

## **ALI Board Meeting Minutes January 31, 2006 – Draft**

Present: Janet Brewer, Susan Catt, William Darr, Janet Fore (recording), Arthur Hafner, David Lewis, Susan Mannan, Lewis Miller, James Mullins, Mary Persyn, Robert Roethemeyer, John Stachacz, Pat Steele, Judith Violette (chair) and Jennifer Younger.  
Guest: Roberta Brooker, Interim State Librarian.

Judie Violette began the meeting with introductions and welcome to John Stachacz, who is replacing Kathryn Carpenter as one of the representatives from the IU and PU regional campuses.

**Minutes from November 29, 2006.** The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report – Mary Persyn.** We have spent just under \$6,000 excluding the November meeting expenses. With the databases billing and pass through of funds, the budget shows over \$1 million.

**Nomination Committee—Judie Violette** asked Janet Brewer to put together a committee and act as chair. We will discuss the changes to By-Laws which the previous committee suggested in their Report at the next Board meeting (3/28/06)

### **INCOLSA Strategic Plan.**

There will be a leadership summit to discuss the draft plan 2/22. Judie and Janet (In Jim Mullins' place) will attend. What issues are applicable to ALI? What are questions we should pursue at the Leadership Summit, February 22? The following questions/issues were raised:

- It would be useful to push for greater transparency and itemization in the financial reporting. It needs to be opened up so the membership can see.
- It would be useful to see the cost of programs in staff time per service offered. A programmatic approach to the budget.
- When you question the value of a program, what is the impact if the program no longer exists?
- There is nothing about change of governance model. The issue of governance only came up within the academic libraries group.
- It came up in planning meeting but does not show up in the draft plan as written.
- The governance structure won't allow for changes or elimination of services to small libraries. Unless the model is changed, they cannot change. This makes it difficult to address the governance issue head on.
- We should respond to the governance issue as a group in writing. Is there a deadline?
- Can we anticipate there will be an annual plan for implementation after the strategic plan? A plan that will prioritize services.
- There is nothing in the draft about streamlining operations and programs.
- A unified approach to planning needs to be identified. There was great focus on collaboration in planning among the State Library, INCOLSA, ILF & ALI.

- Different business models of other networks might be useful to study.
- There is nothing in the strategic plan that talked about the relationship with OCLC.
- OCLC wants the networks to exclusively and aggressively market OCLC products and services. OCLC does most of the marketing but orders go through the networks.
- INCOLSA needs better clarity on the handling of OCLC and other services.
- As they represent OCLC, they need to be efficient and get OCLC's products at the best price.
- The plan states, #4 "Leadership in the Industry" Are they a leader in technology?
- There is no overarching voice for change.

Is there an ALI Board member interested in being on the ballot for election to the Executive Committee of INCOLSA. One year commitment unless put forward as Secretary or Vice President/President Elect. The election is in April. The slate is put forward with the goal of being representative geographically and type of library. John S. and Susan Mannan will contact Larry Frye as volunteers.

**INSPIRE—Lewis Miller** About a year ago INCOLSA asked a committee to develop a plan for INSPIRE to present to the Executive Committee. At the 1/17 meeting, the Executive Committee discussed and accepted a three year plan which will result in significant changes. The committee pushed toward a different relationship with INCOLSA and staff with regular updates, hearing ideas early when there was time for challenges or support. Previously the staff had no way of getting guidance from libraries about needed databases or changes. They are in the process of redesigning the web site, including federated searching, and enhanced presentation of products.

David Lewis commented that Lewis has done a really nice job of changing the relationship. Is it likely that the database mix will change and any potential change of vendors? Another issue is getting a handle on usage and this is beginning to happen.

Jennifer Younger asked about the barriers to increased use of INSPIRE databases. Does the committee have a sense of the barriers?

Lewis responded that the usage data is only good since 2003, ASE, Business Source Premiere and Biographical Resource are the biggest usage and cost. If low use ones are taken out it would probably backfire on getting whole package. We need to put together a brief message that we can use with our administrators of savings, value of INSPIRE (e.g., at IUB it is > \$100K) Lewis will put together a paragraph on the value of INSPIRE for the membership meeting

Roberta Brooker, the Interim State Librarian was introduced. She updated the Board on services and activities the State Library is engaged in.

LSTA digitization mini-grants. Chris Brancolini will do a session at the State Library on the LSTA digitization mini-grants for the Indiana Digital Library. March deadline. As

last year, there is encouragement for collaboration. \$40K is the upper limit that will be awarded and there is approximately \$200K to award.

The State Library is trying to get a site license for Content DM and will use LSTA funding to purchase. Discussions are underway with INCOLSA to decide where it would be hosted. "One site unlimited license" (Purdue is in process of negotiating a contract with OCLC for the purchase of Content DM.)

Indiana Digital Library. Last fall historians, museum community put forward as a priority of personal narratives. This is an opportunity to digitize "diaries" for local history content.

The State Library is developing a traveling exhibit on WWI with NEH grant funds. The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WWI is coming up.

Building state document digital collection. Last spring attended a conference in Washington D.C., on "born digital state documents". There will be another conference in North Carolina in March on best practices by the Commission on Public Records.

Davis Lewis noted that ALI represents a great capacity to put together a project on state documents. Would the State library be interested in funding? The large institutions could parse out the storage.

Jim Mullins commented that Purdue/IU/ND have been talking about federal documents repository. How does the State Library see itself working with such a project? Who can make decision about keeping Federal Documents? Could the State Library call a meeting, perhaps after the Depository Council, of major state depositories' documents people and directors and get everyone on the same page re who's cataloging what?

Jim, David, Judie & Roberta RB will plan a meeting regarding collaboration on building state document digital collection.

Jennifer asked if we could get OCLC to put holdings symbols added to InCat for all the federal document in print and electronic format that we select?

This is a good topic for ALI membership meeting.

The State Library's collections of strength include: primary historical research documents, genealogy, Indiana History, a large manuscript collection, LaSalle Collection. None of these are accessible via the online catalog.

The State Library is writing a new LSTA plan and a new State Library strategic plan and is interested in how best to talk with academic libraries about the plan and the process.

The Board is working on a process to fill the position of the State Librarian, but it will be a while. In the meantime, it is important to move forward with LSTA and State Library planning.

### **Resource Sharing—Robert Roethemeyer**

The pilot project is waiting for OCLC to complete the IU symbol flip. Wheels 5 day delivery for the pilot libraries who don't already have it will begin 2/20/2006, through 4/21/2006. Thanks to Larry Frye and Cheryl Truesdale who advocated for academic libraries for INCOLSA funding for this increase in Wheels service for the project.

Because of the late end date of the pilot it will push getting the data available for the April Board meeting. It will be very interesting to see what happens to internal work flow as the work shifts from the front end of requesting to filling requests.

The assessment piece is very important for ALI and INCOLSA. 2/20/2006 is the kickoff date for the pilot.

How do we take the next step beyond the pilot to establish "preferred borrower status with the goal of 3 working days delivery from academic library colleagues. We want to be able to advertise on our campuses (for political reasons as much as operational.)

Preferred borrower status. As 72 members are we committed to this for each other? Jennifer will develop a resolution for next Board meeting for potentially taking the issue to the membership meeting.

Collette Mak sent out IFLA's Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR) pilot interface for WorldCat. Robert will contact Colette that there is interest and will pursue and send out information to the list.

### **Storage—Pat Steele**

The survey should go out when Lynn gets back from vacation. The likelihood of funding from the Legislature was discussed with JT Forbes. They especially liked pulling in collections from the State Library. It is viewed as a good thing on the IUB campus. The whole campus sees value of this second module and there is support for the project.

### **Databases—Lewis Miller**

The Task Force will meet 2/21/2006 and will discuss Lynn's report from November. Discussion will center on what the next work will be, e.g., the pilot reported the big deals are not out there any more. He feels that libraries have purchased all the databases they are going to and vendors are "pushing back" to get us out of a consortial environment. Lewis will report in March.

Lewis is planning to ask PALNI to appoint a new member to the Board for next year and he will resign as chair of the Task Force but remain as a member.

### **Distance Learning/Off Campus Library Services—Susan Mannan**

The survey is nearly ready and will be sent out via the directors. Anita Gray is working on a faculty survey. They will be doing an ILF presentation (Thurs, 4/13/2006, 8 a.m.) The session will include educational topics for public librarians about what is available in academic libraries to students using public libraries. Another initiative at ILF is an interest group forming on distance education. The Task force will pursue how ALI can work with this group.

### **Public Relations—Arthur Hafner**

More files have been moved from Earlham site to <http://ali.bsu.edu> which is now a reflector site. The test site continues to try things, e.g., a blog. He is considering new features and content to bring more people to the site, examples: job notices, newsletters, news releases, news for “interest groups” re content DM, Distance Ed, Special Collections, Populations studies (genealogy). PR/marketing plans. News from Indiana academic libraries. What about statistical data? Collection data, borrowing/lending data.

Please submit documents to both Ball State (Arthur) and Earlham (Jeanette)  
Send pictures of your library to Arthur. He will send out a new logo in a week or so.

### **Planning for Members’ Meeting**

ALI Goals 2005-06:

1. Establish, implement, and evaluate a pilot project for direct borrowing.
2. Assemble data and rationale for a remote storage module.
3. Implement a year-long pilot agreement with IU to negotiate database license agreements.
4. Explore options for ALI support of distance education/off campus learning.
5. Market ALI...logo, news release template, continuing development of website.

For the Membership meeting we want a program, goals for 06/07, elections, budget. Also, we want to include something with documents, pilot direct request project, databases, distance ed survey, public relations template, demo of web site.

We have \$4,000 budgeted for the meeting

Ideas for speaker/topic for a program: Brewster Kahle, Clifford Lynch. Janus Conference (at Cornell) had a provocative message re collection development—Will Collection Development Go Away?

Jennifer suggested someone who will help us advance the ALI agenda and what we want to do next year such as “Collection overlaps.”

### **ICOLC—Jennifer Younger.**

We had agreed to join the International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC.) We are listed as member but it is misspelled. We should mention that we are members (on our web site and link to their site.) Perhaps Jim, as the Vice Chair could sign up for ICOLC emails to monitor what might be of interest to ALI. Judie will ask him to take this on.

**ISLAC—Susan Mannan**

There was no meeting this past month. The plan for the study was approved and the research is being outsourced to an IU group.

**Next Board Meeting 3/28/2006**

Agenda items:

1. develop goals for next year. Strategic plan—goal for 06/07 Revise/Develop a strategic plan
2. Changes to By-Laws which the previous committee suggested in their Report at the next Board meeting (3/28/06)
3. Jennifer will develop a resolution for next Board meeting for potentially taking the issue to the membership meeting.
4. Lewis will report on the Databases Taskforce's discussion of Lynn's report.

The March meeting for the ALI Board will be hosted by Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Jennifer and Janet will communicate plans and put out information on overnight accommodations for people who want to come the night before.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.