

**Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI), Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**September 23, 2004**

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

**Resource Sharing Proposals and Activities**

Judie Violette shared a list of the 19 libraries that are purchasing ILLiad and reported that 2 libraries are subscribing to OCLC's unlimited ILL offer. Susan Mannan reported that the Ivy Tech system is in training to use the First Search ILL system under the OCLC free/reduced rate offer. Judie said that Collette Mack of INCOLSA has organized an ILLiad users group meeting in November. Jennifer Younger will forward information as it is available. Judie asked that board members encourage relevant staff to join the new resource sharing listserv called ALI-circ. David Lewis announced that point-to-point testing would be underway soon between IUPUI, BSU, and perhaps IPFW.

Judie Violette reported that 67 of ALI's 71 member libraries have joined the No Charge ILL program, which is now running. She also announced that 62 members were participating the Reciprocal Borrowing program and that a brochure is at the printer. Tom Kirk made a motion (seconded by Robert Roethemeyer) to authorize using a maximum of \$950 to pay for brochure printing. The motion passed unanimously. Brochures and cards will be sent to all libraries, and the brochure will be posted to the ALI web site.

Judie said that she had received baseline ILL data from one third of member libraries. The kind of data varied, calling for future work towards more common details. There was discussion of reciprocal borrowing in relation to the policy at state-supported institutions to lend to all Indiana residents, of collecting statistics on the project, and of patron-initiated ILL, direct patron borrowing, and load balancing.

Jennifer Younger will be sending a letter about the reciprocal borrowing project to all library directors, including a copy for the college president/chancellor.

**Resource Sharing Initiatives**

Jennifer Younger reported that the State Library and INCOLSA are planning a Resource Sharing Summit. There was approval by acclamation for ALI to send Judie Violette and Robert Roethemeyer as ALI representatives.

## **Web Tools Task Force**

There was discussion of the OCLC and federated search engine models for a virtual union catalog for Indiana. There was also discussion of whether ALI should have a goal in the area of direct patron borrowing, how such a goal should be moved forward, and how to relate it to a possible OCLC statewide, multi-type library initiative through INCOLSA. Jennifer Younger proposed a conference call of Judie Violette, Robert Roethemeyer, David Lewis, and herself before the state summit planned by the State Library and INCOLSA to create an ALI Board position on this issue. Jim Mullins will bring names of library staff from Pennsylvania who have had experience in this area and whom ALI could invite for discussion of their experience.

Robert Roethemeyer distributed a draft of a survey of members' current technological environment related to ALI projects. Suggestions followed, including the idea of doing a pilot with results shared at the November Board meeting. The question was raised as to whether there was a place in ALI for an Information Literacy Task Force.

## **State Digitization Initiatives**

David Lewis reported on the statewide task force that is leading this initiative. An INCOLSA-managed survey is underway. The State Library has allocated \$250,000 of LSTA funding for digital library projects. The Board discussed the idea of submitting an ALI photography/image project on the history of Indiana colleges and universities. Issues were raised about the theme of such a project, the creation of the metadata, and ways to help smaller libraries participate.

David mentioned that Kris Brancolini from Indiana University Bloomington would be managing a website around digital library issues and that ALI should link to it on its web site.

There was discussion of how to attract new members for ALI task forces. Structured opportunities were mentioned as an approach. The Board agreed that David should proceed on his own to find new members for his task force.

## **Licensing Databases**

Michele Russo reported for Lewis Miller on the issue of vendor privacy policy with regard to user information vendors hold. A model statement is being developed to send to the International Coalition of Library Consortia (<http://www.library.yale.edu/consortia/>). The question was posed as to whether ALI should become a member of ICOLC. Susan Mannan mentioned Ivy Tech's concern with recent vendor requirements for user log-on's in relation to privacy. She also indicated the list would be an open subscription list for ALI librarians and staff once established.

Lynn Hufford announced that the database of databases had a 75% response rate and would be ready shortly for the Task Force to look at. Michele announced that the ACS project will save ALI members a total of \$100,000 annually. The pricing formula will be re-examined. Jennifer Younger asked Board members to send her names of staff that should be added to the new electronic collection development electronic list.

### **INSPIRE Update**

David Lewis reported that the INSPIRE Advisory Task Force met in August and the minutes had been circulated. Current databases are locked in by contract. New ones will not be sought until 2007. The guiding principle for INSPIRE is that operating costs will be borne by INCOLSA and the State Library and state funds will cover the cost of the databases, which will be open to all Indiana citizens. Should state funding fail, there will be no effort through INSPIRE to create a member-supported approach to funding INSPIRE. It would be up to individual libraries to find ways to acquire the databases either individually or via a consortium. Academic users make up 54% of INSPIRE usage.

### **Library Services for Distance Learning**

Susan Mannan briefly reviewed the report of the IPSE Library Services Task Force. There was discussion about the importance of ALI involvement with this group. Jennifer Younger recommended Bob Slayton be the ALI representative and will send his name to Susan Scott at IHETS. The Board unanimously agreed with Jennifer's recommendation. Susan Mannan is a member of the task force and will also serve as a representative for ALI.

### **ALI Web Site Task Force**

Art Hafner reported on explorations of the group, including putting ALI in the web site URL and server access. Jennifer Younger suggested a federated structure with parts residing at different institutions. Outsourcing or buying space on a commercial server were suggested. Art was asked for the next meeting to investigate cost and server location, to develop the organization and structure of the web site and possible responsible parties, and to identify who would use the site and for what purposes. Tom Kirk volunteered to join the task force.

### **Chair's Report**

Jennifer Younger reported that as agreed on at a meeting, Barbara Maxwell, Bill Rosier, and David Lewis conveyed to David King at IHETS that ALI would not contribute funding to the Indiana Learning Portal project and that INSPIRE was our funding priority. The question of whether ALI representatives should stay on the ILP board was deferred to the November meeting.

Jennifer is copying Barbara Maxwell and Michael Piper on ALI-L messages. She reviewed the Science Alliance, and the Board agreed that ALI's role should be to make library directors aware of the project.

The State Library is planning an Economic Development Summit to highlight how libraries in Indiana contribute to the state's economic development. Jim Mullins and Margaret Seifert volunteered to attend as ALI representatives.

David Lewis mentioned a state Summit on Cooperation with other institutions such as archivists. Jennifer Younger and Jim Mullins volunteered to attend as ALI representatives.

ALI Board meeting guest policy was discussed. The Board agreed that guests should be invited for particular discussion topics not for ongoing attendance. Jennifer Younger will invite Michael Piper to an ALI meeting to discuss the ALI-INCOLSA relationship and will (at Jim Mullin's suggestion) suggest that Michael Piper invite academic libraries as a group to meet with him as INCOLSA constituents (not as ALI members).

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer will put the May 12 member meeting on the INCOLSA calendar.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mary Persyn presented and reviewed the ALI budget report for September, 2004. The question of insurance for officers and the director was raised.

### **Secretary's Report**

Susan Mannan reported that ALI has 71 members with new directors at IU Kokomo, John Stachacz, and Indiana Institute of Technology, Garry Wilson. Janet Fore volunteered to take minutes for the November Board Meeting in Susan's absence.

### **CIC Update**

Jim Mullins reported that the CIC has voted to cooperatively archive print titles of Kluwer (University of Illinois) and Wiley (Indiana University) starting in 2005, allowing libraries to cancel print subscriptions and keep only the online versions of titles. Jennifer raised the question of the implications of this for ALI.

A motion was made (David Lewis) and seconded (Janet Fore) to adjourn.

Respectively Submitted,

Susan Mannan  
ALI Secretary  
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