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Vote at the Fall Conference on Proposed Changes to ILA/ACRL By-Laws

Colleagues,

The ILA Executive Board has approved proposed by-laws amendments for the chapter. The changes will provide for electronic voting. The board has worked with the Iowa Library Association Bylaws and Organization Manual Committee to make this vote possible. To proceed, the ILA/ACRL membership will need to approve these changes at the ILA Annual Business meeting in Des Moines next month. The text of the changes is posted to the ILA/ACRL web site and can be found

at: http://www.iowaacrl.org/content/bylaws/fall_2009_proposed_amendments

Brett Cloyd
President, ILA/ACRL

Additional Electronic Voting Information

If the by-laws change to allow electronic voting passes at the ACRL business meeting on October 22, online voting for next year's officers will open Friday, October 23 and will close at Noon on Thursday, November 5, 2009. It will take place on the ILA Website. ILA/ACRL Members will be notified via email when the voting has opened. The email will include a link to the online voting booth and the password.

Prior to the ILA Conference, it is very important that you visit the ILA website and login with your user name and password. If you have never logged in before, login with your first and last name, ALLCAPS, No Spaces (e.g. JANEDOE) and ILA is the password. The system will force you to change the password and you will have the option of changing your user name.

If you prefer, paper ballots will be available on request from Mary Iber, Chair of the Nominations Committee. Request ballots via email at miber@cornellcollege.edu, or mail request to Mary Iber, 51 E. Zimmerman Drive, Fairfield, IA 52556. Paper ballots must be received at the same address by November 5. Results will be tallied and announced by Friday, November 6.

Mary Iber, Chair of Nominations Committee

ILA/ACRL Awards Fall Scholarship

The Iowa Chapter of ACRL is pleased to announce that Amy Roberson from Grinnell College has been awarded a scholarship to attend the ILA Fall Conference in Des Moines. Amy is a recent graduate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is currently working as a reference and instruction librarian at Grinnell College Libraries. If you see Amy at the conference, please introduce yourself and welcome Amy to Iowa!

ILA/ACRL Officer Candidates

Vice President/President-Elect

Ryan Gjerde

Ryan Gjerde received a B.A. degree from Luther College and an M.A in Library and Information Science from the University of Iowa (2001). Having worked in Preus Library at Luther College since Fall 2001, he is currently the Digital Initiative Lead for Library and Information Services. In 2004, Ryan became a member of the ILA/ACRL Electronic Communications Committee (ECC), and has served as chair of the ECC since 2005. From 2004-2006, he also served on the PR/Marketing and Intellectual Freedom subgroups of the ILA/ACRL ad hoc advocacy committee. Throughout 2007 and 2008, Ryan was a member of the ILA ad hoc Website committee. As ECC Chair, Ryan has worked to make the organizational website easier for members to use, and to provide additional functionality to assist other ILA/ACRL committees in disseminating information efficiently.

"While serving on the ILA/ACRL Executive Board for the past 5 years, I have seen that even though the tools we use and the environments in which we work seem to be changing rapidly, there are principles that remain constant. We seek strong mentoring for our newly-minted colleagues. We strive for open access to information. We champion for information literacy as a key to life-long learning. Members of ILA/ACRL realize that these principles not only contribute to the success of one's home institution, but also serve the universal good of shaping a new generation of leaders, thinkers and doers. To that end, ILA/ACRL devotes a great deal of its programming to sharing experience among peers, and finding venues for collaboration. Confronted with challenges of economy, technology and changing student learning styles, it can be increasingly difficult to find the time needed for such collaboration. As vice president/president-elect of ILA/ACRL, I would continue the conversation of how our organization can help better-address our key principles at home and beyond, and would work to identify methods of collaboration and resource-sharing that are effective, efficient and timely."

Mary Anne Knefel

Mary Anne Knefel, University Librarian at the Charles C. Myers Library at the University of Dubuque, received an MLS from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, an MBA from the University of Dubuque, and a BA from Knox College. She has worked in public, special, university and college libraries, but has spent the majority of her career as a reference & instruction librarian at UD, teaching research skills to students from first graders (UD for Kids) through graduate students (Seminary, MBA, and MA in Communication). She has served as Secretary/Treasurer and Member-at-Large twice for ILA/ACRL and has been active in IPAL and DALINC (Dubuque Area Library Information Consortium).

“I am honored to be considered for Vice President/President-Elect of ILA/ACRL. In my years as a member of the organization, have been inspired by my colleagues’ dedication to their students and to librarianship; I have admired their creativity in responding to the complex information environment; and I have benefitted from many people’s wise counsel and generosity. Now, during this economic uncertainty, academic librarians need to share, collaborate, and encourage each other more than ever. We must shape our future by understanding our times and our students, and by engaging in conversation with teaching faculty, administrators, and anyone who will listen to us. I would be honored to lead ILA/ACRL as we continue to promote the central role of the library and librarians in the education of our students.”

Secretary/Treasurer

Ericka Raber

Ericka Raber received her BA (Russian), MA (Russian Language and Literature), and MA (Library and Information Science) from The University of Iowa. She is a reference and instruction librarian at The University of Iowa Libraries, and she also serves as selector for Russian language materials. For the past two years, she has taught a practicum course on library instruction in the School of Library and Information Science at The University of Iowa. Ericka’s involvement in professional organizations includes past committee work within ALA/LIRT, ALA/IS, and ILA/ACRL. Currently, Ericka is co-chair of the ILA/ACRL Mentoring Committee. “I have enjoyed working with the ILA/ACRL board as Co-Chair of the Mentoring Committee, and I am looking forward to continued involvement in board activities. ILA/ACRL provides many opportunities for its members to work together and grow professionally. I would welcome the opportunity to serve as ILA/ACRL Secretary/Treasurer.”

Member-at-Large

Natalie Hutchinson

Natalie Hutchinson has been the Library Director of Geisler Library at Central College since February 2008. She holds an MSLIS from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She began her career at Central College in 1994, serving as Reference and Instruction Librarian until 1998, when she moved to Maine to serve as the Information Literacy Coordinator at the University of Southern Maine. Prior to returning to Central, Natalie was the library director at St. Joseph's College in Standish, Maine for five years, and was very active in the statewide library community. Since her return to Iowa, Natalie has again become a member of ILA/ACRL, and hopes to become similarly involved here.

“In these challenging economic times, it is increasingly important that libraries work together to keep the needs of our users front and center. One of the best ways that we can do this is through the kind of collaboration that happens through ILA/ACRL. By working together we can make the most of limited resources, share ideas, and help to bring Iowa libraries to their full potential. I would be proud and honored to serve ILA/ACRL as an Executive Board member.”

Lorrie Pellack

Lorrie Pellack has been Head of the Science & Technology Department, Parks Library, Iowa State University since 1998. Previous positions include Assistant Science Librarian (Anschutz Science Library, University of Kansas) and Life Sciences Librarian (Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota). Education: Upper Iowa University, BS, Biological Sciences, 1981; Emporia State University, MLS, 1982. Lorrie has worked in a variety of libraries including academic, medical and government. She has also given a variety of presentations on technostress, coping with change, copyright basics for medical educators, industry standards, cited reference searching in the Internet age, and science reference for non-scientists. Publications include: “First Impressions and Rethinking Restroom Questions.” Reference and User Services Quarterly, v.49, no.1 (forthcoming in fall 2009); “Uncle Albert Needs You! Individual Recruiting Efforts are a Necessity and an Obligation.” Science & Technology Libraries, v. 27 (1/2): 55-70 (2006); and "Interpersonal Skills in the Reference Workplace," The Reference Librarian, no. 83/84: 57-70, (2003).

“I grew up in Iowa and am continually looking for ways to serve Iowa libraries and the general public. In the past, I have served on a number of small committees for various organizations including the Geoscience Information Society and the ACRL section of the Iowa Library Association but I have never had the opportunity to serve on a larger administrative body or an executive board. I love opportunities to network and exchange ideas with librarians around the state. As the state budget tightens and more Iowans face personal economic crises, it becomes even more important to find ways to provide library services in cooperative/consortial ways and to use our collective wisdom to resolve challenges for the benefit of Iowa library users.”

ILA/ACRL sponsored sessions at the ILA Annual conference 2009

ILA/ACRL Fall Program Committee: Dan Boice, Steve Ostrem, Amy Paulus, Elaine Settergren

We hope you have the opportunity to attend the following sessions at the ILA Annual Conference to be held in Des Moines on October 21-23. We have had a last minute speaker change as Jennifer McLennan is filling in for Heather Joseph, who was called into another event that she could not decline. Both are from SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) and we are sure Jennifer will be an excellent replacement for Heather! Hope to see you there!

Collective Advocacy: Engaging Public Libraries in the Open Access Movement

Thursday, October 22nd at 2:00pm

Jennifer McLennan, Director of Communications, SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) <http://www.arl.org/sparc/about/staff/mclennan.shtml>

Faye Chadwell, Associate University Librarian for Collections and Content Management, Oregon State University <http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/staff/chadwelf>

Every year taxpayer dollars support millions of dollars of research published in expensive journals that only larger research libraries can afford. Efforts to change this traditional scholarly publication model have culminated in the open access (OA) movement. Open access provides everyone with free, immediate, and permanent access to scholarly research. It is clear that academic libraries have much to gain from the success of the OA movement. But what do public libraries and smaller academic libraries stand to gain from expanded access to taxpayer-funded research? OA advocates will introduce open access concepts, emphasize benefits for public libraries, and engage participants in a conversation to strengthen public library involvement in the OA movement and intensify advocacy across library communities.

Rights Stuff: Decoding Publisher copyright transfer agreements

Thursday, October 22nd at 3:30pm

Jennifer McLennan, Director of Communications, SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) <http://www.arl.org/sparc/about/staff/mclennan.shtml>

Faye Chadwell, Associate University Librarian for Collections and Content Management, Oregon State University <http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/staff/chadwelf>

Managing authors' rights is a key component to transforming scholarly communication. This session invites librarians to learn more about amending publisher copyright transfer agreements to maintain important rights to their research results. We hope to give attendees an overview of

the issues as well as the basic information needed to educate faculty on campus about transferring the ownership of their intellectual output.

Humor in Libraries: Making fun at work and staying productive

Friday, October 23rd at 10:20am

Fred Gertler, Former Assistant Dean of the University Library, University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA

This fast-paced, highly interactive session will focus on a range of topics all under the general heading of Humo(u)r in Libraries. We'll talk about what humor is or isn't or whether it makes any difference whether or not it can be defined as long as it can be appreciated; how it contributes to team building and esprit de corps; risks and opportunities of using humor; humor as a leadership attribute (think Lincoln); and finally, and throughout the program, examples of humor in libraries that have worked and some that haven't. And, if there is time permitting, we might even write a joke - for example, how many librarians and what type does it take to change a light bulb? So come with your funny bone primed and ready for fun. Ready, Set, Go!

Preus Library News

Luther College's Preus Library will celebrate its 40th anniversary during a Homecoming weekend celebration this fall.

Homecoming reception - A reception for alumni librarians, library-information professionals, archivists and library student workers will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, 3-5 p.m., in Preus Library's Hovde Lounge, main floor. Visitors are invited to meet the current library staff, meet and become re-acquainted with fellow professionals and see how Preus Library has changed. Special displays that mark the occasion and tours will be available.

The directory – A directory of Luther College alumni librarians, library-information professionals and archivists is being prepared and will be available at Homecoming. Directory listings will be based on alumni records information. It is important that these records are inclusive and up-to-date, particularly the information about advanced degrees and/or employment. Readers are asked to submit information using the online Alumni Information Update Form (luther.edu/alumni/services); review and make appropriate changes to your current entry in the Online Alumni Directory (luther.edu/alumni/directory); or provide information directly to the Office of Alumni Relations by e-mail (alumni@luther.edu) or phone (800-225-8664).

For additional information about the directory, Homecoming reception, or Preus Library's 40th anniversary celebration, contact Jane Kemp, library department head (kempjane@luther.edu) or

Elizabeth Kaschins, professor emerita (kascheli@luther.edu); or visit the Library and Information Services website <http://lis.luther.edu/research>.

Can I check out a Bicycle?

If you go to Preus Library at Luther College, the answer is yes! As a response to student suggestions and requests for alternative transportation on campus the Luther Bike Share program was created in April 2008. The college purchased eight bicycles for the Bike Share's first year of operation. The program is a collaboration between Luther's sustainability initiative and Wellness program.

The program operates from Preus Library on campus, where students swipe their Co-Curricular Activity Fee (CAF) card to check out a bicycle, free of charge, for the day. Currently, the Bike Share program consists of five bright yellow single-speed bikes and three new multiple-gear bikes. The bikes are stored outside of the library. Lock keys and helmets are available for check out from the library circulation desk. Users are required to sign a liability waiver form on file before they can participate in the program.

Bikes are due each day by the time the library closes. Checkouts will not be possible on days the library is closed. A late fine of \$10 will be charged if a bike is not returned prior to closing. The program was well-received on campus with 250 checkouts during the first two months. During the 2008-09 academic year, all eight of the bikes have been checked out a total of 1.291 times!

Submitted by Germano Streese