

**Academic Libraries of Indiana  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 4, 2004  
Draft**

**Attendance:** Bill Corya, Janet Fore, Larry Frye, Art Hafner, Tom Kirk, David Lewis, Susan Mannan, Lewis Miller, Mary Persyn, Robert Roethemeyer, Michele Russo, Margaret Seifert, Pat Steele, Judie Violette, Jennifer Younger

**Guests:** Doug Potts (OCLC), Collette Mak (OCLC)

**Meeting Chair:** Jennifer Younger, chair; David Lewis, vice-chair

**Resource Sharing**

Judie Violette, Chair of the Resource Sharing Task Force, introduced guest speakers, Doug Potts and Colette Mak from OCLC, who discussed OCLC's resource sharing products and directions. Collette presented the possibility of creating a group catalog for Indiana academic libraries based on World Cat, for use in interlibrary loan, including unmediated requesting by interfacing with Illiad. Judie clarified that ALI members priority interest was in Illiad and its cost, and that the group catalog might be a future discussion/project. (During the morning in a separate ALI event, interlibrary loan librarians viewed a demonstration of Illiad.)

Discussion and questions followed, with board members agreeing with the stated priorities. It was noted that IU regional libraries and Ivy Tech libraries cannot currently be seen separately on OCLC's system. Collette said that Illiad would be more than was needed for libraries with less than 100 ILL requests per month. It was noted that some member clusters such as PALNI, IU, and Ivy Tech, are already doing internal ILL, which would need to be integrated into an Illiad plan.

The Board requested that OCLC quote prices based on the following four components, with consideration of a discount for one billing through ALI/INCOLSA:

- 1) A group catalog with batch loading of holdings not yet on OCLC and symbol flips, with the two options split out
- 2) Unlimited resource sharing
- 3) Hosted Illiad, including Odyssey scanning capability
- 4) Subscription access to WorldCat.

**Indiana Academic Library's Borrower's Card**

Judie Violette presented a proposal for JoAnn Arnold, Borrower's Card Task Force Chair, for direct student borrowing among Indiana academic libraries. Discussion revealed that many libraries are already doing this, e.g. PALNI and libraries in northeastern Indiana. It has not been a heavily used service but generates good public relations. There was general consensus in favor of the idea. Larry Frye made a motion that the task force finalize and present a proposal to the full ALI membership at the May meeting, putting out information ahead of the meeting for questions. The motion was seconded by Art Hafner.

**No Charge Book Borrowing Within ALI**

Judie Violette said that the committee was not ready with a proposal. During discussion, Bill Corya said that Purdue might be willing to move forward with a books-only first phase. Mary Persyn will follow up with the idea of a phased approach beginning with books only, including collecting data to demonstrate the value of the service.

### **Ariel Pricing**

Judie Violette said that Ariel software costs include a \$996 initial new license fee (a 20% discount) plus small annual upgrade fees. Ariel is not needed if the library has Illiad/Odyssey.

### **Conference Call with Dan Iddings, PALCI**

A conference call with Dan Iddings, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Academic Library Consortium, Inc. was held. Dan explained that his consortium was started with people who had OhioLink experience and is totally member funded. It began with libraries whose materials/S&E budgets were over \$400,000 and has grown from 30 to 54 members, each of whom initially paid \$6,000 a year. Currently larger members pay \$7,000 per year and those with less than 2,000 FTE pay \$3,000 per year. This \$200,000 income pays for operating expenses and payroll of 1.5 FTE, including the director and a half-time librarian. The University of Pittsburg contributes office space and fiscal agent services. The consortium focus is on resource sharing and licensing of about 20 databases, which libraries pay for as they want to. A formula splits database costs using a 60% flat fee and 40% FTE-based share. Their resource sharing system is based on a non-OCLC virtual union catalog with patron-initiated ILL. It only handles books. Costs vary from \$3,500 to \$7,000 per year per library. The PALCI staff negotiates the buys, and savings from one or two database purchases covers the cost of consortium membership. PALCI's next project will be shared remote storage. They are a non-profit corporation with eight elected board members. They offer reciprocal borrowing for faculty and no-charge ILL. They recently opened membership to community colleges.

### **Illiad**

Following lunch, OCLC's Tony Melvyn gave the Board an Illiad demonstration.

### **Next Steps in Resource Sharing**

David Lewis suggested that Judie Violette get OCLC pricing for immediate distribution. Jennifer Younger requested getting input from ALI members. Larry Frye suggested that INCOLSA handle the billing. Discussion followed about obtaining an ALI discount. It was mentioned that ALI must address the need for Illiad in smaller libraries. David Lewis suggested ALI negotiate to reduce the annual maintenance fees. Larry Frye asked to find out how long the quoted prices would hold.

### **Union Catalog**

Robert Roethemeyer discussed and compared the use of a federated search engine to that of a virtual union catalog. Discussion about the two approaches followed. David Lewis suggested that ALI might use the federated search engine to develop an Indiana academic library union catalog instead of using OCLC. Jennifer Younger suggested we compare the cost of an OCLC approach to the in-house cost of the federated search engine approach. There was discussion of how to attain unmediated ILL and load balancing with the federated search engine approach, possibly by combining it with a linking solution such as SFX and Illiad.

### **The Lilly Endowment**

Members discussed ideas for approaching the Endowment again for funding. Tom Kirk suggested asking the full membership for one or two priorities that would best move our agenda forward, e.g. remote storage, and taking those forward. Jennifer Younger suggested structuring the April Board meeting around this. Larry Frye suggested asking Lilly if they will consider a proposal before using meeting time to plan a proposal. It was

suggested that Jennifer Younger and David Lewis contact Lilly about future funding, mentioning such possible projects as shared storage, resource sharing, and a partnership digitization effort in the area of Indiana history and culture.

Discussion as to which libraries already have a federated search engine revealed that all but a few either have one or are working on such an acquisition. Janet Fore will poll her non-PALNI Private Library group to determine which of those libraries have this software. Susan Mannan said that the impending Ivy Tech purchase of a federated search engine would probably not include the SFX-type linking software. Tom Kirk suggested a need for technical expertise on the details of what is possible and how the process would work if ALI used a federated search engine to create an Indiana group catalog. David Lewis will ask Chip Dye from IUPUI to convene a technical group including, John Fribley from Ivy Tech, and Larry Baerveldt representing PALNI to look into this and report at the April Board meeting.

### **ALI Budget Report**

Larry Frye submitted a written budget report and offered to get a bid from INCOLSA for continued service as the ALI fiscal agent for the coming year. Discussion followed about the amount of the ALI membership fee and the implications for retaining members. Board consensus was to stay with the \$300 fee and ask INCOLSA to continue its fiscal services at no cost to ALI. Jennifer Younger suggested discussing this again at the April board meeting. Tom Kirk asked the Database Task Force to bring proposals to the April meeting on how ALI might get assistance in negotiating database agreements.

### **Minutes**

Susan Mannan presented the minutes of the December 19, 2003 Board meeting for approval as posted to the ALI web site. Tom Kirk moved to accept the minutes. Janet Fore seconded. The vote was unanimous.

### **Board Election Report**

Susan Mannan reported that the board election was successfully completed by email. The only change in board representation was that Robert Roethemeyer would replace Larry Frye as the PALNI representative. The member-at-large election will be handled at the May member meeting by the Nominating Committee. Tom Kirk suggested posting the election results to the ALI web site.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Michele Russo, chair of the Nominating Committee, said that the committee needs five members, two from public institutions, two from privates, one Ivy Tech, and one board member (Michele). David Lewis requested that Michele form the committee, receiving suggestions from board members who chose to send names. Discussion followed about the number of names to be submitted for each office. The decision was left to the Nominating Committee.

### **April and May Agendas**

Agenda items for the April Board meeting and the May membership meeting were discussed. Topics to be discussed in April will include the state-wide borrower's card and the agenda for the May membership meeting. The following items will be on the May meeting: election of the member-at-large and officers, solicitation of member priorities for ALI activities, and adoption of an operating budget for 04/05.