

Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI), Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
March 31, 2005

Present: Kathryn Carpenter (by phone), Janet Fore, Art Hafner, Lynn Hufford (for Suzanne Thorin), Tom Kirk, David Lewis, Susan Mannan, Lewis Miller, Jim Mullins, Mary Persyn, Robert Roethemeyer, Michele Russo, Bob Slayton, Judie Violette, Jennifer Younger
Guest: Lori Duggan (IUB)

Jennifer Younger opened the meeting and thanked Kate Carpenter and Michele Russo for their work to make ALI a presence at the Indiana Library Federation Conference by placing an ad for ALI in the conference program, co-sponsoring the IALA luncheon, contributing \$250 for the speaker, and offering door prizes and a luncheon table promotion item. She thanked David Lewis for speaking on behalf of ALI at the luncheon. It was recommended that this activity be repeated next year with an earlier start.

Approval of Board Minutes

Tom Kirk made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2005 Board meeting. It was seconded by Michele Russo and approved by unanimous vote. Jim Mullins offered a correction, adding his name to the list of attendees.

INSPIRE and Licensing Task Force

Lewis Miller reported that the Indiana Library and Historical Board and the INCOLSA Executive Committee have changed the INSPIRE Task Force to a permanent standing committee, with all members having two or three fixed year terms. A new position has been created for an Ivy Tech representative, leaving two positions for ALI representatives. David Lewis has agreed to continue in one of these seats. Art Hafner has resigned, leaving one seat vacant. Discussion highlighted the idea of opening this seat to a non-Board member. Board members were asked to send nominations to Lewis Miller before April 27. It was suggested that names come from the non-PALNI, non-Ivy Tech, non-IU institutions to broaden representation. Lewis Miller mentioned that INSPIRE has also been given an expanded charge to create a strategic plan to grow their funding and products beyond databases.

Lynn Hufford introduced Lori Duggan, who will be contacting ALI campuses regarding database purchases and tracking expenses and savings to ALI. A Memorandum of Understanding between ALI and IU, written by Lynn and Lewis, was discussed. The Memorandum outlines the work that IU will do for ALI in regard to identifying areas for additional cooperative licensing of databases. IU will donate Lori's and Lynn's time this year. ALI will use the year as a pilot to discover what savings and expenses this activity will generate. Jennifer Younger clarified that the By-Laws indicate that the Board rather than the full membership carries out the operations of ALI and may therefore vote to adopt the Memorandum. Next year the Board will take the final decision to proceed, with its financial obligations, to the full membership for a vote. It was agreed that the pilot should be underway and evaluated next fall, with a Board review in early 2006. Jennifer Younger offered a friendly amendment to the Memorandum to add a time line,

including when the pilot results would come before the board. Lewis Miller made a motion to approve the Memorandum as amended. Mary Persyn seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Lynn distributed a sample spreadsheet of the data that might be tracked during the pilot. Lynn said that he has a starting list of databases usable for negotiation. Discussion followed on the process for adding new products and deciding what databases would be included in this list. It was noted that some institutions would be willing to leave other buying consortia and pay more on some databases to benefit an overall ALI purchase. It was suggested that ALI promote the philosophy of looking at overall savings rather than focusing on individual database buys.

Lewis Miller reported the Indiana State Library has asked INCOLSA to submit a proposal to add unlimited searching of WorldCat for the state as an incubator under INSPIRE by August, 2005. He suggested announcing this to the ALI membership at the May meeting. Discussion followed.

There was discussion regarding how to control the new ALI Collection Development list and other lists now handled by Notre Dame. It was agreed that confidentiality is important and that the lists should be monitored to maintain member-only participation.

Update on Resource Sharing Program

Judie Violette offered a supply of the reciprocal borrowing brochures and cards for distribution. She will have a survey and report on this project for the next Board meeting and suggested a press release after the next Board meeting. Janet said she will share with Judie the survey she conducted of the South Bend area libraries. Discussion followed on how reciprocal borrowing is being received and working. Judie says she has an ALI circ list with a small number of participants. After discussion, the Board agreed that all ALI lists would be closed and names of new participants should be sent to Melodie Eiteljorge at Notre Dame for input. Jennifer Younger will set this up

World Cat

Robert Roethemeyer referred to the OCLC holdings data he sent the Board earlier by email. He has shared these charts with INCOLSA. It was agreed that he should ask Collette Mak to share the charts with holdings data more broadly. Discussion indicated that similar data from surrounding states would have several uses. Tom Kirk will take this need to the OCLC Users Council. The question was raised as to whether ALI should step back from this initiative given the ISL/INCOLSA activity. Robert Roethemeyer acknowledged that at least it is now apparent that of the two original alternatives ALI had proposed for a union catalog (OCLC's World Cat and the use of a federated search engine), World Cat seems to be the choice, providing a state-funded base for this project and others such as patron-initiated ILL. It was noted the World Cat does not reflect all catalog holdings. It was agreed that further discussion of this project is needed.

ALI Website

Tom Kirk reported that the new ALI site is ready and will load under a new address. Its look is similar; but there is a new architecture, which makes services more prominent at the top of the page. Tom needs descriptions of these services (resource sharing, digitization, and electronic resources). The services also need content. He said that Earlham can't give direct access to the pages. He suggested that those who want to

provide more content can use the Ball State server or their own institution's and ask for a link from the ALI site, using an ALI page as a template. It was agreed that the new site should be activated immediately.

Agenda for Annual Membership Meeting, May 12, 2005

The Board reviewed and revised the proposed agenda drawn up by Jennifer Younger. Jim Mullins will introduce the speakers on direct borrowing, Dan Iddings and Patricia Serotkin, and moderate the Q&A. He will also handle speaker arrangements. Jennifer will plan a Board dinner for the night before the meeting. It was agreed that members who could not attend could send an alternate or give their proxy to a colleague, notifying Mary Persyn in either case. There will not be space in the room for guests. Mary will coordinate attendance rsvp's with Jennifer. Michele Russo needs to know of proxy votes for the election.

The Board agreed to discuss budget presentation at the April Board meeting. Judi Violette will have a resource sharing handout for the member meeting and will need a vote on the continuation of the reciprocal borrowing project. She will bring drafts of motions. Robert Roethemeyer said the Collette Mak will give a brief review and Q&A session on World Cat at 9:00 in the meeting room.

After discussion of the World Cat project, it was agreed that there should be a general motion to advance the project at the members meeting. Discussion also clarified that the focus should be on academic library direct borrowing, on concepts not mechanics, and that direct borrowing should be defined as unmediated ILL. It was recommended that the agenda be reworked so that this discussion follows the morning speakers.

Report on Board Election

Susan Mannan reported preliminary results of the Board election as follows:

Indiana University:	Suzanne Thorin
Purdue University:	Jim Mullins
University of Notre Dame:	Jennifer Younger
BSU/IUPUI/ISU/USI	David Lewis, Art Hafner
IU/PU Regional Campuses	Judie Violette, Kate Carpenter
Ivy Tech/Vincennes University:	Susan Mannan, Susan Catt, Bob Slayton
PALNI	pending, available after April 26

Independent Professional Schools	4 of 5 ballots in (indicates for Mary Persyn)
Non-PALNI	6 of 9 ballots in indicates for Janet Fore)

Susan will complete the ballot polling in the next two weeks and make a final report in April.

Nominating Committee

Michele Russo reported that the Nominating Committee (Janet Brewer, Dennis Lawson, Myrna McAllister, and Kelly Griffith) met by conference call. They discussed recommending term lengths. They recommend revising the operating principles (rather

than the By-Laws) to say that both change and continuity in the Board makeup is desirable. Michele will bring a proposal to the next Board meeting. She suggested that more than one member-at-large might be desirable. She has a meeting April 12 to determine the slate for the officers and the member at-large for the upcoming election.

Officer's Reports

Chair: Jennifer Younger reported that Michael Piper has asked to attend the May member meeting and bring three INCOLSA staff. After discussion, it was agreed that the directors of the State Library, INCOLSA, and ILF would be invited as guests for the morning speaker program. ALI members will work with INCOLSA staff through its Task Force structure. A decision will be made at the April Board meeting about opening the ALI business meeting to guests.

Tom Kirk reminded the Board that the ALI web site will now have a new url.

Vice Chair: David Lewis reported that incoming ILF president, Wendy Philips, has asked ALI to endorse her theme of libraries and economic development. Following discussion, David made a motion, seconded by Mary Persyn to support this theme in appropriate ways. A unanimous vote followed. David reported that IALA wants ALI to participate in their fall workshop, through people help rather than funding. Janet Fore volunteered to help and to find a second person as well. David will convey this to IALA.

Secretary: Susan Mannan reported that Rose Hulman is now a member, making all Indiana academic libraries members of ALI.

Treasurer: Mary Persyn distributed a budget report as of the end of February. Following precedent, she will post this most recent report to the web site. Audits will be done through INCOLSA not directly. It was noted that the budget sheet reflects that INCOLSA has already set up a reserve account for ALI funds.

Other Business

Susan Mannan reported that the Distance Education Librarians subcommittee formed at IHETS has not been called back together and suggested that ALI consider forming such a Task Force to continue that work. After discussion, Jennifer asked her to bring a motion and draft charge to the next Board meeting. Susan also reported that the Lebanon Public Library director has approached her about the need for more collaboration with public libraries that are serving commuter and distance college students. Susan asked if ALI was interested in working in this area.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Respectively Submitted,
Susan Mannan
ALI Secretary