

ALI Board Meeting Minutes
October 10th, 2006
IUPUI Library

Present: Dan Bowell, Susan Catt, Bill Darr, Arthur Hafner, David Lewis, Susan Mannan, Jim Mullins, Robert Roethemeyer, Bob Slayton, John Stachacz, Pat Steele, Judie Violette (chair), and Jennifer Younger (via telephone).

Minutes--Susan Catt

Minutes from the Board meeting of August 9th, 2006 were approved.

Treasurer's Report—Judie Violette for Mary Persyn

Judie presented the Treasurer's Report as prepared by Mary on 10/9/06.

Remote Storage— Pat Steele

Pat has explored the possibility of self-funding a second ALF vault with the IUB libraries assuming some of the debt. The ALF itself is needed to solve campus space problems and the cost should be seen as a campus debt. An annual payment (on a bond) is something that could possibly be negotiated whereas asking for funding for an ALF outright would probably not get approval at this time. Space for 2.1-2.2 million volumes (depending on the types of material housed) would require \$5.7-\$6 million in bonding for 20 years.

Pat is working on getting estimates of campus collections that may need to go to the ALF and what material the Provost may want to move off central campus. Pat is not including collaboration with ALI in the discussion with the exception of the government documents lite archive which will involve and benefit the whole State. The documents will not take up too much room in the vault.

Purdue and Notre Dame are both looking at local storage solutions for their campuses.

Resource Sharing—Robert Roethemeyer

Robert handed out a list of salient points on resource sharing from September events, some facts and figures about the ALI direct request pilot, and a list of top borrowers and lenders from Indiana.

1. Moving Mountains: A Symposium Exploring Library Courier Services – Robert attended - held in Denver, September 14-15. 29 states and three provinces represented. On the D2D chain (Discover-Locate-Request-Deliver) the real focus was on Deliver.

One question raised at the symposium that has been discussed within ALI is how to help the smaller libraries get to a point in their processes that mirror the larger libraries- making it easier to serve them.

Indiana is somewhere in the middle of the spectrum on library courier services with some states providing no state funding and other states providing all the funding. There is a growing focus on moving more material more quickly and some states are looking at regional services.

Additional information available at <http://www.clicweb.org/couriersymposium/>

2. PALNI – The Board of Directors discussed where to go next in terms of resource sharing. There was discussion of turning on remote circulation and using PALNI's Aleph automation system for resource sharing and direct request but there was also discussion of using INCat/OCLC because the data shows that most of the movement is not among PALNI libraries.

In the area of document delivery there was discussion of getting everyone in PALNI using software such as Ariel or Odyssey and also getting all the PALNI libraries to five day a week Wheels.

3. INCOLSA Regional Forum – At the Northeast forum it was stated that the I*Ask service (reference and ILL service provided by the INCOLSA regional offices) will be reviewed over the coming months. The State Library proposes moving to an automated OCLC/FirstSearch based program using local librarians, with the goal of reducing I*Ask ILL traffic. There is a perceived redundancy in a library making an ILL request to an INCOLSA regional office which then places that request on OCLC. The State Library may also take over Wheels.

Pat noted shifting some of INCOLSA's services to the State Library may be a way of strengthening it which would benefit us all. Government officials are having some difficulty understanding why INCOLSA is doing some of the things the State Library could be doing. Jim noted that the duplication of administrative structure costs money, which officials have undoubtedly noted.

Jim also noted that bringing in an outside consultant to make recommendations about an efficient overhaul of library services (including un-served and underserved areas) may be the best route because the issues are too politically charged to be handled within. Need vision and goals.

It was noted that Indiana's public libraries are in general well-funded and well rated (HAPLR ratings) – a possible source of pride for Indiana government officials.

4. INCOLSA Resource Sharing Task Force – Four academics on taskforce of nine. The Taskforce responsibilities (from Robert's handout):
 - a. Review current resource sharing practices/trends in Indiana
 - b. Recommend best practices for equitable resource sharing distribution in Indiana
 - c. Recommend best practices for resource sharing in Indiana including minimal statistics

- d. Review current Indiana Library Resource Sharing Manual and make recommendation to ILSAC for revision (if needed)
 - e. Make recommendation on use of Odyssey within Indiana
 - f. Recommend levels of Wheels for effective resource sharing.
5. ALI – Direct Request Pilot. 3337 Requests received with an average turnaround of five days. There were 2678 requests involving non-pilot libraries with a turnaround of six days.

Robert feels that the pilot suggests if we widen direct request by training all academics and have five day a week wheels we would mirror the standard shipping times of Amazon and Barnes and Noble. This is the standard being sought across the U.S. for ILL courier services.

Jim reported that his ILL department is checking Google Print now and sending requesters the URL if the item they request is available full-text through Google Print and the item is in the public domain. The requestor is also given the option of opting to still get the item in print. Offering the Google Print version allows the requestor to look the item over to see if it is in fact something they need.

Jennifer noted that direct request must be done from WorldCat making WorldCat more and more important.

Robert noted that using SFX, a library can drive requests out of their catalog into WorldCat enabling patrons to locate items and make a direct request.

Jim noted this would be a worthwhile workshop for ALI to sponsor. Jennifer volunteered her SFX expert. Jim noted that WorldCat is our future and Robert posed the question - Do we worry about creating a linkage from our local catalog or do we just start focusing on what it means to use WorldCat as our catalog.

Jennifer suggested that for now we should plan to train libraries to link from their local catalogs to WorldCat and how to turn on and use direct request. Jim noted that the training needs to show not only how to do things technically but also what the benefit will be (for the public service librarians).

The conclusion reached is that two workshops need to be held. One, for the pilot libraries, would focus on what we have learned, how it affects local operations, how patrons discover resources and make the connection to triggering the direct request, and how to make the connection from the local catalog to WorldCat. The other would focus on training the non-pilot libraries on direct request.

Arthur suggested write-ups by presenters and videos of workshops be placed on the website – that we use some ALI money to have sessions videoed.

Pat suggested “The Future of the Catalog” as a subject for an ALI meeting or an ILF session. Jim suggested an ALI half day workshop for all academics to share what we are doing. It would also serve as a promotion for ALI.

Database Licensing—Dan Bowell

Dan put the committee charge out for review. The resulting charge is:

Determine options (models) for the process of identifying an expanded set of online resources to license, and models for short and long term funding. Make recommendations for establishing expertise on licensing terms and legal aspects, as well as negotiation strategies. Give consideration to the issues of authentication and digital archiving for these resources as appropriate. Provide an estimated budget, and an assessment of the broader impact on strategies for legislative funding, such as issues related to the public good.

Priorities for FY07:

- 1) to continue the negotiation and licensing process for services that are already established
- 2) to develop a RFP for provision of negotiation and licensing (and related) services
- 3) to clarify the working relationship between ALI and INCOLSA with respect to database licensing and invoicing
- 4) to explore select publisher (or aggregated) journal packages

Question raised by ALI Board - why does INCOLSA not seek RFPs on databases of more interest to academic libraries.

Distance Education—Susan Mannan

The committee and representatives of select colleges and universities will be meeting with Indiana College Network (ICN) coordinators to present academic library distance education websites. Will see what ICN sees as needs from the students' perspective.

The committee is looking at doing a presentation at the IHETS All-Partners conference in the spring.

The committee is still working on getting the faculty survey online.

Public Relations/Web—Arthur Hafner

Reciprocal borrowing cards and brochures are being sent out.

Arthur reported that the website has been updated with news on the front page in a standardized format. This is the most up-to-date information – items of real interest.

Plans are underway to separate out ALI news from member news. Arthur is trying to get information on the page that will get people to come back – to get them to think of it as their site. Advertising workshops, etc. would drive a lot of traffic.

Strategic Planning—Jim Mullins

Jim is working on finding members – would like three other members. He would like a representative from the Ivy Techs, one from colleges, and one from universities. Jim will be working on the charge for the committee.

Status of Government Documents Project—Pat Steele

The Indiana lite documents group met with Superintendent of Documents, Judith Russell. Everyone agreed on vision/principles.

The goal is for everyone to eventually put their documents in the ALF to create a full lite archive although there is not room for them all now. A large number of I.U.'s holdings are in the ALF and are in IUCAT. The full collection will need to be distributed for a few years until room becomes available. It is being arranged for GPO to crawl the CIC catalogs, get document records, fix them, and make them available. This is significant for cataloging departments.

The State Library is not going to divest themselves of their collection

The State Library can set the rules for disposing of documents – can allow libraries to throw out any documents that are in a repository elsewhere in the State. I.U, Purdue, Notre Dame, and the State Library will divide up what to hold for now.

Questions:

- How to know who has what – how to point people to where particular documents are located.
- Reference services

First step is to let taskforce figure out who will keep what.

Discussion--All

The Indiana State Library will be advertising for a Director and a part-time Library Laureate.

Jennifer brought up the idea of an outside evaluation of INCOLSA – perhaps to be brought up at the Library Leadership Council. Group agreed that the idea needs to come from as many directions as possible.

David stated that most of Indiana's LSTA money is tied up at the State Library, INCOLSA, and some at ILF. It is being used to fund ongoing operations, which is not what the money is intended for. The money is meant to be and should be used for innovations.

David suggested that ALI apply for money during the next round of LSTA grant. Judie suggested thinking about a digitization grant. Jim described digitization efforts at Purdue and the enormous use of the collections compared to previous use. He characterized their efforts as not

just a service to the research community at Purdue but a worldwide service. Jennifer suggested that we funnel the idea into our strategic planning. Jennifer also suggested that the Strategic Planning Committee consider a collection overlap analysis.

It was suggested that ALI should also give input in writing the LSTA plan. Information on where the LSTA money went is lacking. There is need for a general report – where the money went. The information is there, it is just not made readily available.

Judie suggested and the group concurred that it would be a good idea to invite Jim Corridan the Indiana State Archivist to an ALI Board meeting.

John reported that INCOLSA reserve will be spent down. They will be getting less from the State while that happens.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Board toured the IUPUI Library Academic Commons.

Submitted by
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