

Academic Libraries of Indiana  
Board of Directors  
Minutes  
Thursday, 7 August 2008

Present: Bowell, Clark, Fore, Hafner, Lewis, Mullins (presiding), Persyn, Robson, Russo, Salyers, Slayton, Steele, Young, Younger (telephone)

Guest: Jim Corridan, Indiana State Library

1. Secretary Vacancy. Due to resignation of the secretary from the board after taking a new position, Robson will serve as secretary.

2. Minutes of 8 May 2008. Approval of the minutes from the annual meeting moved (Russo) and seconded (Fore). Minutes approved by voice vote.

3. Treasurer's Report. Persyn distributed her report of the budget and actual expenses for the year ending 30 June 2008 and presented a comparison of the budget adopted last year with that of the current year, 2008-09 (see posted report). Some points of note:

- Income increased due to rounding up of database fees
- Board expenses were down significantly
- No funds were expended for PR purposes
- Legal fees were generated by contract matters involving Solinet
- Contract assistance of \$18,416.70 – paid to Solinet and will be added to the Current Reserves when recouped after July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Current reserves -- \$62,256.78 (once Solinet contract assistance recouped)
- New budget member fees declined by \$600 with departure of the two Davenport campuses

4. Meeting Dates for 2008-09. Slayton confirmed that Vincennes will host the meeting of Thursday, 7 October, and will make arrangements. Hotel information will be sent. Persyn will decide the starting time of the Valparaiso meeting 2 April as they observe Central Time.

Date	Day	Place	Time
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	IUPUI	10-3
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Vincennes*	10-3
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday	University of Indianapolis	10-3
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	IUPUI	10-3
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	Valparaiso University School of Law	10-3

5. Membership Meeting. The annual meeting of membership will be Thursday, 7 May 2009 with Hafner organizing the membership portion with assistance of Russo and Steele. Hafner reviewed the results of the survey of 8 May, 2008. Some points of note:

- Need to resolve in a formal matter the elections process. Taking nominations from the floor, then voting, and then creating a ballot that will include all offices for 2008-09. Thus, there are two elections – somewhat confusing. After much discussion it was decided that Fore and Russo will study the matter as an ad hoc committee and make a report at the October meeting.
- Need to staff the registration desk – not just place materials out for pick-up. Board volunteers will staff desk before meeting and during break.
- Tea drinkers need to be accommodated
- Afternoon break is needed
- Speakers should address issues of concern to membership
- Microphones
- Distribute some history of ALI to give context, especially to new people or guests
- Orientation for new members

6. IVT Tech Resignation. Mullins awaits official notification as to the new representative for IVY Tech.

7. ALI Stationary. Hafner reported that the stationary will list officers in the left margin with employer information. The web site provides contact information. An e-mail address has been established at [academiclibrariesofindiana@gmail.com](mailto:academiclibrariesofindiana@gmail.com). A sample template will be shared at the October meeting.

8. ALI Support for ACRL Seattle. Mullins reviewed his thoughts as to the value to ALI's mission by supporting ACRL. ACRL's conference is well attended and regarded and this is an opportunity to tell promote Indiana to the profession and possible employees. It is very difficult to recruit to Indiana. Purdue and Bloomington are both supporting the ACRL conference. ALI lacks a policy concerning using funds in general. Most agreed with Lewis that ALI needs to provide support to the librarians of members that are presenting on ALI issues at any national, professional conference. He will bring a proposal to the October meeting. ALI will want a booth at the 2011 conference in Philadelphia to promote the 2013 conference slated for Indianapolis. There was some discussion as to where in the budget support dollars might come or whether a new line item ought to be created.

9. ALI History. Younger is hiring a student to work with the project. The relevant files are now at Notre Dame. Collette Mak, now with access services at Notre Dame, will be helpful with this project.

10. Diversity & Recruitment. Indiana libraries struggle to attract and retain African-American librarians and the situation grows more challenging. The Midwest has a poor image as a place to develop a career among African-Americans and other underrepresented groups. Programs of mentorship and internship are part of the solution. The recent announcement by the State Library about supporting members of under-represented groups enrolled at SLIS is an opportunity. Grant recipients are committed to two years of Indiana employment following graduation. The experiences of the various institutions represented at the table were shared. Grants to participate are due mid-September for enrollment in 2009.

11. Information Literacy Task Force Chair. A vacancy exists for chair. Darby Fanning was tentatively tagged as chair awaiting further word of Ivy Tech's appointment of its representatives.

12. The Next Big Idea. Hafner initiated a critical discussion about need for ALI to develop a sharp focus on – as he characterized – the Next Big Idea, as exemplified during 2007/2008 by the agreement with Solinet for the cooperative purchase of databases agreement. What will help academics to coalesce and drive us to a new level of service, one that students will find seamlessly useful and powerful – searching across platforms, institutions, and databases? Users want the Google experience with high precision. Many ideas and recent history were discussed: federated search engine models, link resolver for all institutions, shared virtual reference strategies, open source ILS, WorldCatLocal. There was agreement that an open source ILS, specifically Evergreen, and WorldCatLocal are “big ideas” and are related. They are not only issues that affect all academics but ones that are important to public libraries as well. The State Library is promoting Evergreen as a solution for public libraries which are under particular pressure to find ways of saving budget dollars in the wake of property tax reform. Questions will be posed to Jim Corridan when he arrives.

13. Solinet and the State Library. Younger joined by telephone as Corridan arrived to share information from the State Library of importance. Some points of note:

- State Library and Solinet agreement. Corridan reviewed the changes going on amongst the networks and the changing relationship of the networks to OCLC. Networks are consolidating and smaller networks will find it increasingly a challenge to remain independent. OCLC will be marketing directly some services to libraries. The agreement with Solinet was entered into by the State Library on behalf of all Indiana libraries to give access to the largest of all networks and to save libraries scarce dollars. Libraries can still be members of INCOLSA and avail themselves of services from Solinet – whatever makes the most sense.
- Training Opportunities. ISL wants to understand more clearly the training needs of academic libraries that exist and how they might help and in what manner. Solinet, INCOLSA, or OCLC may be better choices at times.
- Library Thought Leaders. ISL wants to initiate a program of bringing to Indiana the seminal thinkers of the library/information world to spark ideas and conversation that will help all types of libraries and their users.
- Solinet. Solinet has a large portion of its 2600 libraries participating in this no-fee ILL arrangement. Ought Indiana libraries participate? Load-leveling is an issue. US Mail service would be used.
- SLIS/Diversity/ISL Million Dollar Grant. Corridan reviewed the efforts to improve diversity amongst Indiana's libraries using the \$1million grant from the Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Program. Over a 3 year period the hope is to produce 30 graduates for Indiana's libraries. ALI internships will be appreciated.

- Evergreen. The Evergreen Initiative of the ISL has the potential of saving money for Indiana libraries. ISL will host centralized servers. ALI is requested to name a person to serve ex-officio on the Evergreen board. The discussion that followed centered on the attractiveness of Evergreen but the need to await the results of the study being done by Duke University of the expectations for an integrated library system in today's academic libraries. Evergreen is being studied in Canada by academic libraries and the University of Chicago is also exploring Evergreen as a alternative for an ILS. ALI should pursue an Innovation LSTA grant this fall to study the matter. The feasibility of WorldCatLocal for all of Indiana is another candidate for an Innovation LSTA study grant. Lewis agreed to serve as ALI's ex-officio representative.
- INSPIRE. The Indiana database collections INSPIRE is now entirely in the hand of the ISL. Corridan expressed gratitude to ALI for the support in making Academic Search Premier available to all of the State. He discussed the improved public awareness campaign that is radio-centered. The need to use Chicago media was brought up by Persyn since most of that portion of the state listened to Chicago stations.
- NetLibrary/Solinet. The ISL's membership will allow Indiana library to access via INSPIRE a new segment of NetLibrary. It is important that our catalogues have these bibliographic records. Corridan will research that matter.
- INCLOSA/ ISL/OCLC. Corridan reviewed the legal status of INCOLSA and the three services centers of OCLC. Where a library acquires services, databases, training, etc. will be must more open and in theory more economical.
- WorldCatLocal. IU is implementing WorldCat Local. Can it be the All Indiana catalog? A planning grant will be pursued as mentioned above.
- I-Light. The issue of the ISL able to contract with private colleges and universities is a concern. It is covered in State code. Corridan will research this matter. Legislation may be needed.
- InfoExpress. Corridan discussed the ISL's management of this delivery contract. It is the foundation of a critical portion of expanded resource sharing. Robson was asked to serve on a task force for improving functionality.

14. ISLAC. Two representatives are needed for the reformulated ISLAC. It is now smaller and hopefully more effective. ALI is the appointing agency for academic representatives – one public and one private. Lewis agreed to continue his services. Young agreed to also serve.

15. Database Licensing. Bowell distributed his report reviewing priorities. He reviewed the status of our relationship with Solinet and matters that needed further work. Bowell chairs the INSPIRE advisory group. Others include Lawson of IVY Tech, Comer of ISU. A representative from IU-Bloomington will be asked.

16. Resource Sharing. Robson distributed a report. Tied to the search for the Big Idea, he was tasked to reconstitute a working committee and draft a LSTA/Innovation grant to research WorldCatLocal as Indiana's catalog. Following that, a grant to study Evergreen may be appropriate – 12-18 months in the future. Resource Sharing must also research the access to medical literature – important to a wide range of membership.

17. Distance Education. Chair is needed. The Board decided not to act at this time. Clark said that IVY Tech, which had a strong interest in this matter, is okay for the time being.

18. Remote Storage. Steele reported on the second IUB facility that is scheduled to be on line in the fall of 2009. Inflation in steel prices has forced some adjustments in the purchase of the shelves.

19. I-Light. Chair is needed. This matter was also placed on hold. Lou Malcolm will serve as liaison to the ISL's advisory committee.

20. Public Relations. No report.

Other business: Mullins asked if there were a procedure that could be implemented that would inform him as president and others when there is a change in director of an ALI library in order to be certain that they are added to the website, the list, and also receive a welcome and explanation of ALI from the president. Younger, Hafner, and Robson will work out a plan for notifying each other and the president in order to keep directors up-to-date.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 P.M.