ILA/ACRL Minutes and Reports

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# ILA/ACRL Executive Board Minutes, February 24, 2012

Association of College and Research Libraries. Iowa Chapter

Present: Gruber, Musser, Paulus, Lin, O'Gorman, Gjerde

Present via Google Hangout: Rees, Chibnall, Sterling, Hess, Hutchinson

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Paulus at 10:40 am, and committee members introduced themselves.

Secretary/Treasurer's report:

The minutes of the November 2011 executive board meeting were approved as amended.  The Treasurer's report (appended) was not given due to the Secretary/Treasurers delay in accessing the meeting online.

Committee Reports:

- Spring Conference report: Sterling reported that the call for proposals was moved back to March 5, and the opening of registration was then pushed back to April 2.  This conference will feature lightning rounds, a format new to the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference.  The local arrangements committee is on track with details on lodging and food during the conference.  There is discussion of hosting a preconference social at Seed Savers Exchange, followed by a dine-around event in Decorah on Thursday night.  The Keynote speaker for the conference is WebJunction's Mike Porter, also known as the "Library Man."  It was confirmed by the board that there is the desire to reach out to ACRL members in neighboring states to attend the Spring Conference.
- Directory report:  Musser reported that he has contacted existing members, setting the agenda of the year, and beginning work on the contact information on the site.  He notes that the committee still needs a few more members.
- Fall Program report: Hess reports that the committee has been working with Kris Stacy-Bates, the liaison to ILA conference planning committee, on finalizing speakers.  The committee has identified three possible speakers, and also plans to co-sponsor a preconference session with the leadership subcommittee.  Final details are pending coming to terms with speaker honorarium requests.
Gjerde moved that the Fall Conference committee be allotted up to an additional $600 to fund speaker honoraria.  Wrede seconded the motion.  Following discussion, the motion passed.
- Awards report:  Gjerde presented a draft of a scholarship award for an ILA/ACRL member to attend the ILA Leadership Institute.  Following discussion, it was decided to send the award back to the committee, for further consultation with Leadership Institute coordinators on the best way to set up such a scholarship, with the goal of having an award in place by the next Leadership Institute.  It was noted that entries have been received for the Research Award, with the deadline approaching on March 1.  Also, an initial announcement for the Spring Conference Scholarship has been advertised via the newsletter.

- Membership report: As of the most recent tally, there are 154 members. Lin reported on the desire to change the mentoring page on the website to better reflect the mentoring program as a subset of Membership activities. Also, it was noted that there is one vacancy on the committee.
- Electronic Communications report: Chiball reported that he continues to monitor the website. Due to the large number of fake account requests submitted to the site, a Captcha plugin has been added to help identify real people requesting accounts. Recent activity has included linking to the February newsletter, and updating the membership list. Regarding social media, there are currently 75 fans on Facebook and 40 Twitter followers of ILA/ACRL accounts. The committee is also interested in pursuing social bookmarking.
- Newsletter report: Wrede announced that the first newsletter had been published in February. The second issue will feature some promotional info and longer articles. The subsequent issue will feature follow-up to the Spring Conference.
- Nominating report: Paulus noted that work is starting on the new Spring Conference committee, as well as filling vacancies in committees.
- Government Relations report: O'Gorman shared recent communications on House Bill 3699, relating to limiting access to federally funded research. Promoting access is a priority of ACRL, which will continue to work to educate lawmakers on this topic.
- Chapters Council report: Gjerde reported that the Chapters Council is planning to work with ACRL to propose other methods for distributing membership funds. Currently, state chapters receive $1 per year for each ACRL member residing in that state. Chapters Council will be seeking more formal feedback from state chapters at some point.
- Ad Hoc K12/Higher Education report: Rees reported that the committee has been conducting a literature review of the topic. Also, the IASL has voted to create a sister committee to work with ILA/ACRL.

Other Business:

- Logistics of the ILA/ACRL listserv and the member only email list were discussed. The listserv is currently hosted by UNI, but could be moved to the ILA's system. We have never really formally defined how our listserv is used or maintained. The Electronic Communications committee will study these issues.
- Dates for remaining meetings in 2012 were reviewed:
  - May 24/25 (Spring Conference)
  - July 13, 20 or 27 (the 13th is the group's first choice, the 20th is its second choice)
  - October (ILA)
  - November 30 or December 7 (transitional meeting)
- Focus Group at Spring Conference – We need to decide on how to gather membership input as we move forward on the strategic planning process. Possibilities include either a one hour focus group session or facilitated discussion sessions during breaks at the Spring Conference. Another would be sending a survey out to the membership. Once a plan is set, logistics will need to be worked out. Funke will investigate options

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Gjerde and Natalie Hutchinson