ILA/ACRL Executive Board Minutes, April 21, 2006

Association of College and Research Libraries. Iowa Chapter
ILA/ACRL Executive Board Meeting April 21, 2006
Iowa Memorial Union, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Present: Rebecca Stuhr, Jane Campagna, Jean Donham, Betsy Gardner, Ryan Gjerde, John Goodin, Mary Heinzman, Michelle Holschuh Simmons, Kathy Magarell, Kathy Parsons, Amy Paulus, Barb Robb, Randy Roeder, Kris Stacy-Bates

The meeting was called to order at 7:57 a.m.

Approval of the minutes

Minutes of February 10, 2006, were reviewed and approved. Donham moved to approve, Gardner seconded, approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer reported the following based on information supplied by the ILA office:

Balance in the ILA account as of 4/31/05 $9,798.55
Based on information supplied by ACRL:
Balance in the national account as of 4/31/05 $189.00

Spring Conference Program Committee

No report.

Directory Committee

Kris Stacy-Bates reported that the directory has been printed and would be available for distribution at the Spring Conference registration table. Although the final bill was not in yet, she estimated the cost would be about 750 dollars.

Fall Program Committee

Barb Robb reported on preparations for the fall 2006 ILA meeting. The committee has invited Elizabeth O. Hutchins, a library consultant and educator, to speak on library-faculty collaboration. Hutchins has been asked to address the topic with an eye toward faculty perceptions of the library, rather than from a marketing perspective. The second session will consist of a panel discussion.

Awards Committee

Kathy Parsons asked the board to approve ILA/ACRL Spring Conference Scholarships for Mirabelle “Mimi” Djenno from Drake University and Anne Marie Gruber of the University of Dubuque. The scholarships cover up to $100 in expenses for applicants who are first-time conference attendees or who have worked in Iowa libraries for less than three years. Campagna moved the request, Holschuh Simmons seconded and the board approved unanimously.

Membership Committee

Mary Heinzman reported that the Chapter currently has 174 members.
Electronic Communications Committee

Ryan Gjerde reported on the feasibility of hosting the Chapter website on the ILA server. The option is not satisfactory. As currently configured, the templates are too rigid and updates would need to be accomplished by cutting and pasting raw html code. The process is unwieldy for efficient newsletter production and for posting supplementary conference materials. Activities such as online conference registration are also not supported. Donham suggested that the Chapter bring these shortcomings to the attention of the ILA Executive Board. Stuhr and Gjerde agreed to compose and send a letter to the board expressing concern that the site is not meeting the Chapter’s needs.

Newsletter Committee

Amy Paulus reported that March issue of the newsletter was well-received and that the deadline for the next issue is July 1st. The July issue will feature session reports and photos from the Spring Conference.

Nominating Committee

Jean Donham reported that volunteer forms are included in the packets distributed to Spring Conference attendees.

Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee

Michelle Holschuh Simmons presented and summarized the reports of the four subcommittees of the Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee.

The Public Relations/Marketing Subcommittee of the Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee recommends the creation of an ongoing Public Relations/Marketing grant to be given to an academic or research library in the State of Iowa to encourage the promotion and marketing of the library to its community. It is recommended that the grant be incorporated into the activities and responsibilities of the ILA/ACRL Awards Committee. The Public Relations/Marketing Subcommittee has developed two documents: one procedural and the other an application form. This concludes the work of the subcommittee.

The Serials/Open Access Subcommittee has collected and annotated a wide range of web resources and developed a toolkit to introduce Iowa academic librarians to the open access movement and provide them with strategies for dealing with the rising costs of serials. The toolkit is available at http://www.iowaacrl.org/advocacy/. This concludes the work of the subcommittee.

The Mentoring/Professional Development Subcommittee is developing an annotated list of literature on mentoring programs. When the literature review is completed, the subcommittee recommends that the ILA/ACRL Executive Board consider the implementation of a mentoring program based on their research. If a program is developed, the subcommittee recommends that a permanent committee be formed.

The Intellectual Freedom/Equity of Access Subcommittee has prepared a program on the USA PATRIOT Act. The program is to be given at the 2006 Spring Conference. This concludes the work of the subcommittee.

Ad Hoc Education Committee
Jane Campagna reported that the work of the Ad Hoc Education Committee is not complete. The committee is planning a survey for this fall asking the membership about continuing education needs.

**Ad Hoc Research Committee**

Kathy Magarrell reported that the committee is working on criteria for one yet-to-be-named award. The award would be presented at the Spring Conference to a member for an outstanding paper or publication. The size of the award would be in the neighborhood of $500, and the honor would be listed on the list of awards that ILA publishes every fall. The task of selecting of honorees would transition to the Chapter’s Awards Committee.

**ACRL Legislative Representative**

John Goodin reported that after a lull of some months, activity on the ACRL legislative network restarted in June 2005. To date, John has forwarded 28 appropriate, non-procedural e-mails.

**National ACRL Chapters Council**

Amy Paulus reported that she has begun to use the new national ACRL logo in the Chapters Council report section of the newsletter.

**Other Business**

Rebecca Stuhr reported that University of Iowa conservator Gary Frost has received the prestigious Banks/Harris Award for his contributions to the field of preservation through teaching and writing. Topics for the summer meeting may include discussing a dues structure, pending by-law changes, and new awards.

**Next Board Meeting**

July 7th, 2006, at Grinnell College, 10:30 a.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Roeder
Secretary/Treasurer for ILA/ACRL