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ILA/ACRL Executive Board Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2015
Google Hangouts
10:00am-11:30am

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Anne Marie Gruber -- President (University of Dubuque); Sara Scheib -- President-Elect (University of Iowa); Kristy Raine -- Secretary/Treasurer (Mount Mercy University); Dan Chibnall (Grandview University); Carrie Dunham-LaGree (Drake University); Liz Kiscaden (University of Iowa); Jenny Parker (Clarke University); Amy Paulus (University of Iowa); Ericka Raber (University of Iowa); Pam Rees (Grandview University); Leila Rod-Welch (University of Northern Iowa); Andrew Welch (Drake University).

Absent: Mary Heinzman (St. Ambrose University); Jill Jack (Coe College)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Anne Marie Gruber gave a welcome to the group and a brief orientation to Google Hangouts for those new to the experience. Anne Marie thanked Andrew Welch for organizing and assisting in Google Hangouts testing sessions for new board members.

2. Approval of Executive Board Minutes from December 5, 2014

Minutes of the December 5, 2014 meeting were distributed earlier via email. Comment by Amy Paulus about the inclusion of legacy accolades as awards. Group agreed legacy recognitions do not qualify as awards. Motion to approve minutes by Dan; seconded by Amy. Minutes approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Balance, as of December 1, 2014, was \$3,267.83. No disbursements occurred during December, and the same balance was recorded on January 1, 2015. ILA/ACRL began 2014 with an opening balance of \$3,336.92. Kristy will begin a new budget spreadsheet after January 2015 data is received from the ILA offices.

4. Committee and Representative Reports:

Awards (Dan Chibnall)

Dan reported that he has been in contact with committee members; the group has developed an agenda for the coming year's tasks. The Mary Iber Spring Conference Scholarship has been advertised in the Catalyst, listserv, the IA-ACRL website, and through social media. Applications are currently being collected; one person from an eastern Iowa library has

indicated plans to donate to the Iber Scholarship fund.

· **Electronic Communications (Andrew Welch)**

Andrew noted that he has been in contact with the committee and working on tasks, particularly with social media concerns. The committee is seeking ways to “freshen up” the Facebook page with timely photos and graphics. The 2015 spring conference logo has been added.

The committee continues checking into WebEx as a meeting option for the board. Melissa Primus can coordinate testing sessions. WebEx’s features are relatively the same as Google Hangouts, but the service has the ability for more connections (sites), offering up to 25 locations without a fee. Its recording ability is also a nice facet, enabling distribution to those unable to attend meeting. A WebEx testing session must be coordinated with the ILA office to avoid a scheduling conflict.

Liz expressed appreciation for the committee’s work to explore WebEx and update Facebook offerings. Question by Dan about any account limitations or special accounts associated with WebEx. Andrew noted no Google account is needed. A limitation with Google Hangouts may be the ten site restriction. Do we feel limited by this number?

Sara noted limitations felt by University of Iowa staff to coordinate a single meeting location; Anne Marie shared her concern about continuing limitation of sites. Dan suggested organizing WebEx testing time; Andrew concurred. Anne Marie will send out Doodle link to set testing time for WebEx software.

· **Fall Program (Amy Paulus)**

Amy noted ongoing search for ILA liaison to the fall program, as the program’s organizing committee determines its roles. Forthcoming proposals reflect three program suggestions and a pre-conference event. Anne Marie noted that the pre-conference proposal focuses on information literacy and the new ACRL framework; the event is coordinated with the Community College Librarians Roundtable. Jean Donham will lead the pre-conference event.

Anne Marie noted that the second proposed program focuses on collaborative professional development; event is to be co-sponsored with the Iowa Health Sciences Library Association. Third program is to focus on college literacy readiness. Sara noted interest in co-sponsoring a poster session with the new ILA student subdivision. Dan will find out who is serving as liaison to the fall program.

· **Membership (Jenny Parker)**

Jenny noted 71 members of ILA/ACRL as of February 3, 2015. The membership committee is potentially deferring from a large recruiting push as it decided on the possible launch of the Ambassadors program. Jenny noted 80 members (from 2014) who did not renew their membership; their names have been submitted to the committee for reminders. Nine people are brand new members (2015). Messages will also be sent to the library schools and new ILA members who qualify but did not check the subdivision option. Jenny noted that the ILA office is now sending monthly membership reports to the President, VP, and the Membership Chair. In addition to listing all current ILA/ACRL members, the report also includes ILA members working in an academic library that didn't check the ILA/ACRL box. With this information, the committee can reach out and ask them to join the subdivision for an additional \$5. Methods to recruit new librarians are underway with point-persons serving in their institutions.

Anne Marie noted that the foundation for the Ambassadors program was laid in 2014; these leaders will encourage others at their institutions. Carrie agreed with the program's importance and encouraged its continuation. Sara noted that the Ambassador program is very good for the organization; the nominating committee is ready to move ahead with efforts to recruit new persons to the program. Dan agreed with success and need for program; Jenny and Anne Marie noted list of Ambassadors is available on Google Drive. Jenny emphasized that with the early dates for the ILA/ACRL spring conference in March, the membership push will begin very shortly. The committee will send welcomes to new members and check with the board about ways to boost membership.

Jenny then posed the question of how to move ahead with the mentoring program. Should the program be placed on a temporary hold, due to the emphasis on the Ambassador program? Sara noted her role as a past mentoree and appreciated the experience it afforded her. Dan noted targeting new members for mentoring opportunities; Anne Marie asked about challenges, at the early start, of the program. Ericka noted some mentoring relationships were challenging due to the "assigning" nature of the relationship but believes the system works well when expectations are shared. Anne Marie asked if the organization can support both Ambassador and mentoring programs. Jenny noted some persons, expressing interest in being mentored, could not be matched. The Ambassador program may not fill all of its slots early, since program's emphasis occurs in the fall.

Newsletter (Leila Rod-Welch)

Leila noted that the ILA/ACRL January/February 2015 newsletter was published on February 3.

Leila noted that the March/April newsletter is traditionally about a special topic, decided upon by the newsletter committee. The May issue traditionally covers topics associated with the spring conference. Since this year's conference occurs in March, Leila asked if there would be any objections to having the special topic issue released in May, with the conference report to occur in the March/April issue. Anne Marie agreed on this approach. Leila hoped this change

in the spring content options might afford libraries more opportunities to share news from their institutions.

· **Nominating (Sara Scheib)**

Sara noted that committee members have been contacted and are in the process of dividing up responsibilities. Each committee member will be a point person responsible for nominations for a specific committee. A draft of the volunteer form (<http://goo.gl/forms/cgR62fgDZC>) is available on the Google Drive; the link will be shared with the group. Based on today's discussion, the Ambassador program's question will be rephrased. Sara asked all committee chairs to express their interest in serving/not serving for another year and to indicate any potential replacements for their current role.

· **Spring Conference (Liz Kiscaden)**

Liz shared the 2015 spring conference webpage with the group while sharing her report. The spring conference will occur on Friday, March 20 at Drake University. The conference's theme is "Bold Moves: New Connections" and will feature Michael Scott, the new state librarian, as the keynote speaker. The IPAL conference will occur on Thursday, March 19 at Drake; conference attendees have access to free parking. Conference organizers have had free access to Drake's facilities. Sixteen proposals were submitted for consideration; the online registration form experienced some early problems that have been corrected.

Liz noted fun aspects to the conference, including an ice cream sundae bar, a fiesta lunch, the conference planning team wearing sombreros, and take-home gift bags. SLIS students are encouraged to come; Liz encouraged everyone to register in the near future. She noted that marketing of the conference is ongoing; please promote the conference with colleagues.

· **K12/Higher Ed Ad Hoc Committee (Pam Rees)**

Pam noted that data from four of the eight participating institutions, in the IL pilot study, is pending. Preliminary analysis of the reporting institutions indicated similar results as last year. Editing the test seems to have had a minor effect on results.

Pam and Ericka met with the Leadership Group of the AEA offices. Pam presented the IL pilot data and an executive summary of the project. Ericka offered options for professional development opportunities.

Pam, Rebecca Funke (DMACC), and Jill Hofmockel (Iowa City Public Schools) will be presenting a session at the IALS spring conference. The session will include a discussion of the IL pilot data, the project's history, and its future plans. Also featured will be a discussion of

the questions that students had the most difficulty with on the test, teacher librarian responses to those questions, and a group discussion of the ways that academic and teacher librarians can work together to improve IL competency.

Pam noted addressing information literacy needs at the high school level and the associated challenges. The IASL presentation will be marketed to school librarians. Anne Marie expressed her thanks to the Ad Hoc committee for their work.

· **ACRL Government Relations Representative (Mary Heinzman)**

No report offered. Anne Marie asked for board members to be aware of ongoing communication about government advocacy.

· **ACRL Chapter Council Representative (Ericka Raber)**

Ericka noted her attendance at ALA Midwinter and the council's discussions about the merits of virtual conference sessions. Remote sessions offering content and voting options may be good for state conferences and professional development opportunities. Reports from state-level chapters revealed how their organizations functioned differently. ACRL is now advertising volunteering opportunities; vice president and president candidates presented to the council.

5. Other Business

Anne Marie noted other business before the group.

· **Information Literacy Task Force update (Ericka Raber)**

Ericka will chair the Information Literacy Task Force; membership also includes Sara and Pam. The task force will seek to address three major questions; the K-12 Ad Hoc Committee will conclude its work in 2015. The task force seeks to explore how best to work with school librarians.

Ericka noted conversations with AEA teacher librarians who coordinate continuing education opportunities for all Iowa school libraries. Pam's pilot study examined questions that proved problematic, as well as those that were answered well. The task force is now considering what to do with collected data and will share documentation. Questions were presented as to how assessment will fit with Iowa Core expectations. Several school librarians have requested additional data for their school's needs.

Ericka noted past efforts to create a roster of essential research skills for first-year college students. The list has been updated to reflect things students should "know" and should be able

to “do.” Can we transform these needed skills into strategies that are presented, to teachers, by school librarians? Ericka noted the ongoing need to partner with IASL and the possibility of joint ACRL/IASL meetings. Pam noted that the chair of the joint steering committee has stepped down; new leadership is needed.

Anne Marie asked about the transition from the K-12 Ad Hoc committee. Would a joint ACRL/IASL committee work? IASL members sometimes experience challenges in attending meetings. Anne Marie noted staff and data collection needs on the part of ACRL; responsibility would be very large. Would an ACRL, at-large member be appropriate choice? How should we model the continuing relationship?

Pam replied that all options are being considered; teacher librarians may find it challenging to take part. Academic libraries do have high interest in the collaboration. IL pilot should include the current participating institutions to keep building data and conversations with teachers and administrators. Ericka noted that a joint committee would be good for partnering and may be considered for assessment.

Continuing discussion topic: Encouraging membership

Anne Marie encouraged everyone to encourage membership.

6. New Business

Sara noted her appointment as advisor to the ILA Student Roundtable. Anne Marie indicated that instead of meeting at the spring conference, the board could meet earlier in the month through Google Hangouts. This change will enable the board to serve as Ambassadors at the conference. Dan noted an earlier meeting worked well, freeing board for other activities. Dan suggested meeting one week before the conference. Anne Marie will target the preceding week and send a Doodle for scheduling the Hangout.

No further business.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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