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Minutes for the ILA/ACRL Executive Board Meeting of November 20, 2013

(Meeting held via Google Hangouts)

Meeting started at 9:03 a.m.

Present: Amy Paulus – President (University of Iowa), Becky Canovan (University of Dubuque), Dan Chibnall (Grand View University), Julia Dickinson (St. Ambrose University), Rebecca Funke (Des Moines Area Community College), Ryan Gjerde (Luther College), Anne Marie Gruber (University of Dubuque), Mary Iber (Cornell College), , Chris Neuhaus (University of Northern Iowa), James O’Gorman (St. Ambrose University), Mary Peterson (Simpson College), Pam Rees (Grand View University), Sara Scheib (University of Iowa), Jennifer Sterling (William Penn University)

The minutes of the Executive Board meeting of October 17, 2013 were approved.

Treasurer’s Report - The October 2013 finances for ILA/ACRL were not yet available for this meeting. Chris promised to forward these numbers to all Executive Board members as soon as he received them from the ILA Office. Note - Melissa Primus (ILA Office) sent a brief financial statement to Chris later that day. This was then shared with all board members via e-mail.

Balance 1/1/2013	\$1,392.92
Dues	785.00
<u>Spring Conference</u>	<u>4,233.00</u>
Total Available Funds	6,410.92
<u>Less Expenses to date</u>	<u>(2,649.20)</u>
Balance in account	3,761.72

Committee and Representative Reports

Awards Committee. Rebecca Funke is still working with the ILA to update materials in the ILA Organization Manual that pertain to ILA/ACRL awards.

Fall Program Committee. Julia Dickinson noted that the committee is considering a number of interesting including:

Barb Fister -

<http://barbarafister.com/> - <https://gustavus.edu/profiles/fister>
<http://www.insidehighered.com/users/barbara-fister>

Barbara Jones -

<http://www.newsknowhow.org/basic-page/60>
<http://library.nd.edu/about/events/resources/CVBarbaraJones.pdf>

Kenning Arlitsch -

<http://www.iowaacrl.org/content/node/312> - <http://www.montana.edu/news/11400/kenning-arlitsch-named-new-dean-of-the-msu-library>

Stephanie Davis-Kahl -

<https://twitter.com/StephDK>
http://works.bepress.com/stephanie_davis_kahl/

The committee is considering cosponsoring presentations with other ILA chapters as a way to manage costs.

Membership Committee. Becky Canovan mentioned that she and Sara have been crafting a recruiting letter for SLIS students at the University of Iowa.

Julia noted that both the Fall Program Committee and the Newsletter Committee have had difficulties getting enough committee members to attend the Spring ILA/ACRL and fall ILA conferences. The Chairs of these committees have had to recruit others to cover for their missing committee members.

The Board pondered and weighed the need to recruit librarians to both ILA/ACRL and to ILA/ACRL committees vs. the need to make sure that those who join committees understand the responsibilities and commitments of that committee. If members know which committees require travel and which do not, they can make wiser choices when they choose to join a committee. Updating the descriptions of ILA/ACRL committees might help. Perhaps each committee chair could create short descriptions with bullet points highlighting committee accomplishments, activities, and duties. If committee chairs can send these bulleted descriptions to ECC Chair Sara Scheib in the next few days, she will try to have a mock-up on the ILA/ACRL website prior to the December 6 ILA/ACRL Executive Board transition meeting.

Electronic Communications Committee. Sara Scheib has put out a couple of calls for participation in the blog project, but the response has been rather light. Sara is looking for “librarian” blogs (by individual librarians) rather than “library” blogs which tend to be aimed at patrons of individual institutions. She would really like to receive more than 3-5 librarian blog sites to make this project worthwhile. Sara noted that quite a few members have admitted that they are no longer active bloggers. Amy recalled that, a few years back, Clint Wrede (then Chair of the Newsletter Committee) looked at a number of library blogs to gather information for the ILA/ACRL Newsletter - but she wasn't sure that approach met with much success.

Newsletter Committee. Mary Iber announced that her committee had completed their last newsletter for the year - <http://www.iowaacrl.org/content/newsletter/november2013>. Mary noted that participation on this committee dropped off quite a bit towards the end of the year.

Nominating Committee. Dan Chibnall announced that that committee appointments were complete all committees but the Directory Committee. Members of the Board wondered if perhaps, sometime in the future, ILA/ACRL should consider folding the responsibilities of the Directory Committee into either the Membership Committee or the Electronic Communications Committee. The sizes of various committees might also be re-examined. For instance, the Directory Committee has a total of eight members. This made sense when the directory was still issued in print - but with the new reliance on the ILA directory - having eight members on this committee results in too many hands with too little work.

Spring Conference Committee. Mary Peterson mentioned that an initial announcement about the Spring Conference is now found on the ILA/ACRL website:

ILA/ACRL Spring Conference 2014:

Breaking Down Our Silos

Friday, May 2, 2014 at the
FFA Enrichment Center (DMACC campus) Ankeny, Iowa
(more details coming soon)

Information about this conference also appears on the ILA website and calendar.

Committee member Nicole Forsythe is considering a speaker/consultant from Ames, IA. The committee is looking at various options for food/catering. The committee is also considering using online conference evaluations - as Melissa Primus (ILA Office) said online evaluations worked well for ILA this fall. Board members asked that, for the upcoming conference, the Spring Conference Committee provide an option for either online or paper evaluation forms.

Ad Hoc K12/Higher Ed Committee. Pam Rees presented a proposal, crafted by the committee, for a new charge:

“The charge of the K-12/Higher education committee is to develop and support information literacy initiatives across the state of Iowa in conjunction with the IASL members of the K-12 Joint steering committee. The committee’s project areas could include, but need not be limited to, research, outreach, advocacy, communication and curricular support.”

This new charge was approved by the ILA/ACRL Executive Board.

ACRL Government Relations Representative. James O’Gorman referred to his recent message to the membership about a provision (Section 302) in the “Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science and Technology Act of 2013 (FIRST) Act” that would delay access to federally funded research. James pointed out that ACRL, ALA, and the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries had recently expressed their concerns in writing - http://sparc.arl.org/sites/default/files/OAWG%20FIRST%20Letter_0.pdf.

James also noted that there has been some recent activity concerning the “The Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act (FASTR)” - <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/access/legislation/fastr>.

ACRL Chapters Council. Ryan Gjerde stated that of late there has not been a lot of traffic related to Chapters Council. Ryan reminded the board that the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) will receive 175 million in funding.

New and Old Business

Amy reminded committee chairs and officers that they needed to submit annual reports to her before December 6.

Amy reported that she and Dan attended the ILA Planning Day on November 8. The ILA Conference Theme will be "Our Libraries Make it Happen" (centered around the concept of makerspace).

Dan announced that ILA wants an ACRL representative on the ILA Governmental Affairs Committee GAC. This representative would work with ILA lobbyists Craig Patterson and Amy Campbell. Dan mentioned that GAC is currently looking at teacher-librarian initiatives.

Amy reminded the board that ILA/ACRL has allocate \$100 to recognize our members (purchase/create certificates).

Amy reminded the Board to prepare (write annual report and review both minutes and the organization manual) for the upcoming Executive Board Transition Meeting on December 6 at Grand View University. Amy asked that all chairs and officers make sure they have uploaded all documentation to the ILA/ACRL Google Drive site.

Dan announced that he will send out materials for this meeting that include directions, maps, agenda, and materials to read.

Ryan suggested that those committee chairs that are not transitioning may want to gather during this meeting to discuss possible topics of concern for ILA/ACRL. Board members suggested that Social Media or Membership might be considered.

Amy strongly urged the Board to read:

Coerver, H., Byers, M., American Society of Association Executives., & Center for Association Leadership. (2011). *Race for relevance: 5 radical changes for associations*. Washington, DC: ASAE, the Center for Association Leadership.

Mary Iber mentioned that she is now involved with the Historical Iowa Civil Rights Network and wondered if she should reach out to other libraries that might be interested in participating.

Meeting ended at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Neuhaus, Secretary/Treasurer

Postscript.

Anne Marie volunteered to create a bulleted list of ILA/ACRL benefits that she subsequently sent to the Board shortly after the end of the meeting:

Benefits of ILA-ACRL membership

What is currently on our webpage: <http://www.iowaacrl.org/content/membership>

Possible additions (keep as bulleted list for quick reference):

- Idea-sharing & problem-solving: another library has probably addressed the concerns you face!
- Networking opportunities with librarians & library professionals throughout the state
- Connection with information about broader concerns within the profession, such as legislative advocacy, information literacy, etc.
- Mentoring relationships, formal or informal, with other members
- Professional development opportunities, including conferences, virtual workshops, etc.
- Help staying current in the field through the list-serv and social media outlets.
- Discounted ILA-ACRL conference attendance
- Eligibility for conference scholarships
- Eligibility for chapter awards, including PR & Research awards
- A resume/CV item
- Opportunities for involvement on committees, including those focused on membership, information literacy, conference planning, etc.
- What members say:
 - Include quotes from members regarding the benefits

****Remember, ILA-ACRL membership is only \$5 with paid ILA membership!****

Sources:

<http://www.ala.org/acrl/membership/benefits>

<http://crln.acrl.org/content/74/7/362.full>