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# ILA/ACRL Business Meeting, May 2, 2014

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**ILA-ACRL Business Meeting Agenda  
May 2, 2014  
Conference Room B, FFA Enrichment Center  
Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) – Ankeny Campus**

**Approval Vote: October Minutes**

Approval of October 2013 Business meeting minutes - approved with no changes.

**Reports from Officers, Representatives, and Committee Chairs**

Treasurer – Andi Beckendorf, *Luther College*

The starting balance for the 2014 year was \$3336.92. The starting balance for April was \$5441.92 (this balance does not yet reflect any spring conference expenses).

Spring Conference – Mary Peterson, *Simpson College*

Attendance is 98 people registered and three walk-ins today. Mary thanked the members of the spring conference committee (Nicole Forsythe, Leo Clougherty, Sheryl Bissen, Elizabeth Kiscaden, Rebecca Funke, Julius Fleschner, Claudia Frazier) and encouraged attendees to fill out their evaluations. Elizabeth Kiscaden will be the chair of the 2015 conference committee.

Awards – Amy Paulus, *University of Iowa*

Three major awards every year: Cassie McLoughlin received the scholarship to attend the conference; the research award will be announced soon (awarded every other year), it is a \$500 award; announcements will come out soon for the award for the fall ILA conference in Cedar Rapids.

Since last year, Mary Iber passed away. She was very active in ILA-ACRL, and the board felt something should be done to recognize her mentorship. For 2015, the spring conference scholarship will be named in her honor: Mary Hammond Iber Conference Scholarship.

Amy thanked the members of her committee: Cara Stone, Dan Boice, Chris Jones, and Randy Roeder.

Membership – Chris Neuhaus, *University of Northern Iowa*

Chris expressed his appreciation of the committee's work and encouraged people to renew their membership. Chris will speak later on the agenda about the Ambassadors program. Members of the committee are: Natalie Hutchinson, Katelyn Handler, Joyce Meldrem, Duncan Stewart, Lori Kappmeyer, Mara Egberman, Jenny Parker.

Electronic Communications – Sara Scheib, *University of Iowa*

Maintaining, updating and enhancing the electronic presence on the website, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. The official conference hashtag is #iaacrl14. Sara thanked the members of the committee: Andrew Welch, Brittney Thomas, Jonathan Helmke, Cara Stone, and Cecilia Knight.

The committee is a result of the merger of the directory and electronic communications committees.

Fall Program – Julia Dickinson, *Saint Ambrose University*

Julia thanked the members of her committee: Marcia Keyser, Julia Bauder, and Lisa Martincik, and also thanked Chris Stacy-Bates, who is the liaison to the speakers committee of ILA. The feedback on the evaluation form is very important, and is used for future conference ideas; Julia encouraged people to fill out the form.

Three to four sessions will be sponsored by ILA-ACRL at the annual conference in ILA. The committee has had the good fortune to have our proposed speakers be picked up to keynote at ILA: Barbara Jones and Barbara Fister; we will also sponsor a session on institutional repositories.

Newsletter – Leila Rod-Welch, *University of Northern Iowa*

The newsletter committee facilitates the exchange of communication, serves as a liaison to assigned institutions and solicits news to share with the group. Leila thanked the members of the committee: Julie Arensdorf, Conrad Bendixen, Anita Niemczyk, Eric Leong, Mary Anne Knefel, Rob Van Rennes, Katelyn Wolf\*.

Nominating – Anne Marie Gruber, *University of Dubuque*

This committee is responsible for filling committee and executive board slots for next year. Anne Marie thanked the members of her committee: Ryan Gjerde, Cyd Dyer, Mary Heinzman, Ericka Raber, and Heather Lewin. Anne Marie expressed thanks for those who have filled out a volunteer form, and encouraged others to do so as well, expressing a special invitation to student members to get involved.

We hope to continue partnering with IPAL to coordinate conferences.

K12-Higher Education Ad Hoc – Pam Rees, *Grand View University*

Pam indicated that the first two-year term of this committee was completed last summer, but ILA has extended the committee for another two years. This ad hoc committee works with IASL. Feedback was that teachers want workshops through the AEA offices, so the ad hoc committee will continue to offer these (through four AEA offices). The second initiative is the IL Information Literacy skills pilot; data gathered from eight institutions Wartburg, Briar Cliff, Drake, Cornell, Central, University of Dubuque DMACC and Grandview; they used the TRAILS test and used the ninth grade test. The data shows that all institutions run at 63-68% (D level). Out of the 26 questions, there are nine where less than half of the students answered correctly. Work will continue in the fall, and they are looking for additional participants. Pam will share the data when she has it, and post aggregated data to the website. Pam thanked the members of her committee, both past and present: Dan Chibnall, Ericka Raber, Sara Passonneau, Deb Robertson?, Maryann Mori, Julie Arensdorf, Eric Leong, Leslie Ross Ferm, Anita Vogel // Lisa Driessman, Karen Lehman, Jen Rouse.

ACRL Govt. Relations – James O’Gorman, *Saint Ambrose University*

Promote the agenda of the government relations committee. The 2014 agenda has been recently released: promote access to federally funded research FASTER (will mandate that research must be presented); preserving net neutrality (currently in jeopardy); curbing government surveillance (possible revision of Section 215). On the Watch List is monitoring copyright law.

ACRL Chapter Council – Ryan Gjerde, *Luther College*

Meeting with the Chapters Council twice a year. The state and regional chapters are separate bodies from the national organization. The Chapter Council is a venue for us to communicate back up to the ACRL Officers; they also hear from the candidates who are up for election. The Executive Board has been working on orientation materials to help with the annual transition of leadership in chapters. Surveys have been done to identify issues. National ACRL does provide the state chapter with a modest amount of funds (based on membership). An additional benefit is that we have access to two online webcasts for the year.

Ryan will not be attending the summer meeting this year; if anyone is planning to attend and would like to represent ILA-ACRL at the Chapters Council, please let members of the Executive Board know.

### **New Business & Announcements**

Campus Ambassadors - The Board hopes to find people who are interested at all of our campuses, who would serve as an extension of ILA-ACRL on those campuses. The Ambassadors would be a conduit or communication agent for information back to the Board, but would also be able to take information back to their campuses from the Board. If you are interested, contact Chris Neuhaus or Anne Marie Gruber.

Strategic Planning - The Board is beginning to map out a strategic plan, and will be meeting in person this summer to talk more about this. If you have experience with strategic planning or ideas, please let members of the Board know.

Fall ILA Conference - Dan encouraged the membership to attend and to spread the word, especially given the two speakers we have interest in.

Report from the State Library: Barb Corson

Iowa Library Services working to look ahead, look to future and be prepared. Legislative update: federal funding was approved with extra \$52,000. The Education Appropriate bill was passed, and includes level funding; includes an extra \$50,000 for Enrich Iowa (remains to be signed by the governor). Iowa WorkForce Development is also awaiting signature; includes the \$\$ for Learning Express (academic libraries are some of the heaviest users of that). Staff have been evaluating that database and have found that some of the computer classes are out of date, so working with them. Two open positions for paraprofessionals.

Web Junction provides CE classes; had to drop because pricing had gotten too high. WJ rethought their pricing model, and ILS is looking seriously at adding them back; CE classes for librarians; will be offering attendance certificates and usage reports. In the past, 1500 accounts had been created.

Last year, budget included \$250,000 for one-time technology funding. Half was used to fund a grant program for public libs; impacted 92 libraries across the state. For the ILS staff: ipads, updated laptop labs, digital screen, software. The website will be updated.

Barb will be going to the national legislative day on Sunday, with Mary Heinzman.

Dan encouraged to fill out evals, attend un-conference. Think about the theme of the conference, and volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:42.