

Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI), Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
July 7, 2004

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Present: Kathryn Carpenter, Janet Fore, Art Hafner, Lynn Hufford (for Suzanne Thorin), Tom Kirk (by phone), David Lewis, Susan Mannan, Lewis Miller, Jim Mullins, Mary Persyn, Robert Roethemeyer, Michele Russo, Bob Slayton, Judie Violette, Jennifer Younger

Introductions

Two new board members were introduced: Kathryn Carpenter, the new At-large member from Purdue Calumet and Jim Mullins, the new Purdue University Library Director.

Board Minutes

A motion was made by Michele Russo, seconded by Judie Violette, and unanimously approved to accept the April 5 and May 5, 2004 minutes of the ALI Board meetings.

Task Force Name Change

Judie Violette made a motion to change the name of the Enhanced Document Delivery Task Force to Resource Sharing Task Force. It was seconded by Art Hafner and passed unanimously.

ILLiad/Odyssey Update

Resource Sharing Task Force Chair, Judie Violette, reported that many small libraries are interested in funding support for the ILLiad project and reminded the board that such support was part of the Task Force recommendations. She will be sending a report on participation in this project by email. She estimated that between 12 and 15 libraries are participating.

She distributed a Resource Sharing Baseline Data Member Survey, intended to collect 2002/03 and 2003/04 ILL activity. Discussions and suggestions followed. It was agreed that this would not be too demanding as the data is already being collected. It was suggested, however, that task force members complete the survey for their own libraries before it is distributed to all in order to determine problems.

No-Charge ILL Proposal

Judie Violette reviewed the library to library borrowing proposal, calling it a no charge, rather than free service. It was agreed that this books-only program would continue through June, 2005. Discussion emphasized that this program will build on current agreements already in place but not replace them. Suggestions were made to add the concept of research to the evaluation section of the memo as well as the question of how the program improved the effectiveness of ILL operations. Jim Mullins offered to find examples of similar successful programs in nearby states. Jennifer Younger said that ALI should consider net lending reimbursement and/or load balancing as a next step.

Reciprocal Borrowing Proposal

Judie Violette presented a revised information brochure that would contain a card application. She proposed that the home library use this brochure to issue an ALI borrower's card to a patron. This card would take the place of the letter contemplated earlier and would give the home library more control over the process. She hopes to have this in place for fall semester. It was suggested that the form spell out more specifically what the home library's responsibility will be, including reimbursement for lost materials but not for fines, but then accepted as an implicit understanding rather than one that would need to be spelled out in the proposal. Judie will revise the material to change the word "may" to "will" and will share it with her Task Force. Discussion of statistics collection for this project revealed that statistics collection, especially patron activity by category, would fall to the home library.

Documents presented by this Task Force can be viewed at:

<http://www.earlham.edu/~libr/inalc/taskforcenew.htm> under the Resource Sharing Task Force Section.

Virtual Union Catalog

After discussion it was agreed that a presentation of this project should be made at the next member's meeting relating it to the ALI goal of reciprocal borrowing and shared storage. Three questions arose: 1) Do ALI members want direct patron borrowing, 2) How would this be accomplished technically, and 3) How will it be funded, especially for smaller libraries. Tom Kirk suggested that the Task Force look at how to implement direct borrowing through currently available systems such as OCLC's World Cat, and federated search engines, apart from an ALI federated search engine project. David Lewis briefly reviewed the ILLiad point to point ILL project that IUPUI and BSU are pursuing. It was agreed that the Virtual Union Catalog Task Force would add a Purdue member.

It was noted that the ALI Strategic Plan could be updated by the Board this year and put in the direct borrowing concept.

Digitization Task Force Update

Chair, David Lewis, reported that the task force has not yet met but needs more members. He encouraged everyone to look at the ISL digitization web site (<http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/isl/diglibin/index.html>). He suggested that ALI could endorse the standards posted there and the work of that group. He said that LSTA funding of \$250,000 will be directed to specific types of libraries for Indiana history and culture. Jim Mullins pointed out that institutions are also creating repositories of institutional research and that IMLS is interested in partnering to fund long term preservation plans for digitized information. He asked whether INCOLSA could help Indiana become more aware of the importance of metadata. Discussion followed. Jennifer Younger summarized ALI's role and action as 1) the Board should reaffirm that David Lewis continue as the ALI representative on the state task force, 2) ALI members

should reinforce the work of that group in their own libraries, and 3) the ALI Board should not study the standards in detail. Member should forward issues and concerns to David Lewis. David said that academic libraries will be providing the infrastructure for the digitization efforts. Jim Mullins said that Purdue is committed to becoming active in this area.

Database Task Force Update

Chair, Lewis Miller, reported that the database of databases held by Indiana academic libraries should be ready for the task force to work with by the end of July. Non-disclosure concerns about the data were addressed with the assurance that the raw data would remain within the task force. Lewis said that the final cost of the EBSCO project was \$449,400, with a substantial savings of an estimated 8% or \$30,000-\$35,000 overall. A next effort will begin earlier. He noted that the \$1,285 in the ALI treasurer's report is the savings from additional schools joining the purchase after the final payment arrangements were made. It will be applied to the renewal next year to hold the costs down. He also reported that his work to move PALNI subscriptions for World Cat and Sociological Abstracts to ALI had not yet achieved savings. He said that clarification is needed as to the roles of the various database licensing groups of ALI, INCOLSA, and IU. ALI and IU representatives will be meeting the next week to discuss this. Jim Mullins will send a Purdue representative. He raised the question of how to pay for negotiating services, likely from savings achieved from consortium purchases. At the next task force meeting in late August, the group will recommend a new name for their group and will review their charge. He will keep the board informed on further database negotiations and will report on the database of database results possibly in November.

Indiana Learning Portal (ILP) Update

Jennifer Younger reviewed this project and gave an update. The project has been invited to submit a proposal to the Lilly Endowment in January or February. Dave King, IHETS Executive Director, who is leading the project, is looking for partners who can contribute funding. He has asked the library community for participation in the form of money and has also asked what role we can take in the development of metadata standards for the ILP. Jennifer was to meet after the ALI Board meeting with Barbara Maxwell, State Library Director, and Michael Piper, INCOLSA Executive Director, to discuss this project. There was no support from the ALI Board to contribute funding to this project.

Nominating Committee Report

Committee Chair, Michel Russo, presented a committee report, which raised the issue of term limits for officers and board members. The report is posted at: <http://www.earlham.edu/~libr/inalc/taskforcenew.htm> under Nominating Committee. During discussion the Board agreed that term lengths should be uniform and set by the board while term limits should be decided by the constituencies. Jennifer Younger asked the Nominating Committee to bring to the Board a proposal on terms for board members that would encourage both turnover and continuity. She also asked Michele to bring a proposal for officer terms, probably one with multiple year terms. Board officers will consider reappointing and recharging the Nominating Committee.

ALI Website Issues

Susan Mannan asked for guidance on information posted to the web site. Discussion revealed that transparency is important to ALI and all documents except vendor proposals should be open postings. Vendor activity should be represented by statements that ALI is in negotiation with a specific vendor. Art Hafner agreed to chair a task force as suggested by Lewis Miller to develop a mission and purpose statement for the ALI web site and consider value added possibilities. Jennifer Younger and Art Hafner will discuss membership, a charge and time line.

Science Alliance

Jennifer Younger mentioned that Barbara Maxwell was involved in a project to bring the International Science Fair to Indianapolis through the Science Alliance. Board members expressed interest in having Jennifer bring more about this project.

Chair's Report

Jennifer Younger has sent a thank you letter to Bill Rosier for his support of ALI financial activities. She will be sending an update to the Lilly Endowment at the request of Sarah Cobb.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Persyn presented the final budget report from Larry Frye. This report will be posted at: <http://www.earlham.edu/~libr/inalc/OrganizationalDocs.htm> under Financial Reports. She said that new invoices have been sent out.

Secretary's Report

Susan Mannan reported that there are 71 library members in ALI, including one new member, St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Cathy Slayers, Director. There are two new library directors: Jim Mullins at Purdue University and John Stachacz (coming soon) at Indiana University at Kokomo. The directorship at Indiana Institute of Technology is vacant.

Future Meeting Dates

The Board will meet again September 23, November 11, and January 26. Jennifer Younger will set up the next member meeting in May, 2005.

Visit with New INCOLSA Executive Director

The meeting closed with an introductory visit with Michael Piper, the new INCOLSA Executive Director.

Respectively Submitted,
Susan Mannan
ALI Secretary