ILA/ACRL Minutes and Reports

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ILA/ACRL Executive Board Minutes, April 16, 2013

Association of College and Research Libraries. Iowa Chapter

Minutes for the ILA/ACRL Executive Board Meeting of April 16, 2013
This virtual meeting of the ILA/ACRL Executive Board was held on Google Hangouts.
The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Present: Amy Paulus – Chair (University of Iowa), Becky Canovan (University of Dubuque), Cyd Dyer (Simpson College), Dan Chibnall (Grand View University), Pam Rees (Grand View University), Sara Scheib (University of Iowa), Jennifer Sterling (William Penn), Ryan Gjerde (Luther College), Kate Hess (Kirkwood Community College), Mary Iber (Cornell College), James O'Gorman (St. Ambrose), Julia Dickenson (St. Ambrose), Deb Robertson (Briar Cliff)

Absent: Rebecca Funke, Anne Marie Gruber and Chris Neuhaus.
The minutes of the ILA/ACRL Executive Board Meeting of March 15, 2013 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: President Paulus reported the balance on 4/1/2013 to be $2,052.92. The starting balance on 1/1/2013 was $1,392.92.

Awards Committee: President Paulus read an update from Chair Rebecca Funke –
Spring Conference Scholarship – We have 4 applicants for the scholarship and the committee is currently reviewing the applications. We hope to have the winner selected this week. We'll announce to the Exec Board when that decision has been made.
Marketing / PR Grant - We are gearing up for this grant opportunity, which is offered every 2 years.   We hope to begin accepting submission soon.
Update to the ILA Org Manual - We have some suggested revisions we'd like to make to the ILA Org Manual as it relates to the awards given out by ILA/ACRL. We'll bring the suggested revision to our Exec Board at the next meeting. Any approved revisions by the Exec Board will then be forwarded on to the ILA Awards Committee for consideration.

Directory Committee: Chair Deb Robertson reports that 4 libraries have yet to respond to the call for updates. Other than that, all updates to the website are complete. Updates to the Google Maps directory will be completed after the Spring Conference. A SLIS student has been added to the committee. Deb asked the group how to go about finding new libraries to add to the directory. Dan Chibnall suggested asking DSM to notify the Directory Chair when new Institutional Memberships are added. Ryan Gjerde suggested adding new institutions as we learn about them, rather than searching them out. Deb questioned whether or not it is necessary to list each employee at every library. The group agreed that a general listing for each institution and a link to their staff directory is sufficient.

Fall Program: President Paulus introduced the new Chair of the Fall Program Committee: Julia Dickinson from St. Ambrose and reviewed ILA's decision not to provide financial support to subdivisions for conference sessions. Outgoing Chair Kate Hess reported that Kris Stacy-Bates (ILA Conference Committee liaison) had received two proposed session topics from Peter

Murray of Lyrasis:

OPEN SOURCE AND YOU: The FOSS4Lib.org website contains tools and resources to help libraries decide /if/ and /which/ open source software is right for them. In this session, the project lead for the FOSS4Lib website will lead participants through various scenarios that libraries find themselves in when looking at open source and how the tools on FOSS4Lib can help.

LIBRARY LINKED DATA: After an introduction to linked data concepts and how they apply to library data, the session leader will moderate a discussion of the impact of library linked data: what can linked data do for libraries? how do we prepare for linked data? how will using linked data change our workflows, and how will this challenge us? if a library's bibliographic data is to come from a mesh of linked data statements, what role to we want and expect the existing standard-bearers to take? and what role do we need and expect libraries to take?

Lyrasis would sponsor these sessions at no cost to ILA/ACRL.
And ACRL President Steven Bell has verbally agreed to present two sessions: one on overall directions in higher education and how libraries can work with those directions; the second on "libraries and the user experience" or improving communication with your user community – hearing what your users say is important and getting your message through to them." Again, ACRL would sponsor these sessions at no cost to ILA/ACRL.

The ILA Fall Conference will be in October in Coralville.

Membership: Chair Becky Canovan reported that her committee is continuing to reach out to ILA members from academic libraries who are not already members of ILA/ACRL, SLIS students, and librarians at community colleges. The committee also plans to make membership materials available at the conference.

Electronic Communication: Chair Sara Scheib reported that her committee is working to review the website for out of date information, dead links and any new information that should be added. Sara has created the Spring Conference website and has continued to update it. Sara continues to post to the ILA/ACRL social media sites and encourages other members to do the same. Sara has noticed a lack of procedural information about website editing in the Organization Manual and will attempt to add this information to the manual before the end of her term.

Newsletter: Chair Mary Iber reports that the April Newsletter has been published. It includes a preview of the Spring Conference, a new Transformations section about the UNI Rod Library and Museums, and the PR/Marketing Award Report from Loras College. The next newsletter will cover the sessions at the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference.

Nominating: Chair Dan Chibnall nominated Mary Peterson as the new Chair of the Spring Conference Planning Committee. This nomination was approved by the Board. The Spring Conference Committee will have two new members: Elizabeth Kiscaden (Waldorf) and Rebecca Funke (DMACC – Ankeny). DMACC – Ankeny will be the location for the 2014 ILA/ACRL Spring Conference. There are two candidates for VP for next year and one candidate for Member At-Large. The conference will take place at the FFA Enrichment Center and the DMACC – Ankeny library will absorb the fees for the building. The committee is looking at dates in May for the conference and would prefer May 2nd, 2014.

Ad Hoc: Chair Pam Rees met with the teacher librarian members of K-16/Higher Ed committee at IASL Spring Conference. The teacher librarians are going to look over the workshop that the committee had proposed to Dr. Schon of the School Administrators of Iowa. They will rewrite the outcomes of that workshop to better reflect the common core and K-12 language. Pam will then resubmit the workshop in the fall in an effort to have it included in Dr. Schon's mentoring program. The IASL representatives had also conducted a survey of teacher librarians asking for feedback about how the ILA-ACRL/IASL partnership could be of most help to them. One of the options with the best result was to conduct academic/teacher librarian lead workshops at local AEA offices on research skills and college preparation. A combined IASL and ILA/ACRL conference (or pre/post-conference) was suggested. The committee plans to select an assessment by the end of May. Pam also reported that the Iowa Department of Education has formed a taskforce on teacher librarians. This taskforce does not include any academic librarians (intentionally). Pam asked how we can support this taskforce.

Spring Conference Planning: Chair Cyd Dyer recommends that we all poke around the Spring Conference website and LibGuide. The food at the conference will include coffee, tea, water and pastries for the morning break, a taco bar for lunch which will accommodate various dietary restrictions and snacks at the afternoon break. Cyd asked if it would be reasonable to not provide soda at the afternoon break, since vending machines and a coffee shop are available close-by. The group agreed that was a reasonable cost-saving measure. The ILA/ACRL Executive Board Meeting will be held at 7:15 am in the Senate Room. Cyd and Amy encourage everyone to sign up for the Dine-Arounds.

ACRL Government Relations: Representative James O'Gorman attended a webinar that was focused more on the Public & School Libraries Legislative agenda. The ACRL Legislative Agenda for this session is relatively modest, with only 5 items, 3 of which were carried over from last year. The most promising is a bipartisan bill to increase public access to federally funded research. The extension of the Freedom of Information Act may be fast-tracked. Two bills have not yet been introduced: Workforce Investment for Local Libraries and the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

ACRL Chapters Council: Representative Ryan Gjerde reported no updates. He is looking

ahead to submitting a Chapter Report to ACRL Chapter Topics. Usually, this report is essentially a conference report, but Ryan is looking for other news as well. He thinks the submission deadline is in June.

New Business

1   President Amy Paulus reminds us that the ILA/ACRL Business Meeting will be held over lunch at the Spring Conference. Executive Board members will report on this year's progress and recognize their committee members.

2   President Amy Paulus reports that the Twitter hashtag for this year's Spring Conference will be #iaacrl13.

3   Budget or income ideas for ILA/ACRL

   a   President Paulus expressed concerns about the financial security of the organization, especially given ILA's decision not to provide financial support for subdivision and roundtable-sponsored sessions at ILA's fall conference. At this point, an $830 deficit is planned for the Spring Conference, but Cyd Dyer notes that expenses will likely be lower than anticipated.

   b   President Paulus called for ideas to balance the budget:

      i   Dan Chibnall suggested an increase in membership dues. Dues are currently set at $5. Dues have not been increased since 2005. Prior to 2005 the subdivision did not require dues. Membership dues cover awards and website hosting fees. None of the other subdivisions/roundtable have dues of more than $5. There was concern in the group that membership would decrease if dues were increased. It is likely that ILA dues will increase soon.

      ii   Sara Scheib suggested an increase in conference registration fees to reflect the increase in the cost of food, travel expenses, keynote speakers, etc. Since 2003, the conference has broken even or made money only 3 times. Keynote speakers are currently the largest expense at ILA/ACRL conferences. If no changes are made, the subdivision will not be able to afford keynote speakers. There was concern that conference attendance would decrease if registration fees were increased and that members would attend other inexpensive regional conferences such as IPALs (which has a registration fee of $20, but is supported by institutional membership fees). Currently, 27 people have registered for the Spring Conference and 100 are anticipated. Frustration was expressed at the lack of a breakdown of conference expenses for the last several years.

        iii Mary Iber suggested we could recruit sponsors such as EBSCO or Lyrasis to help cover food costs, etc. Dan Chibnall reported that someone from either EBSCO or ProQuest had contacted Nicole Forsythe about sponsoring part of the conference (Dan believes that was for this year's conference).

        iv It was suggested that IPAL and ILA/ACRL be held back to back in the same location to improve attendance.

        v Amy Paulus suggested a decrease in the number or amount of awards.

        vi Amy Paulus pointed out that an increase in conference attendance would solve the budget problem as well.

        vii   Dan Chibnall suggested selling calendars. ILA is considering it. Apparently, the paperwork is much simpler now and it is only necessary to calculate the sales tax. SLIS sold Carnegie Libraries calendars a few years back. How did they do?

    c   Next Steps

        i James O'Gorman suggested delaying any decision until after the Spring Conference.

        ii Amy Paulus will contact other subdivisions to see if they are discussing increasing their membership dues.

        iii Dan Chibnall will contact past Secretary/Treasurers and Spring Conference Planning Chairs to attempt to track down more information about expenses at past conferences.

        iv Cyd Dyer will scan and send some older records to Dan Chibnall.

        v A decision needs to be made by October.

4   Donation to ILA Leadership Institute

    a   Normally, ILA/ACRL contributes $200 to the ILA Leadership Institute.

    b $133 has been received from ACRL.

    c   Amy Paulus proposed that the full $200 should be donated to the ILA Leadership

Institute. The Board agreed to this proposal.

5   ILA/ACRL's position on tenured librarians and Maureen Sullivan

    a   Amy Paulus reported that ALA President Maureen Sullivan, in her capacity as a private consultant, may be undermining faculty status and tenure-track status for academic librarians.

    b   Should ILA/ACRL draft an opinion on this issue?

    c   Amy will send an email providing more information on this issue and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Old Business:

1   Amy Paulus reported that the live ACRL Webinar on Embedded Librarians will be held on April 30th at the UI Main Library. Many locals have already signed up and some others as well. Keep an eye out for other webinar opportunities, as we can offer 2 per year at no cost.

2   Sara Scheib reported that she spoke with Kit Austin at SLIS about a presentation for SLIS students about ILA/ACRL membership, the upcoming conference and other opportunities for involvement. Kit said they students may be interested, but the Spring is a very busy time already. Her proposal has been forwarded to the Library and Information Science Student Organization Leaders. Deb Robertson recommended contacting SLIS advisors such as Duncan Stewart as well. The Google Hangout with SLIS students is recommended for the fall semester.

Sharing/Announcements

1   Deb Robertson reports that Briar Cliff is holding a Virtual Vendor Day on April 23. 6-7 vendors will be on campus to discuss discovery layers. Librarians from other institutions are welcome to attend. Some Nebraska librarians will be attending.

2   Sara Scheib reports that the Sciences Library is holding an Earth Day (April 22) exhibit and presentation.

3   Pam Rees reports that Grand View is entering into an agreement with 5 other academic libraries to share their print collection and pursue collective acquisitions.

4   Cyd Dyer reports that the Dunn Library at Simpson College will be visited by 4-5 lab puppies during Finals Week. There was some concern from the administration, but the

involvement of Paws & Effect smoothed things over. Ryan Gjerde reports that Luther has done this in the past and it was a popular program attended by 200+ students. Dan Chibnall says Grand View wants to try this too.

5   James O'Gorman asked what we're doing for National Library Week. Ryan Gjerde reported that Luther held a March Madness Book Contest (To Kill a Mockingbird was the winner) and a used book sale. James O'Gorman reported a Cookie Day, Book Spine Poetry Contest, an Angry Birds Game and a Poetry in Your Pocket Day will all take place at St. Ambrose.

6   Mary Iber reports that Student Research Presentations will be held at Cornell College.

7   Cyd Dyer reports that Undergraduate Research Presentations will be held at Simpson College.

The next meeting will be held on May 10th at 7:15 at the Kent Campus Center Senate Room at Simpson College. Agenda to follow. Coffee will be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sara Scheib
Electronic Communications Committee Chair