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ILA/ACRL Executive Board Minutes, March 17, 2011

Association of College and Research Libraries. Iowa Chapter
ILA/ACRL Executive Board Meeting
March 17th, 2011
Central College, Pella, IA

Meeting began at 5:03 PM

In Attendance: Wright, Gjerde, Paulus, McMahon, Seiffert, Egherman, O’Gorman, Hutchinson, Parsons, Funke, Rees, Iber, Chibnall

Absent: Rouse, Hess

Agenda

1. Approval of Executive Board minutes from Feb 2011.

   Approved with one change – Change Kenning Arlitsch’s name in the spring conference report.

2. Treasurer’s Report

   i. Balance 1/1/10 $3,269.97
   ii. Dues $835.00
   iii. Spring Meeting/Other $6,362.11
   iv. Total Available Funds $10,467.08
   v. Less Expenses to Date $8088.70
   vi. Balance in Account $2,378.38

3. Committee and Representative Reports

   a. Spring Conference:

      i. We have 101 attendees for the spring conference 2011. The estimate is that about 96 of those will be paying members (non-scholarship members). The keynote was applauded for flying into Omaha and driving to Pella (which saves us money). A discussion followed about print v. electronic volunteer forms.

   b. Directory:

      i. There is still work being done on the Google Map of institutions across the state.

   c. Fall Program:

      i. There is going to be a program on collaboration between school, college, and public libraries. There are two other programs being worked on as well.

   d. Awards:

      i. We have three award applicants and the recipient is Cara Stone. She works at U. of Dubuque and is a MLS student at Indiana University. The PR/Marketing award is ready to go on the website. There has already been one applicant and the due date is July 31st. More applications will be available during the conference.
e. Membership:
   i. We are now at 115 members. Reminder letters have gone out, which did help. A thank you note will be going out in April. Renewals are starting to roll in thanks to the paper forms going out recently.

f. Electronic Communications:
   i. There are two members who are very active. The number of people on the Facebook page has gone up. There’s not a lot of feedback right now. A LinkedIn group for IA-ACRL has been established and there are a few members so far. A Twitter account will be started soon. Also, the committee is trying to prevent double duty and making it efficient. Egherman has been doing “website defense” of fake accounts trying to login to the ACRL site. There will be some collaboration between the Directory committee and Electronic Communications. A discussion followed about updating the 2010 membership list on the website. A question arose about whether most members pay with an institutional payment or personal payment, so as to accept money from members at the actual conference. This is something we have done in the past and Membership has a booth/table at the conference.

g. Newsletter:
   i. There have been two newsletters so far. The first one contained the President’s piece and the second newsletter prepared everyone for the conference. The April/May issue will contain a synopsis of the conference.

h. Nominating:
   i. The forms are updated and on the website. The Newsletter committee has had its position filled: Jodi Morin from Buena Vista. There is hope that lots of people will be willing to volunteer.

i. ACRL Government Relations Representative:
   i. The 112th Congress has had some activity. There is a webinar coming up on ideas of how to stay connected to our legislators. There are also some issues that need our attention: ending of FISA orders on libraries and bookstores and defunding Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) including Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). A concern about how to better track information, especially amendments, and let members know what has happened to legislation.

j. ACRL Chapter Council Representative:
   i. A survey was done for communication styles for different chapters throughout ACRL. Why don’t people attend chapter meetings? Biggest answer was no funding. How would you prefer to communicate with other chapters? Listservs were 1st, Facebook 2nd, as well as blogs, ALA Connnect, etc. It was a very successful survey: about 40 people responded amongst the chapter officers.

k. Mentoring Committee:
   i. Email report saying that the committee will be rolling this spring once the school year is over. The pairs are working right now.
I. Scholarly Communications Committee:
   i. No report.

4. Other Business
   a. A quick discussion followed on the Mentoring committee possibly accepting students as mentees.
   b. Report on ACRL/IASL discussions: Email was sent to the IASL/ACRL group to start a dialogue about partnering. There was limited response, so now it has to be decided if we need to mix the group on the IASL side. Iber said that she and Jen Rouse will be talking to librarians at the IASL conference on April 11th.
   c. Bylaws Amendment Language: It has been passed on to Sarah Willeford, head of ILA’s GAC.
   d. July Dates for Meetings: Nordic Fest is being moved to the end of July, so our meeting is going to be moved to July 22nd.
   e. Poster Sessions for Conference: Although Beth tried to get people to do posters, there was no interest among students for this conference.

Meeting ended at 5:54 PM.

Submitted by Dan Chibnall, Secretary/Treasurer ILA-ACRL