

**ILA Academic/Special Division
Division Report
November 15, 2004**

The division's annual meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 8. Twenty members attended, representing the University of Idaho (Main Library and Law Library), Boise State University, Idaho State University, North Idaho College, College of Southern Idaho, and EITC. The division's new Vice-Chair, Philip A. Homan, was introduced.

Brief discussion included the following issues of interest to the division: the 1% sales tax, the Idaho State Library general fund, the need to educate the ILA lobbyist about sources of funding for Idaho's academic libraries, the need for a fact sheet on library funding and the importance of continuing legislative support for the LiLI databases. Funding sources for special libraries were briefly discussed as well as whether special librarians' needs were being met by other associations (thereby accounting, at least in part, for lack of attendance by special librarians at ILA conferences). Mention was made of the opportunity/need for continuing education for division members, especially in regard to fulfilling promotion/tenure requirements.

Various institutions shared news:BSU is fully staffed in the catalog department, but still short-staffed a bit in the rest of the library. There are also two upcoming BSU retirements. ISU is at full staff and recently came into possession of the Bannock Co. Law Library's holdings. The University of Idaho Library is currently at 1976 staffing levels. The College of Southern Idaho is staffed with one MLS degreed person to serve 4100 patrons. At BSU and ISL, migration to Endeavor has been accomplished.

The question of whether the division required a secretary in addition to the Chair and Vice-Chair was raised. It was decided that the membership can be polled and a vote taken on this via email (LibIdaho listserv).

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