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President's Page

It sounds like an oxymoron, but I myself is a critic a lot that I am one to talk about critics. Years ago, when I was a young librarian, I was invited to be on the Chandler Prize committee. After some months of reading and discussion, we had narrowed down the list to two finalists. The committee was split between the two finalists. I was the tie breaker. I supported the Chandler Prize winner, Dr. Jack Ward, the founder of Ontario's first Health Sciences Library at Sunnybrook. Years later, when I was the President-Elect Library Services Platform, she was her 90s, again, on the Chandler Prize committee, and I was the President-Elect. Ward was nominated for the Chandler Prize for her work with the Ontario Library Association's Ontario Library Service - North. Ward was a tireless advocate for library services in the North, and was a mentor to many aspiring librarians. I'm happy to be back in the city, and, since my in-laws live in Ottawa, I'm hoping to visit more frequently. I'm also happy to be back in Ontario, where I can be a critic and not a politician (mostly).

Going back three, during our recent Executive meeting, the Executive discussed the Ontario Library Association's Ontario Library Week. Several days before, Ontario Library Association President Ann Marie Fiamengo had asked us to participate in a Twitter chat, and we had to ask our Executive to do so as well. Fortunately, we had a quorum, and we had a lively discussion about what we could do, and what we could do in the time we had. Ultimately, we decided that we could do a Twitter chat, and we did. It was a lot of fun, and we learned a lot about Twitter. We had a few technical glitches, but we had a lot of fun, and we learned a lot. We learned that we can do a Twitter chat, and we learned that it wouldn't be difficult to do it again. We learned that we could do it with our Executive, and we learned that we could do it with our members.

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