



Academic Libraries of Indiana's Fourth Annual Members Meeting Great Success

This year's Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) annual members meeting on May 10, 2007 was a great success for providing ALI member library directors with the opportunity for professional development and gaining insight about trends and emerging patterns in academic librarianship. There were 57 members in attendance.

ALI's annual members meeting was held at the Indiana Wesleyan University Indianapolis Education Center, a facility that provided quality meeting space, attractive classrooms for the breakout sessions, and ample free parking.

Following a welcome message by President Judith L. Violette, members attended one of four breakout sessions, each of which ran for about 60 minutes:

1. **Resource Sharing** was facilitated by Robert V. Roethemeyer who gave a presentation about the value and importance of resource sharing. As part of his presentation, he drew from data from the Indiana Resource Sharing Task Force, some of which was published in *Wagging the Long Tail: Sharing More of Less; Recommendations for Enhancing Resource Sharing in Indiana*. Robert also spoke about ALI-sponsored training opportunities for later this summer. The second part of the session was facilitated by Ball State University Libraries' personnel Suzanne S. Rice, Christy A. Groves, Elaine S. Nelson, and Lisa A. Chambers. With a library director audience in mind, they provided a technological overview, including costs, about the practical applications of resource sharing tools such as ILLiad, Odyssey, Ariel, and more.
2. **Digitization Projects** was facilitated by Ball State University Libraries' personnel John B. Straw, James A. Bradley, Bradley D. Faust, and P. Budi Wibowo. They presented information about the development of the Ball State University Digital Media Repository, a project of the University Libraries using CONTENTdm, and provided opportunities for questions and discussion by ALI members concerning digital projects.
3. **ACRL's "Top Ten Assumptions for the Future of Academic Libraries"** was facilitated by James L. Mullins. Participants shared conversation, views, and experiences about these assumptions that the ACRL Research Committee recently published. The session was particularly insightful because James served as chairperson of the 20-06-2007 ACRL Research Committee.
4. **Models for Academic Libraries, 2005-2006** was facilitated by David Lewis who has written and spoken nationally about models for academic libraries. Participants discussed important topics about the migration of collections from print to digital format, retiring legacy print collections, among others.

The morning session featured a 45 minute audio presentation by **Richard K. Johnson**, Senior Advisor, Association of Research Libraries, moderated by Jennifer A. Younger. His topic, "Sharing the Global Digital Library," allowed ALI members to hear Rick's comments about the opportunities, trends, and problems with the sea change caused by the Google, Yahoo!, MSN, and other digitization projects of academic library collections.

Following a buffet lunch during which time ALI members had an opportunity to chat with colleagues and friends, President Judith L. Violette reconvened everyone for the ALI Business Meeting.

The following topics were discussed at the Business Meeting:

1. ALI's *mission*, which is "... to enhance and enrich access to the full range of information resources and services required to improve the quality of teaching, learning, research, and engagement in Indiana's colleges, universities, and seminaries through collaboration, resource sharing, and advocacy."
2. Acknowledgment of the contribution of the current ALI Board members: Patricia A. Steele, James L. Mullins, Jennifer A. Younger, David W. Lewis, Arthur W. Hafner, Mary G. Persyn, John C. Stachacz, Judith L. Violette, Robert V. Roethemeyer, Daniel J. Howell, William E. Darr, Judy Tribble, Susan Mannan, Susan Catt, Robert A. Slayton, and Janet Brewer.
3. Acknowledgment of the ALI Task Force Chairs and a brief review of their Task Force's significant accomplishments:
 - Dan Howell – Database Licensing
 - Susan Mannan – Distance Education/Off-Campus Library Services
 - Patricia A. Steele – Government Documents Light Archives Planning Group/Shared Storage
 - Robert Roethemeyer – Resource Sharing
 - Arthur W. Hafner – Web Site Development and Public Relations
 - Jim Mullins – Strategic Planning
 - Janet Brewer - Nominations
4. Mary G. Persyn presented the treasures report and new budget for 2007-2008.
5. Elections were held and results announced. For 2007-2008, ALI Officers and Board Members are the following 16 persons: James L. Mullins (President), Susan Mannan (Vice President), Mary G. Persyn (Treasurer), William E. Darr (Secretary), Arthur W. Hafner, Daniel J. Howell, David W. Lewis, Janet S. Fore, Jennifer A. Younger, John M. Robson, John C. Stachacz, Judith L. Violette, Patricia A. Steele, Robert A. Slayton, Robert V. Roethemeyer, Trisha Shively.

Following the Business Meeting, ALI members joined one of five discussion groups to discuss ALI's goals:

- Increase access to electronic databases and content through collaboration by ALI Libraries
- Enhance quality of, access to, and curation of tangible collections within ALI libraries
- Provide effective instructional support for students in partnership with faculty via ALI's libraries

- Support professional development and educational opportunities for librarians in ALI's libraries
- Proactively engage within our institutions, with government organizations, with statewide library agencies, and with schools of library and information science

ALI's Fourth Annual Members Meeting was a success. It provided ALI members the opportunity for forum to participate with other library directors to discuss and advance the membership's priorities for building a member-centered organization. It strengthened ALI's opportunity to be recognized as a national leader in state-wide academic library collaboration by utilizing the individual member strengths for the betterment of all.

Members who may have missed the meeting, or who wish to download the various resource materials from the Annual Members Meeting, can find the various PowerPoints and other resources materials on the ALI website, <http://ali.bsu.edu>.

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