

**Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI), Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 26, 2005**  
**Draft Minutes**

Present: Kathryn Carpenter, Janet Fore, Art Hafner, Tom Kirk, David Lewis, Lewis Miller, Mary Persyn, Robert Roethemeyer, Michele Russo, Margaret Seifert, Suzanne Thorin, Judie Violette, Jennifer Younger.

Recorder: Janet Fore

**Board Minutes**—Correction to 11/11/04 Board minutes: The menu for the May Membership Meeting has not been chosen. Margaret moved to accept. Mary seconded motion, and minutes were approved unanimously.

**Database Licensing Task Force—Lewis Miller**

Proposal from the Licensing Task Force for:

- Resolution from the ALI Board to authorize a Request for Information (RFI) to establish a Center for Database Licensing Activities.

Background: There is a lot of potential for more collaborative licensing seen in the database of databases, but a lot of time is needed to capitalize on that potential. There is a need to move the licensing process to paid staff who can devote time to get it done.

Suzanne Thorin asked if we would consider a one year pilot period before funding a center to explore the database of databases and develop working procedures. Suzanne offered IU as prepared to host and support such a pilot and IU staff work with the Task Force, e.g., Doug McKinney on statistics and Lynn Hufford on licensing.

Several questions ensued. Would the timeframe allow for negotiating for 2006 licenses? There are some schools with renewals early in April. We would need to get EBSCO information out right away for both April and July 1 renewals and ACS comes up in August. Lewis could work with Lynn immediately on the EBSCO databases and that would allow some transition time.

Jennifer Younger suggested guidelines are needed for what a pilot project might accomplish. Task Force will develop expectations and conditions for a pilot: timeline, what would be done and what would not be done in the pilot. The Task Force will share with the Board through the process of developing the memorandum so that the Board can provide input on any controversial points.

Jim Mullins: Are the top six databases identified? (Purdue is looking at sharing certain databases among the Purdue locations.)

Mary Persyn: Currently, INCOLSA is the fiscal agent (for billing, etc.). Would this change to IU or stay with INCOLSA? The answer will be determined during the pilot. At this point, it isn't known whether a change would be needed or desirable.

After discussion, all agreed that a year-long pilot project would allow time to better understand the needs of ALI for cooperative licensing capability. A vote was taken on the following resolution.

**Resolution:**

The ALI Board acknowledges the offer from IU to participate in a pilot study for consortium purchase of databases and the establishment of a center of activity within the existing organization to provide services associated with collaborative purchase of electronic resources by members of Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI.) The Task Force is authorized to work with IU to develop a memorandum of understanding that will be placed on the March 31 Board agenda.

Lewis Miller moved to accept. Tom Kirk seconded. Board unanimously approved the Resolution.

**INSPIRE Update – Lewis Miller**

As we have seen from INCOLSA-I, INSPIRE is alive and well and there was a reaffirmation of mission, guiding principles and defined strategies. For database selection beginning with the contract year 2007, the first and second priorities re databases are changes to “health information” and “business” was broadened to “business and economics”. A new category was added: full text “technology”, including the life sciences initiative, etc.

For 2006, INSPIRE is in the Governor’s budget proposal and they are working on getting it into the Legislature’s proposal. The budget in the Governor’s proposal is at the same dollar level for 2006 as it is in 2005.

**LSTA mini-digitization grants—David Lewis**

There is \$250,000 allocated for projects connected to Indiana history and culture with specific areas for priority. We can expect 6-10 grants in the \$20-\$70 thousand level. The Board members all shared what digitization projects their institutions were planning and whether they were planning on applying, looking for possible collaborative opportunities. Not all projects described were being submitted as proposals for the LSTA grants.

- IUPUI is submitting a collection of historical landmarks photographs, historical maps, and material about the Civil War in Indiana.
- Vincennes is working on a project including territorial newspapers.
- IU Fort Wayne is considering economic development reports and documents with the community research institute.
- Ball State is working on “Indiana at War” including materials from the Civil War and WWI.
- Butler with the Indiana Historical Society is submitting a collection from Eliza Blaker.
- Earlham may work with a community group on the history and culture of Wayne County. Earlham is currently working on a collaborative digitization project with Goshen and Manchester on activism and social justice in Indiana.

- Purdue currently has an ongoing project on Amelia Earhart, but is not submitting a grant proposal at this time.
- IU is putting forward a version of a previously submitted proposal on Indiana authors
- Saint Mary's is submitting a project on women in higher education, the Sister Madeleva papers and photographs

ALI needs to think about how we want to work for future grant opportunities. For future efforts, we need to think about what is the most important thing that is needed and how do we do it, rather than what pockets of material we have that we could digitize.

### **Indiana Holdings in WorldCat—Robert Roethemeyer**

Doug Potts of OCLC prepared a report with data on Indiana libraries and holdings in WorldCat. (All Indiana libraries of any type that have attached holdings to bib records.) It also lists/charts number of titles uniquely held by an individual library within Indiana and numbers of titles uniquely held by an individual library within WorldCat. It might be interesting to compare to other states.

Jim Mullins: Perhaps we should pursue studying this with comparative data to present unique resources available in Indiana as public relations information for recruitment to jobs in Indiana, and to inform our efforts with the Legislature working toward the storage facility. We can also use this data within ALI to assist in collaboration and establishing priorities.

We should share data with the State Library and INCOLSA and the lobbyist in ILF.

The Resource sharing summit is not yet scheduled. When held, Judie Violette and Robert Roethemeyer will represent ALI.

### **Subscription ILL—Judie Violette**

Judie is getting a quote for subscription ILL. As of July 05, that is the only option.

### **Open WorldCat—Robert Roethemeyer**

Robert handed out a sheet of "Quick Facts"

[<http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/open/facts/default.htm>] and suggested for the Membership Meeting, we may want to think about discussing who, among the membership is participating.

### **The Organizational Landscape in Indiana: ALI, State Library, INCOLSA — Suzanne Thorin**

Suzanne reported that the Indiana State Library and Historical Board is assuming an oversight role regarding INCOLSA's budget and annual service plan. Our discussion reviewed briefly the origins and history of INCOLSA, and noted the changes taking

place, including a new governor, a new State Librarian and new Executive Director at INCOLSA. As academic libraries, we should define our interests and speak to how academic libraries (ALI) can organizationally make a positive difference in how library services are delivered in Indiana. Many ideas were put on the table and we will discuss this again at the March Board meeting.

### **Budget Report—Mary Persyn**

The officers' insurance came in under budget. Actual expenditures to date are \$4,069.92 and budget is \$25,152.

### **Nominating Committee—Michele Russo**

Michele, as Chair of the Nominating Committee will be seeking names to serve on the committee. There will be 1 Public (mid-sized and regionals), 2 from PALNI and other privates, 2 from Ivy Tech or Vincennes, in total 1 Board member (Michele) and 4 non-Board members. The Committee will take up specific recommendations, especially regarding term limits.

### **ALI Activities**

Possibilities of what we want to accomplish by the end of the April meeting to get information out in time for the membership meeting.

- Collection overlap study
- Given limited resources, resource sharing, identify opportunities
- Web Tools Task Force might change focus to address Information Literacy
- Recruiting librarians to the state. Work with SLIS especially for underrepresented groups.
- Direct borrowing as a goal—both onsite and directly, however accomplished. Do we want to put this before the membership?
- David Lewis: The commitment to exchange materials as expeditiously as possible and a willingness to put our collections to the service of everyone else is an important philosophical statement to make. Perhaps a report from Judie Violette about how we are progressing and a discussion of ways to operationalize: Use of OpenCat and Federated Searching.
- Possible speaker (Dan Iddings from PALCI will not be able to speak) person from St. Joseph's University of Philadelphia. Or Tom Sanville from OhioLink on database licensing.
- Library spaces and how they are changing
- Off site facility: design of second module is proceeding.
- Government documents and State Library
- We could look at a JSTOR project. Remote storage facility (Off site facility) as a repository and others get rid of volumes. We could commission a group to develop a broader strategy and proposal.

The Executive Committee will prepare a draft agenda for the Membership Meeting.

### **ALI at ILF**

Do we want to demonstrate an “ALI Presence” at ILF? We could contribute \$500 to host an academic library function.

David Lewis moved to authorize Kate Carpenter and Michele Russo to spend up to \$500 on an ALI activity at ILF. Suzanne Thorin seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Suggestion: Incorporate it into academic libraries luncheon.

**Chair’s Report—Jennifer Younger**

- Dr. William Gilmore, Executive Director of the Science Alliance, is going to speak at ILF meeting in March 2005.
- In conjunction with Barbara Maxwell, State Librarian and Michael Piper, INCOLSA Executive Director, David Lewis and Jennifer reviewed the library community’s strong commitment to developing metadata standards for digital content to Dave King, Executive Director, IHETS and chair of the Indiana Learning Portal Executive Committee. They also reiterated that, at this point, the library community is not able to undertake writing a grant for metadata coordination and content tagging for a prospective Indiana Learning Portal. However, the library community
- Jennifer and Jim Mullins represented ALI at the State Library workshop (December 6, 2004) on planning for collaboration with libraries, museums and archives.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.