ILA/ACRL Minutes and Reports

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ILA/ACRL Executive Board Minutes, May 06, 1999

Association of College and Research Libraries. Iowa Chapter
Present: Chris Neuhaus, Mary Beveridge, Jane Campagna, Jane Kemp, Michale Levine-Clark, Mary McInroy, Barbara Allen, Megan Adams, Richard Reitsma, Sandra Kiest, Mary Anne Knefel

Absent: Ed Goedeken, Leo Clougherty, John Pollitz

I. Approval of Minutes

MSA to approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of November 6, 1998, with the following changes: correct the spelling of Levine-Clark’s name and change two grammatical errors. (McInroy, Allen)

II. Treasurer’s Report

Knefel distributed the Treasurer’s report. She noted that the report reflected receipts from the Spring Conference but not expenses.

Balance 1/1/99 $4559.59

Spring Meeting Receipts $3543.34

Total Available Funds $8102.93

Less Expenses to Date $689.15

Current Balance in Account $7,413.78

There was a brief discussion about what ILA/ACRL policy should be towards giving refunds to the Spring Conference, because one person was given a refund for this conference. The Board felt comfortable with handling this on a case-by-case basis, based on the judgement of the Conference Committee Chair.

III. Old Business

A. MSA that ILA/ACRL will continue to pay $100 for IREN membership for the ILA/ACLR web site. (Adams, Allen) Adams stated that she supported having our web site with IREN was because it was Iowa-based and it gives us a url with an edu domain.

B. UNI is willing to continue to maintain the ILA/ACRL web site. Adams, Chair of the Electronic Communications Committee, is reworking the entire site.

IV. New Business
A. The next Spring Conference is May 12, 2000, at Iowa State University.

1. This is the only date that Iowa State can host the conference.

2. This poses a problem for UNI librarians, because their term ends on May 5 and they do not work over the summer.

3. Although many do not have the problem that UNI has, we agreed that we would like to have the 2001 conference at an earlier date.

B. Jill Gremmels, Director at Wartburg College, has indicated that Wartburg would be interested in hosting ILA/ACRL in 2001. The Committee thought this sounded good. Neuhaus will look into it.

C. Levine-Clark has resigned as Chair of the Directory Committee because he is moving to Colorado.

1. Many people at University of Iowa want to be on the Committee, but no one wants to be Chair as yet.

2. Someone questioned whether the by-laws specify committee size. They do, but people could be assigned to the Committee on an ad hoc basis.

3. We may need to modify the position description so it doesn’t scare people off. A Co-Chair is a possibility.

4. Levine-Clark will be at University of Iowa until July.

D. Our membership numbers are declining.

1. Clougherty, Chair of the Membership Committee, forwarded an email he received in response to an email he sent out to recruit members. This forwarded email was printed on the back of the agenda. The respondent said that he did not join organizations that based their dues on members’ salaries. Clougherty wondered if this could be a factor in declining membership.

2. In 1999, our membership is at 189. In 1998, it was 237. In 1997, it was 237.

3. Campagna received an email from a community college librarian who thought that ILA/ACRL is not relevant to her. We discussed how to make programming more relevant to community colleges.

4. Campagna will post a question on her community college listserv asking librarians what type of programming they would like to see.

5. We usually do not get papers submitted from community college librarians.

6. Rather than only soliciting papers, maybe we should have a panel or round table aimed at community college librarians that would not be as formal as the presentation of a paper.

7. It was suggested we get a speaker oriented towards community colleges.

8. Librarians at four year colleges might appreciate this approach as well. Many are not required to publish and find it very difficult to present formal papers.

9. Community college librarians have their own meeting in the spring and meet at ILA in the fall.
10. Could their spring meeting coincide with ILA/ACRL, or could we have an afternoon session for community colleges?


12. At this conference, there is good representation from community and four-year colleges. There are 99 people registered.

13. IPAL librarians might like to do a breakout meeting in the afternoon as well.

14. There are many worthwhile meetings in the spring and we can’t attend them all. Perhaps we should identify other groups with spring meetings (IPAL, IREN, Community Colleges) and merge efforts.

15. Would spending more for a more prominent speaker draw more people? Right now, we spend very little on our keynote speaker.

E. Other concerns

1. Reitsma said that IPAL is trying to get group discounts for databases but the group is really too small to get a good deal.

2. Campagna said that a group of community college librarians are applying to the Carver Foundation for a pilot project for the State Library to get funding for the group purchase of databases.

3. Since ILA/ACRL represents many academic groups, should we appoint a task force to look into group purchasing of databases? Neuhaus is interested in this.

4. Some said that the State Library should represent all types of libraries in consortial negotiations, not just public libraries.

V. Committee/Representative reports

A. All committee reports were submitted in writing. In addition to those reports, several committee members reported the following.

B. Electronic Communications Committee: Adams reported that all committee reports are on the Web page. The ILA/ACRL paper archives is kept at the University of Iowa. She will experiment with adding the archives to the Web page.

C. Awards Committee: McInroy asked if we could also pay mileage to Angie Schaper, the recipient of the scholarship for the Spring Conference. The Board agreed to this.

D. Directory Committee: Levine-Clark reported that he had 20 to 30 extra copies of the Directory which will be distributed tomorrow to new members.

VI. Next meeting

A. The next meeting will be some time in September. The date will be announced in mid-June.

VII. Adjournment
A. It was moved and seconded (Reitsma, Adams) that the meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Knefel
Secretary/Treasurer, ILA/ACRL 1999