

- and use the library during lunch hours or after work.
- c) there would be little or no financial gain to charging non-residents a membership fee, and much to be lost in public relations.
  - d) the only valid reason for imposing non-resident fees would be to reciprocate a practice imposed by neighbouring communities which we are very much opposed to as it defeats the objective of resource sharing province-wide.

Members of the board supported the recommendation and it was suggested that the Chairman write a letter to the boards of both the Niagara Falls Public Library and the St. Catharines Public Library apprising them of the fact that non-residents will continue to be allowed to join the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library at no fee, and pointing out how the imposition of non-resident fees defeats the stated objective of promoting resource sharing province-wide; an objective which both boards supported during the fight to defeat Bill 109.

#### **Librarian's Report:**

The Librarian's Report was circulated with the minutes and there were no additions to the report. A statistical report on Internet public access terminal usage at the library for 1997 and participation in the Community Access Project (CAP) Internet training classes to the end of November 1997 was distributed to board members. The statistics indicate a total of 755 hours of Internet terminal usage logged at the library, and a total of 165 members of the community participating in training classes over a period of four months. An additional 100 people will have participated in the training courses by the end of January. Student volunteers are assisting with the course presentations under the direction of Bill Janzen, CAP Training Coordinator.

#### **New Business:**

- a) The librarian requested the help of returning trustees in identifying the most relevant areas to be covered during an orientation session for new trustees. The following suggestions were made:
  - \* Library Policy Manual
  - \* Library Strategic Plan
  - \* Public Library Act and Regulations
  - \* Provincial statistics for Ontario public libraries
  - \* Examination of the duties and responsibilities of trustees as outlined in the pamphlet prepared by the Ontario Library Trustees' AssociationA date for the orientation session will be determined once all appointments to the board have been made.
- b) A Network 2000 Consultation Document designed to assess the public's interest in electronic services provided by the