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# ILA/ACRL Business Meeting Minutes, March 20, 2015

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**ILA-ACRL Business Meeting  
March 20, 2015  
Reading Room, Cowles Library  
Drake University, Des Moines**

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Anne Marie Gruber.

**1. Welcome**

Anne Marie Gruber, ILA-ACRL President, welcomed everyone to the spring conference at Drake University. Anne Marie expressed her thanks to Drake University's Cowles Library staff for hosting the event.

**2. Approval of Business Meeting Minutes from October 23, 2014**

Minutes of the October 23, 2014 business meeting were distributed and noted. Minutes were approved as written (with no changes).

**3. Treasurer's Report -- Kristy Raine, Mount Mercy University**

Kristy noted that the organization's balance, as of mid-March, was \$5,937.83.

**4. Committee and Representative Reports:**

· **Awards (Dan Chibnall, Grand View University)**

Dan reported that the winner of the Mary Iber Spring Conference Scholarship is Debra Lynn Ford, a student in the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) at the University of Iowa. Lynn stood and was recognized. Dan noted that the committee would be offering awards later this year, including a fall ILA conference award and the PR/Marketing award. The committee will also be working on a possible, one-time award for a member willing to redesign the chapter logo and marketing materials. Dan noted thanks to his committee: Dan Boice, Cara Stone, Brittney Thomas, and Chris Jones.

· **Electronic Communications (Andrew Welch, Drake University)**

Andrew noted that the committee's charge/purpose is primarily to maintain the organization's website and social media presence, pushing out new information via those channels. The committee has been providing updates for the spring conference and has upcoming projects including tidying up the ILA-ACRL website and possibly consolidating webpage. Andrew noted thanks to his committee: Brittney Thomas, Cara Stone, Holly Peterson, Kassie McLaughlin, Katelyn Wolff, and Mary Peterson. Andrew encouraged everyone to follow ILA/ACRL on Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn. The hashtag for the spring conference is #iaacr15.

#### · **Fall Program (Amy Paulus, University of Iowa)**

Anne Marie reported for Amy. The Iowa Library Association will be meeting March 27 to discuss the programming for the fall conference. ILA-ACRL has proposed two concurrent session topics: College Readiness and Collaborative Professional Development. A pre-conference topic, Active Teaching & Learning: Applying the Information Literacy Framework, has also been proposed. Amy thanks her committee: Marcia Keyser, Julia Bauder, and Beth Shoemaker.

#### · **Membership (Jenny Parker, Clarke University)**

Mara Egberman, committee member, reported on behalf of Jenny. Jenny thanks the other members of the committee: Chris Neuhaus, Samantha Helmick, Natalie Hutchinson, Jennifer Bradshaw, Brett Cloyd, and Leslie Ross. Current ILA/ACRL membership is 127, less than the last three years (at the time of the spring conference), but greater than in 2011. Renewal reminders were sent in February and another round of reminders has occurred in March. The committee is recruiting ILA/ACRL Ambassadors to help with communication between campuses and the board. Those interesting in serving as an Ambassador should contact Jenny or Maura for further details. The Membership Committee also oversees the mentoring program and will be recruiting mentors and mentees for fall matching.

#### · **Newsletter (Leila Rod-Welch, University of Northern Iowa)**

Anne Marie reported for Leila, who is participating in the national ALA/ACRL Emerging Leaders program. Leila noted that the Newsletter Committee facilitates the exchange of communication. Newsletter committee members serve as liaisons to assigned institutions and solicit news to share with the group. The newsletter is published six times a year. Please submit your library news to the appropriate liaison; the liaison then forwards the content on to the committee's members. Any library news that you would like to have shared is appreciated. Please feel free to contact any of the committee's members for determining your liaison. The March/April newsletter will have a summary of most of the conference's concurrent sessions.

Leila wishes to thank the members of the committee: Becky Alford, Justin Baumgartner, Conrad Bendixen, Dan Coffey, Beth McMahon, Anita Niemczyk, and Jennifer Sterling.

· **Nominating (Sara Scheib, University of Iowa )**

Anne Marie reported on behalf of Sara. The nominating committee fills committee and board positions for the next year. The committee is seeking volunteers for Executive Board officers and committee members. Volunteers may apply for an appointment online (<http://www.iowaacrl.org/content/about/volunteer>), and print copies of the nomination form are available at the conference. Those interested in serving as a campus Ambassador should indicate this preference on the form. Sara wishes to thank the members of the committee: Ryan Gjerde, Cyd Dyer, Mary Heinzman, Cecilia Knight, and Chabha Tepe.

· **Spring Conference (Elizabeth Kiscaden, University of Iowa)**

Liz noted 97 registrants and 5 walk-in registrations. Liz thanked members of the committee: Rebecca Funke, Julius Fleschner, Claudia Frazier, Rod Henshaw, Joyce Meldrem, Andy Petersen, and Kris Stacy-Bates.

Liz noted several Un-Conference opportunities: (1) tour of the Speaking Center where students practice presentations; (2) discussion of learning spaces; (3) instruction discussion group; (4) ISU/ACRL road show event (April 2015); and (5) wrangling student workers.

· **K12/Higher Ed Ad Hoc Committee (Pam Rees, Grand View University)**

Pam noted that the committee met with information literacy pilot institutions to evaluate the first year of the study. The pilot involves first year freshmen completing a ninth-grade level test. Several institutions expressed a desire to establish longitudinal data, and only minor adjustments were made to the instrument. Changes focused only on responses, not on the character of the question.

Eight institutions initially participated; two left the project having no continuing means to administer the test. The committee gained two members and is holding with eight campuses for the study:

Briar Cliff College, Buena Vista University, Central College, Cornell College, DMACC-Ankeny, Grand View University, St. Ambrose University, and Wartburg College.

Last fall was the second year of the study; data is still pending from half of the institutions. Some questions consistently pose problems -- topic focus, occurrence of bias, reading a

citation, and identifying primary sources. All institutions are showing a low C or D level of scoring; 29% of respondents are passing with correctly reading citations. Focusing topics remains problematic.

An executive summary, outlining the study, as well as this year's data, will be published later as a full report. The executive report has been shared with AEA leadership, comprising representatives from AEA offices and teacher librarians. Pam noted that she, Rebecca Funke, and Jill Hofmockel will co-present at the spring IASL conference. The Ad Hoc committee is phasing out and will be replaced by a taskforce, assembled by the Executive Board, led by Ericka Raber. This group will make recommendations about the charge and activities of the committee.

Pam thanks the members of the Ad Hoc committee: Ericka Raber, Julius Fleschner, Dan Chibnall, Mary Ann Mori, Karen Lehmann, Leslie Ross, and Anita Vogel.

· **ACRL Government Relations Representative (Mary Heinzman, St. Ambrose University)**

Mary noted her work to promote communication about legislation at the state and federal levels. Legislative Day occurred on Wednesday (March 18) with a reception in the Law Library (Des Moines). May 2015 will offer National Legislative Day; Mary will attend the event in Washington, D.C., accompanied by Mike Scott (Iowa State Librarian), and Allison Ames Galstad. Mary encouraged everyone to contact their legislators and can offer letter templates for advocacy.

· **ACRL Chapter Council Representative (Ericka Raber, University of Iowa)**

Ericka noted that March 25-28 will be the national ACRL conference in Portland, Oregon. Virtual conferencing will feature 12 webcasts; registration allows for one-year access to slides and presentations. Email will be forthcoming about voting in national ACRL elections.

## **5. New Business and Announcements**

· **Strategic Plan 2015-2016**

Anne Marie noted that Dan Chibnall led the revision of the strategic plan, which is now available on the ILA-ACRL website (<http://www.iowaacrl.org/content/reports/strategic/2015>).

- **Professional Development Ad-Hoc Committee approved**

Anne Marie noted that the Executive Board has approved the Professional Development Ad Hoc Committee, with Sara Scheib serving as the contact. The committee will begin in 2016 and determine ways to offer more opportunities for professional development through face-to-face meetings and virtual offerings.

- **Information Literacy Task Force (Ericka Raber)**

Ericka noted that the Information Literacy Ad-Hoc Committee will sunset in December 2015. Thus far, the group has met twice and is charged with making recommendations to continue the IL pilot study, to continue to partner with school librarians, and to offer IL-related professional development opportunities. The new Ad-Hoc committee for Professional Development will be able to address IL professional development opportunities. To address the first two charges, the task force will be recommending the creation of a joint division committee under the auspices of IASL and ACRL. Members of the Information Literacy Task Force include: Pam Rees, Sara Scheib, Leslie Ross, and Julia Dickinson.

- **Introductions of new library staff/ILA-ACRL members**

Anne Marie now called for SLIS students to identify themselves and for libraries to share new staff announcements.

SLIS student attendees: Kassie McLaughlin, Jennifer Bradshaw, Lynn Ford (conference scholarship winner), Maryann McConnell, Stephanie Blalock, Patrick Curtis, and Andy Petersen.

New Staff Announcements:

- Mary Anderson has joined Central College, Geisler Library as Integrated Learning librarian.
- Greg Ludwig has joined the Loras College library as Circulation Services librarian.
- Hope Grebner has joined Drake University's Cowles Library as political papers archivist.
- Elizabeth Hoover de Galvez has joined Coe College, Stewart Memorial Library as head of reference.
- Alyssa Grigsby has joined the Buena Vista University library staff as Digital Resources & Technical Services librarian. She was the fall 2014 ACRL conference scholarship winner.
- Justin Baumgartner is the Keith/Albee Digital Project Librarian at the University of Iowa.
- Amy Gullen is the new Consulting Librarian for the Natural Sciences at Cornell College's Cole Library.
- Carrie Wade is the new director of the Frederick Madison Smith Library, Graceland University, Lamoni campus.

Staff Retirements:

- Judy Mitchell -- retiring from Hawkeye Community College

Anne Marie noted that conference evaluations will be only electronic. No further business.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristy Raine, ILA/ACRL Secretary-Treasurer