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Dear Monsieur Alarie:

Thank you for your letter of June 23rd with all the enclosures. It provides us with a good deal of the information which we need for your file, and I am sorry it has taken me so long to work through my correspondence. I am delighted to meet you again in this capacity, and I heartily endorse your idea of drawing into your group as many of the smaller information-poor libraries around the Ottawa/Hull area as you can. Already you are operating on our wave-length!

I am sure you have been informed that the members who attended the Second Annual Meeting of CHLA/ABSC in Edmonton voted unanimously to accept the revised version of Chapters Policy which we presented to them. I enclose a copy for your files. The draft is essentially the same as the last one, but the wording is perhaps clearer, and the emphasis is changed slightly.

The Executive Committee of CHLA/ABSC met after the Annual Meeting, and made two decisions which have a bearing on the Chapter issue.

- a) A Constitution Committee was established to revise the Interim Constitution of CHLA/ABSC, and to incorporate the Chapter Policy in the process. This new Constitution should be ready for ratification by the general membership via a mail vote before the end of 1978.
- b) The Executive Committee empowered the President to approve, during the interim, any application for Chapter status which meets the stated requirements.

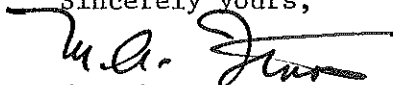
You are, of course, already functioning as a Chapter of CHLA/ABSC. You even began by naming yourselves a Chapter before the fact. However, currently you are still in the position of applying for Chapter status. It would appear possible to gauge the adherence to the other criteria, if the applicant group fulfils the Requirement #8 on page one:

- a) name of group **
- b) geographical area covered: Ottawa/Hull and environs
- c) names of institutions represented: you say there are 25;
we have 16 names; could
we have the rest?
- d) constitution: attached and to be revised to conform
- e) names of current Officers: attached

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Already in writing this letter, I have difficulties with the name your group has chosen. How can I, the President of CHLA/ABSC write to you, President of CHLA/ABSC Chapter So-and-so, when you are not yet a Chapter? and what if your group ever withdraws from Chapter status? Could you, in revising your Constitution, follow the pattern other groups have adopted, and simply call yourselves the Ottawa/Hull Health Libraries Group?

I see that you have scheduled your first fall meeting toward the end of September. I hope you have an exciting year, and I assure you that the CHLA/ABSC looks forward to a long and interesting association with your group. We will improve the scene for health libraries in Canada yet!

Sincerely yours,


(Mrs.) M.A. Flower
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