ILA/ACRL Executive Board Minutes, May 25, 2012

Association of College and Research Libraries. Iowa Chapter
ILA/ACRL Executive Board Meeting
May 25, 2012
Sampson-Hoffland 232 - Luther College, Decorah, IA
7:30am

Present: Rebecca Funke, Natalie Hutchinson, Pam Rees, Amy Paulus, Ryan Gjerde, Bill Musser, Clint Wrede, Dan Chibnall, James O’Gorman, Kate Hess, Anne Marie Gruber, Jennifer Sterling, Mike Wright

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 am

1) The minutes of the February 24, 2012 Executive Board meeting were approved.
2) The Treasurer’s report showed a current balance of $5016.08.
3) Committee and Representative Reports

   a) Spring Conference—Ninety four people registered for the conference. Seventeen were non-ILA members (none were from out of state) and one was a scholarship recipient. The pre-conference reception at Seed Savers went very well, with lots of positive comments by the attendees.

   b) Directory—The committee is checking with member libraries re: changes in staff. The committee still has three open slots, and is looking to fill them.

   c) Fall Program—Kris Stacy-Bates is the conference committee liaison. Joseph Sanchez is locked in to discuss e-books, and Dwayne Butler will be doing two sessions on fair use/copyright.

   d) Awards—The spring conference scholarship went to Jennifer Ryan, and the Research Award to Jean Donham. It was suggested that ILA ACRL should create a directory of members’ research. Over the summer, the committee will look at the Leadership Institute award and the Professional Development scholarship. They may also revisit the Conference Scholarship process and adjust as needed.

   e) Membership—approved change to our membership manual to include the following statement in red:

      “The Membership Committee is responsible for connecting libraries and library staff members with the statewide professional organization. As of 2012, the Membership Committee is also in charge of Mentoring activities. To accomplish this, the Membership Committee utilizes e-mail, Web and other technologies to identify potential members and invite them to join the organization. In addition the Membership Committee maintains membership lists, and communicates with the ILA Executive Assistant, the ILA/ACRL Executive Board, ILA, and ALA. Following is a list of activities which may be undertaken to conduct the business of the Membership Committee.”

      The committee will set up a membership resource area at the Spring Conference registration table.

   f) Electronic Communications—Social media doing well—eighty people have friended the Facebook page, and fifty are following us on twitter. Captcha was recently added to the website, significantly reducing spam. The committee is interested in starting a social bookmarking site for the organization and will meet over summer to discuss the possibilities. They are also looking into having ILA host and manage our listserv—it’s free, easy to do, and membership lists are updated automatically. Some issues they’re examining include whether the list should be tied to membership (it currently isn’t), and what the membership access grace period would be under ILA hosting/management. The committee is also examining the possibilities of using Google Docs as a repository and/or to do more of our committee business. Doing so would make transitions easier as members move off and onto committees.
g) Newsletter—The most recent issue went out in April. The committee plans to get the conference issue out within a week or two after the conference.

h) Nominating—The slate for the spring conference program committee membership was brought forward, and was approved by the board. The conference will be May 10, 2012, and will be held at Simpson. The committee is working to fill in open slots in the directory committee.

i) ACRL Government Relations Representative Report—ACRL announced legislative agenda. There are five items: providing public access to federally funded research, preserving safe harbor provisions re: copyright, sustaining and possibly improving federal repository loan program funding, creating more transparency in responses to FOIA requests, changing the US Patriot Act so that patrons have better protection of their records.

j) ACRL Chapter Council Representative—ACRL National wants to send out a survey gathering feedback on ACRL funding of state chapters. Gjerde will be sending info on our conference to the Chapters newsletter.

k) K12-Higher Ed Ad Hoc—The committee has worked to help create a joint steering committee with IASL. ILA ACRL members on the steering committee attended the IASL conference. The steering committee has decided that it will work through the AEA to reach all teacher librarians in the state. They are also working on a survey that will go out to all teacher librarians in the fall, but do already know that they’re interested in what first years college students in Iowa look like in terms of information literacy skills. Funke and Rees will send out survey to academic librarians in the fall to help gather the information. Each committee member is assigned an AEA and is working with its administrator. IASL has volunteered Rees for a panel discussion at ILA in the fall.

4) Other Business

a) Membership feedback/input—The Executive Board hasn’t done a survey of the membership in several years, and it would be helpful to see what membership wants and needs of ILA ACRL as we look to the future. Gruber and Wright and Funke will work on this.

b) The next Executive Board meeting will be July 13th at DMACC Ankeny. There will be a Google hangout option available.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie Hutchinson, Secretary/Treasurer