

ALI Board Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2007
Ball State University, Bracken Library

Present: Dan Bowell, Janet Brewer, Susan Catt, Bill Darr, Arthur Hafner, David Lewis, Jim Mullins, Mary Persyn, Robert Roethemeyer, John Stachacz, Judie Violette (chair), and Jennifer Younger

Minutes—Susan Catt

Jennifer Younger moved and John Stachacz seconded that the minutes from the March 27, 2007 Board meeting be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report—Mary Persyn

Mary presented the Treasurer's report as of 03/31/2007. Total expenditures for the year to date are \$3,909.07 leaving a balance of \$18,289.79. The total in reserve is \$34,230.11. Mary contacted Michael Piper asking what INCOLSA will now charge us to be our fiscal agent (now that INCOLSA is going to a cost recovery model). She has not heard back yet.

Strategic Planning—Jim Mullins

Jim handed out the draft strategic plan for 2007-2012. There was lengthy discussion by the Board. The consensus was that the vision statement needs to be shorter and more visionary and aspirational. Arthur noted that our whole effort needs to be what academic libraries can be – a vision that needs to come from ALI.

Jim and the taskforce will continue work on the vision. It will incorporate the idea that academic libraries in Indiana want to be leaders in collaboration.

The draft mission statement was the existing ALI mission statement. Jim asked the Board for assistance with revising it because the taskforce did not feel it had the charge to redefine the mission of ALI. It was noted that the statements "To support economic development in Indiana" and "To improve Indiana's information infrastructure" were included in the original mission in relation to opportunities that might come ALI's way at that time.

It was agreed that the goals must all be implied in the mission - that the goals fulfill the mission.

The mission agreed upon after much discussion was:

The mission of Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) 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.

Jim noted that the goals will be ongoing while the objectives will be what we would like to accomplish within the next five years. The Board will need to decide each year on the strategies and actions to move the objectives forward.

Jennifer noted that Goal 2, Objective E of the draft (creating shared storage and preservation facilities) might better be a shared plan so we all can figure out what we need to save and what we do not need to save. There is a real role for ALI to be a forum where we all talk about and develop our plans. This could be an opportunity for ALI to pave the way in forging inter-institutional agreements.

Jim noted that we may need to be a bit more legalistic in how we approach our work together. In the future, agreements we strike among ourselves may be struck down by future administrators of ALI libraries or institutions.

After much discussion, the agreed upon language for Goal 2, Objective E was: “Creating a shared plan for storage and preservation facilities supported by institutional agreements.”

Jim and the taskforce will meet one more time to work through changes and create the final document for review and discussion at the members’ meeting.

Members’ Meeting Program—Jennifer Younger

The Board discussed Judie’s working agenda and additional ideas for the members’ meeting.

The strategic plan will be discussed in small groups – each group will be assigned one goal.

The draft strategic plan will be sent out as an email attachment. Mary will send an email asking for members to RSVP as to their attendance (for the food count). She will also include the list of the small group strategic plan discussion topics, asking members to select the group in which they want to participate.

It was agreed that the small group discussions on the draft strategic plan should result in a list of action items for the next year in priority order. Members will be encouraged to sign up for those action items they are willing work on. The Board will then look to see which are likely to be doable.

Topics for the morning breakout sessions were discussed. The Resource Sharing session will serve as the chief marketing tool for the June conference. Sign up for the June conference will be available at the breakout session. This session will be headed up by Robert Roethemeyer (Concordia).

Additional breakout sessions will be: Digitization Projects - Arthur Hafner (Ball State), Top Ten Assumptions for the Future of Academic Libraries and Librarians – Jim Mullins (Purdue), and A Model for Academic Libraries 2005-2025 – David Lewis (IUPUI).

Rick Johnson’s presentation/discussion on Shaping the Global Digital Library will be allotted 45 minutes.

There was discussion about the member list and the need to keep it updated. Arthur will take care of updates on his end. Jennifer will have Melodie Eiteljorge print off the list from the website once a month and compare it to the listserv members. This will ensure that everyone is receiving messages via the member listserv.

Jim suggested that each taskforce submit accomplishments for the year so we can have a record of what we’ve done. The taskforces will submit to Judie and she will include it in her report.

In discussing possible programs for next year, Jim noted that OCLC would be happy to do a presentation on OCLC Local.

Nominating Committee – Janet Brewer

Janet reported that the slate of officers will be Jim Mullins-President, Susan Mannan-Vice President, Bill Darr-Secretary, and Mary Persyn-Treasurer.

Light Archives--Judie Violette

Judie reported that the Light Archives project is moving forward very quickly. The four anchor libraries (IU, Purdue, Notre Dame, and the Indiana State Library) have all been dividing up the parts of the document collection they would like to be in charge of and deciding what *in charge of* means.

Database Licensing—Dan Howell

Dan reported that the EBSCO renewal pricing is in. We are still waiting for ACS to respond. Lewis will be attending the ICOLC meeting and Lewis and Dan have highlighted a number of consortia for Lewis to

talk with regarding ALI's RFI. They will hold off on posting until after ICOLC, although it was decided that it should be posted on the website for the ALI members.

Public Relations/Web—Arthur Hafner

Arthur stated that he will post on the ALI website what people send including documents handed out at Board meetings. He would like to see our documents looking better because it is a reflection of the Board to our members. Adding the logo to documents is one possibility.

Distance Education—Susan Catt for Susan Mannan

Three more librarians did presentations for the ICN (Indiana College Network) coordinators. They were ISU: Anthony Kaiser, IUPUI: Kathleen Hanna, and St. Mary-of-the-Woods: Judy Tribble. The forms outlining their services are posted at <http://ali.bsu.edu/programs.html>. There are no more presentations planned right now but Susan Mannan has the template if others are interested in posting their distance education library services information.

Susan Mannan also sent copies of IHETS 2005-06 Report on Enrollments available at <http://www.ihets.org/progserv/education/icn/EnrRpt2005-06.ppt> It was noted that college credit enrollments increased 26% over the previous year, that the FTE for the year was 14,451, and Internet enrollments grew by 30% while live video enrollments dropped by 20%.

Informal Tour of the Library—Arthur Hafner

Submitted by
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