, Walla Walla University, *Librarian Life Rules in*

*Seven Words or Less*.

Application of The Best Advice in Six Words to librarianship. You will never have enough money, time, or energy. The most important resource is people. We need to take care of ourselves and prioritize activities according to their direct benefit to students and faculty.

## 10. Business Session II

10.1 *Election results were announced*. Those elected are: President-elect: Kieren Bailey; Secretary: Heather Rodriguez-James; Treasurer: Xiaoming Xu; Archives and Records Management: Roy Kline & Alan Hecht; Constitution and Bylaws: Donald Martin; Scholarship & Awards: Rebecca Brothers; SDA Periodical Index: Carolyn Gaskell; Site Planning: Pamela Jansen; Chapter Coordinators: Keisha Brown-Dixon (Inter-America) & Clara Okoro (Africa).

10.2. *Nominating Committee*. As past-president, Terry Robertson will chair the 2018 Nominating Committee. Other members elected are Paulette Johnson, Darel Bennedbaek, and Larry Onsager.

10.3. *ESDA*. The following partnership proposal by the Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists was approved.

- ASDAL members will



assist ESDA authors and contributors with materials, information and guidance.

- As they are able, ASDAL members will write and peer-review articles.
- When appropriate, ASDAL members will receive original materials from ESDA contributors into their archives and heritage centers.
- When needed, ESDA-related items will be discussed at ASDAL conferences.
- The ESDA website and print edition will list as partners ASDAL, and the libraries

and centers represented by ASDAL members.

- ASDAL members who assist ESDA writers and researchers will be listed in the contributors' section.
  - ASDAL libraries will link to ESDA online from their websites.
  - ASDAL members and their libraries will receive a discount on print volumes of the Encyclopedia.
- 10.4. *ALICE report*, Carolyn Gaskell, accepted.
- ALICE currently has 19 active members and subscribes to

13 databases. The retained earnings for FY 2017 were \$37,263.25.

10.5. *SDAPI report*, Jim Ford, accepted.

The Advisory Committee met on Monday evening for a short meeting. Agenda items included:

- Merlin Burt presented the same report on ADL as presented to the ADL Board earlier this month. In summary, the focus for the next year is to grow available content and to expand the list of contributors to ADL.



The suggestion was made for ADL to work with reference librarians to help them know how to help those on their campus better use and profit from ADL content.

- There was little to report on the future direction of the Index as the SDAPI Futures Working Group, a group set up at the winter meeting of this Advisory Committee, has just begun work. They hope to have a report in September.

#### 10.6. *JALA report*, Terry Robertson.

Two articles have been published in JALA and a third article has been submitted.

ASDAL members are invited to submit an article.

#### 10.7. *Archival accreditation*.

Motion was made that ASDAL encourage members to accept archival accreditation presented on Monday. Accepted.

#### 10.8. *Treasurer's report*, Terry Robertson, accepted.

ASDAL currently has a total of 74 members which yielded \$1695 in dues. The balance in the general checking account as of June 27, 2017 was \$15,951. Total available funds are \$79,225.

#### 10.9. *Membership*.

Should membership dues procedures continue or should we have institutional membership or fold

membership costs into conference fees? Only members are included and have access to the membership directory. Voted to keep the individual annual fee and ask the Executive Committee to look at the bylaws, investigate other payment options and how to streamline the process.

#### 10.10. *Breakout Session, Directors*, Larry Onsager.

Directors discussed SDA peer reviewed publications, official "ASDAL Proceedings," benchmarking local standards of accreditation. Motion that ASDAL recommend to the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities (AAA) that an ASDAL librarian be part of their accreditation team. Approved.

#### 10.11. *Site Planning Committee report*, Lynda Baidam.

The following dates and sites were voted in 2016:

- June 18-21, 2018 – Burman University, Alberta, Canada;
- June 24-27, 2019 – ASTR, General Conference, Washington D.C., USA;
- June 22-25, 2020, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI, USA.

Letters of intent from these institutions were sent to the ASDAL president.

The following three sites and dates have been proposed:

- June 21-24, 2021 – Union College, Lincoln, NE;
- June 20-23 or 27-30, 2022, Northern Caribbean University, Jamaica, West Indies;
- June 19-22 or 26-29, 2023, Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN, USA.

Letters of intent have been received from Union College and Southern Adventist University. Northern Caribbean University requires further details from the ASDAL Executive Committee regarding expectations of host institutions and conference budgeting.

#### 11. *ASDAL Banquet*, Oak Lounge, Moor Close

11.1. Speech on English language by John Baidam, Principal of Newbold College

11.2. Resolutions Committee report

11.3. Appreciation plaque presented to Terry Robertson, out-going president

11.4. Gavel presented to new president, Per Lisle

11.5. Recitation from Midsummer Night's Dream, Lynda Baidam

11.6. The ASDAL 2017 conference was officially adjourned.