

## Academic Libraries of Indiana

### Board Meeting

October 4, 2007

Purdue University

**Present:** Janet Fore, Judie Violette, James Mullins, Jennifer Younger, John Stachacz, John Robson, Robert Slayton, Robert Roethemeyer, Susan Mannan, Trisha Shively, Mary Persyn, Arthur Hafner, Daniel Bowell [arrived at 10:55], Bill Darr. Pat Steele participated via a conference call.

**Call to Order:** President James Mullins called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. EDT

**Additions to the Agenda:** Susan Mannan asked to discuss a survey with the board today.

**Minutes:** A spelling correction was noted, and a suggestion for a change of wording was made. With those changes noted Pat Steele moved and Jennifer Younger seconded the approval of the August 7, 2007 board meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Persyn presented ALI's Financial Statement dated August 31, 2007. Mary reported that the first attempt to pay the Ebsco invoice for Academic Search Premier was via a check made out to the State Library. That check was voided and a new check was issued to EBSCO. Mary reported that ALI's current reserves are \$42,661.86.

**Future Meetings:** Following a short discussion the following dates were selected for future ALI board meetings:

December 14, 2007

February 25, 2008

April 3, 2008

April 29, 2008 [last minute preparation for the annual meeting will be handled by a conference call at 2:30 p.m. EDT]

May 8, 2008 [already scheduled general membership meeting]

**Information Literacy Taskforce:** John Stachacz heads this taskforce. Other members of the taskforce include: Linda Lambert—Taylor, Polly Boruff-Jones—IUPUI, Darby Fanning --IvyTechCC. The taskforce has started its work and another conference call is slated in the near future. President Mullins asked John to have the taskforce draft a statement of purpose.

**History of ALI:** Judie Violette reported that she has started the project and is currently in the thinking and development stage. A discussion ensued about documents and papers that have been generated since the founding of ALI. Jennifer Younger reported that she has a collection of documents. President Mullins asked if a library would be willing to house ALI's records, documents and papers. Jennifer Younger volunteered Notre Dame and that ND would work with Art and BSU on ensuring relevant documents are digitized for posting on the ALI site. Art Hafner then volunteered to digitize the organization's key documents. Judie Violette has additional documents related to a previous resource sharing initiative. Mary Persyn has the file of financial records.

**Members Meeting:** This item will be discussed in greater detail later in the meeting. Mary Perysn has sent an email notification of the May 8, 2008 meeting to all members. The State Library has been notified of the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting date and has placed in on the calendar in order to help reduce the possibility of conflicting meetings on that date.

**Strategic Plan:** President Mullins asked Art Hafner to remove the "draft" designation from ALI's Strategic Plan which is posted on the website.

**Annual Meeting:** Art Hafner reported that a message was sent to the ALI membership on September 27, 2007 asking for input in preparation for the May 8, 2008 general membership meeting. As of today, 7 of 72 [about 10%] of the membership had responded. Janet Fore said she had two members directly contact her and both expressed interest in the topic of cooperative collection development. A conversation about collaborative collection development included mention of a print books-on-demand machine marketed up the trade mark of "Espresso".

A suggestion was made to consider asking Mark Sandler from CIC (Committee on Institutional Cooperation) to speak at the general membership meeting. President Mullins will send Mark Sandler an email to make an introductory entry for the program committee if they select Mark as their choice as a speaker. Pat Steele suggested Paul Gherman as a possible speaker for the topic of stored collections.

A brief discussion about stored collections ensued. Points discussed included the issue of "library of record"; and that smaller libraries found the topic to be interesting but not applicable.

Art pointed out the fact that we have about three hours built into the program for formal presentations. It would be possible to have two shorter programs, rather than a singularly focused program. We could consider one speaker and then include targeted workshops.

Dan Bowell said that we may need time to formally discuss the relationship and structure of our new electronic vendor [not yet selected].

Susan Mannan will contact a community college list serve to look for models of cooperative collection development.

**Database Licensing:** Dan Bowell distributed a handout that documented the efforts of the database licensing taskforce.

Highlights of the Dan's presentation:

- the only face-to-face meeting so far has been with Solinet
- Ohionet has been interviewed as a potential vendor
- SCELC primarily serves private college in California
- the committee is not ready to make a recommendation
- Dan commended the taskforce for their insightful questions to the vendors
- the taskforce's schedule can be found on p. 2 of the attachment
- the taskforce expects to have a recommendation for board action at the December

meeting; but those negotiations will need to continue with the selected vendor

in order to be ready for the cut over in 2009.

Dan reflected on the vendors strengths and weaknesses that the taskforce had noted. One vendor works on a percentage basis, while another uses flat fee billing. It appears that ALI members would be able to receive the "best price available" for lower volume databases that are beyond the core of the most popular databases. Jennifer Younger urged ALI to be sensitive to the potential impact of a vendor migration upon Indiana's public and school libraries. It also appears that all of the potential vendors can work with the various expiration dates of member's current subscriptions. The final contract will probably contain a common expiration/renewal date for all members. Vendors will directly bill each library for services.

The board applauded Dan and his taskforce for their efforts.

**State Library Diversity Survey:** Susan Mannan distributed a beta version of a survey that is being developed by the State Library to gain a sense of minority representation in the Indiana library community. The results of that survey will be used to support an IMLS grant proposal to give minority scholarships and internships in Indiana libraries. There was support voiced for the concept, but a number of legal and semantical issues were noted. The ALI Board thinks that the overall purpose is very good, but it would like to see a revised instrument using the categories described by the federal government. It was suggested that if a revised survey instrument is developed that it should be brought to President Mullins attention before any attempt is made to distribute it using ALI channels.

**Resource Sharing Conference:** Robert reported that the Resource Sharing Conference on August 29, 2007 exceeded expectations. Arthur Hafner presented a handout which reported on the meeting. After a brief discussion it appeared that a similar conference about Worldcat Local might be a logical sequel.

**Distance Education:** Judie Violette is now the chair of the DE taskforce. Judie reported that an internal communication network has been set up. The DE folks

will be moving their template to the ALI site. DE is also in the early stages of exploring the shared reference concept. A poll is being taken among DE members to determine the best ways for ALI to serve DE students. Currently, for example, IvyTechCC has 38,177 individual DE enrollments in progress. [If one student is taking 3 DE enrollments they would be a factor of 3 enrollments in the 38,177 total]. The statewide databases [INSPIRE] are important sources when DE students do research. A question was asked about the need for a cadre of e-books to provide further help to DE students and Indiana companies via a statewide service.

**Remote Storage:** Pat Steele reported that the schematic for ALF II (Auxiliary Library Facility) was close to being finalized. Sources of funding have not been set. Soil borings are currently being performed, and it is hoped that construction can be placed on a fast track in order to have the building ready for occupancy in 2009. Current estimates are that ALFII is already, even before construction, at 107% of rated capacity. Discussion continues on an ALF III which could be a shared facility between Indiana University, Purdue University and Indiana State Government. ALFIII will probably be located in the Indianapolis area.

**Indiana Light:** The progress of this project has been slowed because of some legal questions. Is a Memorandum of Understanding a contract? There are procedural issues that need to be hammered out and a question of the minimal acceptable level of cataloging has not been settled. It was noted that nothing can go into an ALF without proper cataloging.

**Public Relations:** Arthur suggested that the ALI logo needs some modifications to include "Academic Libraries of Indiana" spelled out to improve brand identity. He has graphic artists at Ball State University working on it. Arthur will also work on creating a letterhead template. Another suggestion is to change the term "members" on the stationary to "board". By definition every library is a "member". Arthur is always looking for member news and ALI site wants member visits.

**AAAS/JSTOR Matter:** The planned removal of AAAS publications from JSTOR will have a negative effect upon libraries and their patrons who have used these materials. Dan Bowell presented a petition that the Greater Western Library Alliance has sent to the AAAS.

Jennifer Younger then moved and Dan Bowell seconded a motion to instruct Dan Bowell to create a resolution and/or letter to be sent to the AAAS adding our voice of concern over the removal of their content.

**Adjournment:** The formal meeting was then adjourned. James Mullins then conducted a tour the Purdue Undergraduate library for the board.