ILA/ACRL Executive Board Meeting May 20, 2005
Gateway Center, Ames, IA

Present: Kathy Parsons, Ed Goedeken, Steve Ostrem, Rebecca Stuhr, Ryan Gjerde, Ellen Neuhaus, Amy Paulus, Betsy Gardner, Kris Stacy-Bates, Susan Knippel, John Goodin

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 a.m.

Approval of the minutes

Minutes of February 25, 2005 were reviewed and approved as recorded. Neuhaus moved to approve, Gardner seconded, approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

Balance in account as of 05/16/05  $8,629.86
Spring Conference receipts (included above)  $4,865.00
Expenses YTD  $ 324.00
ACRL National Account: Balance in account  $ 24.00

Committee Reports

Spring Conference

As you can see, we are having a Spring Conference.

Fall Conference Program

Kathy Parsons reported for Becky Lutkenhaus. As it turns out, there was no one available from OCLC to given a presentation at fall conference on the OCLC Environmental Scan. Instead, we will have David Tyckoson, the Director of Reference at CSU Fresno, presenting two sessions (Thursday morning and afternoon) on reference interview skills. One session will be more serious and research based and the other light and fun with skits. Kathy Parsons is soliciting participants for roles in the second session, has some volunteers but needs more. On Friday we will have a panel discussion on the assessment of user needs and library services. The panelists will be David Gregory (ISU), Lisa Stock (DMACC), and John Pollitz (St. Ambrose). Our joint preconference on digitization, with a presenter from OCLC, appears set to go.

Awards

Ellen Neuhaus reported that the Awards Committee provided two scholarships to attend this Spring Conference. Recipients are Clint Wrede, catalog librarian and bibliographer at University of Northern Iowa and Jim Kapoun, library director at Waldorf College. Kathy Parsons noted that David Tyckoson would like a portion of his honorarium from next fall’s conference to go towards scholarships for that conference.

Membership
Susan Knippel reported that we have 159 members as of the end of April, exactly the same figure as last year at that time.

Directory
Kris Stacy-Bates reported that work will begin soon on updating the online version of the directory. (The print version will next appear in 2006.)

Electronic Communications
Ryan Gjerde reported that electronic communications are running smoothly.

Newsletter
Amy Paulus reported that there was a good response to the call for articles for the March issue, which featured descriptions of library instruction programs around the state. The July issue will focus on coverage of the spring conference and proceedings of Chapters Council at ALA Annual.

Nominating Committee
Rebecca Stuhr reported. There have been a couple of volunteers for participation on ILA/ACRL committees. A volunteer form appears in the materials packet of this spring conference.

Ad Hoc Committees
No reports from the Ad Hoc Education and Research committees. Kathy Parsons reported for Michelle Holschuh Simmons, Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee, who submitted a written report (distributed to board members). Each of the four advocacy subcommittees has completed an action plan.

ACRL Legislative Network
John Goodin reported that there have been no legislative alerts from the network in recent months. There has been a lapse of communication somewhere, either at ACRL or the Washington office. John has been trying to determine where the problem lies.

National ACRL Chapters Council
Amy Paulus reported. Amy submitted our chapter report to ACRL on May 9, should appear in the national newsletter soon. She will submit another in November.

Other Business
Kathy Parsons will announce that our next spring conference (2006) will be held in Iowa City. We need to begin soliciting sites for 2007, preferably somewhere in the western or west-central part of the state. Some discussion of the difficulty in planning the spring conference when our committee appointments begin on the calendar year and the meeting is held in the spring.

Next meeting: July 18, ISU Library, Ames.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Steve Ostrem
Secretary/Treasurer for ILA/ACRL