

**Academic Libraries of Indiana  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 5 2004**

**Attendance:** Bill Corya, Janet Fore, Larry Frye, Tom Kirk (by phone), David Lewis, Susan Mannan, Lewis Miller, Mary Persyn, Suzanne Rice, Michele Russo, Margaret Seifert, Bob Slayton (by phone), Suzanne Thorin, Judie Violette, Jennifer Younger

**Announcements**

Bill Corya announced that Jim Mullins has been appointed the new Dean of Libraries at Purdue University, to begin in July. Tom Kirk was recognized for being named ACRL Academic Librarian of the Year and Margaret Seifert was recognized for receiving the Citizen of the Year award for Madison County. The Board also took steps to recognize and thank Lee McLaughlin of IUPUI for assistance with meeting arrangements and Jeanette Wilson from Earlham College for her help with the ALI web site.

**Approval of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004 Minutes**

Minutes were unanimously approved as posted to the ALI web site.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Michele Russo reported that in selecting candidates, the committee considered maintaining continuity as well as bringing in new people. They also tried to balance representation by type of library and geographical location. The committee presented the following slate: President, Jennifer Younger (Notre Dame); Vice-President, David Lewis (IUPUI), Secretary, Susan Mannan (Ivy Tech); Treasurer, Mary Persyn (Valparaiso University School of Law). At-large candidates include Kate Carpenter (Purdue Calumet), Bill Lowden (University of Evansville), and Ken Gibson (Hanover). Michele stated that her committee is preparing a report and recommendation on term limits for a future meeting. Jennifer Younger will send the slate to members twenty days ahead of the meeting

**Resolution**

A resolution was made by David Lewis and seconded by Mary Persyn recognizing and thanking Larry Frye for his fine work as Treasurer in ALI's first year.

**ALI Virtual Union Catalog Demo**

David Lewis and Chip Dye (IUPUI) demonstrated how Metalib (a federated search engine) and SFX (open URL linking software) could be used to display the holdings from Indiana academic library catalogs in a union fashion. Adding ILLiad software would provide interlibrary loan service for items located. More understanding of how various libraries have implemented Z39.50 will be needed to accomplish this.

Discussion and questions followed about the need to compare this solution and cost (both initial and ongoing) to using WorldCat instead. Larry Frye suggested ALI look at INCOLSA's similar project. He suggested that ALI might approach the Lilly Endowment to help the libraries that don't have the needed infrastructure. Suzanne Thorin has noticed that faculty seem to prefer using larger catalogs such as World Cat or CIC Net. She suggested ALI might want to study faculty preferences regarding catalog size.

David said that IUPUI will go forward with putting all Indiana academic library catalogs into the Z39.50 configuration. Larry Frye said that the online catalog is running at all

PALNI sites and MetaLib/SFX should be implemented at all sites by August, 2004. Jennifer Younger suggested that David Lewis work with Robert Roethemeyer and PALNI on this project and also look at varied implementations of federated search engines. Larry Frye suggested this project be recommended at the May meeting for follow up in Robert Roethemeyer's Task Force on Tool for Accessing Web-Based Resources. There was consensus that this project would need only Task Force operating funds but no large amount of money in the coming year. Tom Kirk said that ALI should analyze each institution's approach to ILL and consider how ALI can help libraries without resources. David Lewis said that he will contact Robert Roethemeyer and ask his Task Force to pursue this project and recommend how ALI should proceed.

### **Proposal for ILLiad/Odyssey Services**

Judie Violette presented the OCLC ILL proposal, which included an option for unlimited interlibrary loan, an ILLiad license based on current borrowing activity, and a hosted ILLiad solution. Discussion followed on the pricing and options. Judie was asked to aggressively negotiate for better pricing on the unlimited ILL and hosted ILLiad options and request that prices be guaranteed until September 30. She is to also tell OCLC that we have more than the necessary five libraries (IPFW, IUB, Butler, Valpo Law, IUSB, BSU, Notre Dame) to begin the ILLiad purchases and negotiate for better pricing for further purchases. And she is to pursue Ivy Tech pricing as a single institution.

There was discussion of ILLiad to ILLiad communication. Tom Kirk said that a large percentage of his ILL requests go to Indiana libraries and asked if ILLiad to ILLiad communication, bypassing OCLC, could reduce OCLC charges. IU can do internal ILL's now using its own system without OCLC. PALNI will be doing this in a year. Ivy Tech probably could. David Lewis and Bill Corya volunteered IUPUI and Purdue to test the feasibility of the ILLiad to ILLiad concept. Ball State may also join. Discussion followed on ILLiad hosting, including pricing on local and affiliate hosting.

It was agreed that this project would be presented to members as part of the resource sharing activity which is one of ALI's major initiatives. A Q&A list will be drawn up to inform and explain options, costs, and savings, focusing on the benefits and issues in the alternatives of using OCLC or bypassing them. ILLiad was seen as a common building block that everyone should have, upon which other projects such as storage will depend. ALI should explore ways to make it available to all members. For presentation to the members, Lewis Miller and Jennifer Younger suggested simplifying the pricing sheet, moving unlimited ILL out to a second sheet. Judie Violette and Jennifer Younger will work on this, get it to members, and arrange an OCLC ILLiad demo for the day of the May meeting, prior to its 10:00 start.

After discussion on Ariel, there was consensus to drop this part of the project.

### **Resource Sharing Programs**

Judie Violette shared a Draft Proposal for Test of Free ILL among Indiana Academic Libraries. The proposal is limited to loaning of books. There was discussion about whether member participation should be voluntary or required with general consensus that at least in the beginning, participation should be encouraged but not required. It was agreed to send the proposal to members for discussion and propose a one year test, recognizing that most members already loan with no charge and that this agreement would formalize what we are already doing, having low impact and providing good PR.

### **Storage Task Force Update**

Suzanne Thorin reported on two options for proceeding with a storage module for academic libraries. It is possible that IU may get a bond issue that would allow IU to build, own, with ALI members being tenants. A second option would be to request funds from the Lilly Foundation, in which case IU and all ALI members would be tenants. She suggested that a new member needs survey would be helpful as these two options are explored. This project is now being referred to as a “print preservation collaborative.”

### **Licensing Task Force Update**

Lewis Miller reported that the task force is looking at what databases are already available in the state and how ALI might leverage PALNI contracts. Some existing contracts around the state are with vendors who have no interest in combining them. He noted that there will need to be significant savings on those databases where different vendors have been used in order for some libraries to switch vendors. Lewis reported on the ALI database of databases project. It is built on the IU database project led by Doug McKinney. Included are costs paid per database by each library/consortia with reports by consortia and by database. There is data for 369 databases, including different versions; about 300 unique databases. Detailed results will be available only to the Task Force for the purpose of determining what ALI members have in common and to help negotiate better contracts. A summary report will be provided for Board members. Lewis will meet with the new IU database person, Gordon Lynn Hufford, or Suzanne Thorin to explore cooperation with ALI. He recommends that the ALI Task Force operate at the policy level and not get involved in the mechanics of database negotiation. He will bring to the July Board meeting a suggested new name for the Task Force. Larry Frye suggested consideration be given to INCOLSA’s role in databases relative to ALI’s plans.

### **Statewide Digital Summit Update**

David Lewis reported that his Task Force is waiting for the Indiana State Library Digital Summit (see: <http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/isl/diglibin/index.html>) to create a statewide process for digitizing materials on Indiana history and culture. He detailed progress that is being made by that effort. He recommended that the ALI Task Force meet to develop ALI consensus on how to engage with this effort and what other ALI interests there might be. ALI has expert representation on the ISL project (Kris Brancolini, IU, Robin Crumrin, IUPUI, Kathy Davis, Depauw. Jennifer Younger concurred that the ALI Task Force should continue and should participate in the ISL initiative. Suzanne Thorin expressed concern that the ISL project has a very technical focus. She will call Barbara Maxwell to discuss ways to move towards fitting the project into the community and political landscape. She also suggested that ALI write to Barbara Maxwell, commending and supporting the ISL efforts, noting the need for a broader advisory group, mostly not librarians but, e.g. historians and other faculty. Jennifer Younger agreed to do this.

### **Lilly Endowment Progress Report**

Jennifer Younger reported that as a result of her follow up with Sara Cobb, ALI has been invited to send an update letter, which Jennifer will do. She said that ALI needs institutional support from members. To that end she will draft a letter to inform institution presidents about ALI. Larry Frye mentioned that PALNI proposals to the Endowment always include presidential letters of endorsement.

### **ALI Budget Update**

Larry Frye reminded the Board that member fees will be the same for the coming year. Some of the carry-forward funds will be used for next year's expenses, keeping a \$7,500 reserve fund aside. Suzanne Thorin moved and Suzanne Rice seconded a motion to accept the budget plan. After discussion, the motion was accepted unanimously (12-0, with three members not present). Jennifer Younger said that only the latest financial report will be posted to the ALI web site (at <http://www.earlham.edu/~libr/inalc/OrganizationalDocs.htm>). Following discussion of non-member fees, Lewis Miller said that he would convey to Cathy Salyers at St. Joseph that her college could become a member by sending a letter to ALI President.

### **May Meetings**

Jennifer Younger said that she will revise the May 5<sup>th</sup> membership meeting agenda based on the day's discussions. Discussion followed about that agenda and the documentation needed to support it, including a list of next year's Task Force that will carry out the strategic plan. Larry Frye suggested emailing the documentation prior to the meeting. Jennifer asked Task Force chairs to send her bullet points on their accomplishments. She said that at the next Board meeting she will present a schedule of six meetings for the coming year.

### **Indiana Learning Portal Update**

Jennifer Younger handed out Dave King's presentation to the IHETS Network Steering Committee on the ILP. She said that ALI should consider if it wants to be a part of this potentially new 501(c)3 organization in the future. She said IHETS will need to buy Middleware, the building block for the system, before it can get funding from the Lilly Endowment. She will send ALI members a printed copy of the King's presentation.

### **Government Documents Digitization Initiative**

Mary Persyn explained this initiative coming from the Law Library Microform Consortium, of which Indiana law libraries are members. She said the project, run out of the University of Michigan, is starting to digitize the older, but still growing, microform collections. She asked if ALI would be interested in an annual subscription and said she would check on the possibility.

### **Ullrich's Serial Analysis System**

Judie Violette had no report.

### **Miscellaneous**

Jennifer Younger asked Task Force chairs to update their membership and reports on the web site through Susan Mannan.

Respectfully Submitted  
Susan Mannan Secretary  
April 12, 2004