

Idaho Library Association  
November 17, 2006, Executive Board Meeting  
Academic and Special Libraries Division Report

The Idaho Library Association Academic and Special Libraries Division meeting was held on Friday, October 6, 2006, during the ILA 2006 Annual Fall Conference at the University Inn Best Western, Moscow. Since both Nancy Young, 2005-2006 Chair of the Division, and Phil Homan, 2006-2007 Chair, were unable to attend the conference this year, Laurie Francis, the 2006-2007 Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect conducted the meeting. Thirty-eight Division members attended; thirty-five signed the roll sheet at the end of the minutes, a copy of which is attached to this report.

Major accomplishment of last year, thanks to Nancy Young, include revision of the Division Bylaws to eliminate the superfluous office of Secretary and to clarify the two-year term of officers—the first year as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and the second year as Chair—which Division members unanimously approved, and the election of Laurie Francis as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect.

Division members then discussed the Chair's goal for the year—to increase ILA membership of special librarians—and suggested types and mentioned names of special libraries in Idaho, addressed challenges in getting them involved in ILA (smaller budgets, competition from Special Library Association), and discussed what they could bring to ILA and what ILA could do for them (e.g., conference workshops of particular interest to special librarians). Members also discussed ways to increase ILA membership of academic librarians, including holding a conference just for Division members apart from the Annual Fall Conference.

The University of Idaho's Linnea Marshall, Coordinator of the Idaho NACO Funnel, reported on the accomplishments of the Funnel (a copy of the report is attached), and Boise State University's Barbara Glackin announced upcoming subject cataloging training at BSU next July 18-19, 2007.

Ideas for workshops of interest to Division members for the 2007 Annual Fall Conference in Nampa include the following:

- Bibliography software (Thomson's EndNote and ProCite, CSA's RefWorks, CiteULike, etc.)
- Library instruction beyond searching: evaluation of information
- Electronic resources (management, collection development)
- Copyright issues (e.g., electronic reserves)
- Google Scholar
- Communication between academic librarians and teaching faculty
- LiLI
- Vertical and horizontal training of staff
- Use and cataloging of non-print media
- Institutional repositories

Finally, the membership discussed personnel changes at their institutions and considered having a Division member at each institution act as liaison to promote ILA to newly hired librarians.

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