

Oct. 6, 2005

Annual Business Meeting, Session 1, Idaho Library Association

Meeting convened by President Barbara Greever, 2:55 pm

Welcome and announcements

President Greever welcomed special guests, Nancy Pearl and Carol Bray-Casiano. She expressed her appreciation for the excellent program and ILA activities accomplished this year, thanking the conference committee, the board, and the committee members who have supported the work of the association.

The annual reports are available on the web: www.idaholibraries.org under the different committees and divisions. Members are invited to read them at their leisure.

Legislative Committee resolutions

Vicki Kreimeyer, on behalf of the Legislative Committee, presented two resolutions:

Resolution #1

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Library serves as a catalyst for development of all libraries in Idaho; and

WHEREAS the Idaho State Library's budget determines its ability to foster library development and affects the quality of library services throughout the state;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Idaho Library Association support the Idaho State Library's budget request for state fiscal year 2007.

The budget includes \$333,700 for the resource sharing portion of LiLI-U, \$150,000 for Read to Me programs, \$150,000 in one-time funds to furnish and equip space vacated by the Idaho State Historical Society Library, and \$50,000 to strengthen the professional development collection.

Submitted by the ILA Legislative Committee 10/05/05

Approved by the ILA Executive Board 10/05/05

Resolution #2:

WHEREAS the Idaho State Library's governing board adopted a new mission statement in 2002, and

WHEREAS the newly adopted mission statement requires changes in the statutes governing the Idaho State Library;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Idaho Library Association supports legislation to be introduced to the Idaho Legislature in the session that begins January 2006 which will amend the state library statutes in the Idaho Code, Title 33, Chapter 25, as described in the “State Library 2007 Budget and Legislative Overview.”

Submitted by the ILA Legislative Committee 10/05/05

Approved by the ILA Executive Board, 10/05/05

Kreimeyer invited State Librarian Ann Joslin to address any questions surrounding these two resolutions.

State of Idaho Libraries

Ann Joslin provided a state of the state address for the membership, discussing the 2020 Futures Think Tank, and providing the context for this statewide consideration of what libraries should be by the year 2020.

The 2020 Futures Think Tank began with a steering committee that designed a process by which librarians around the state could engage with the questions of the future. In the design, the process brought together a statewide group in August, with follow up regional meetings. Joslin recapped the process and encouraged librarians to engage in the conversations.

Recent successful library bonds demonstrate public support for the importance of libraries. Branding has been taking place through such programs as the State Library’s “Read-to-Me” Summer Reading program, which saw a 29% increase in participants over last year. Another brand is LiLI. LiLI-U brings libraries together in a web-based statewide catalog of collections, with 91 libraries now signed on in the first two phases and phase 3 implementation scheduled for June 2006.

The State Library has planning for three potential programs in the works: the design of a school library development program, a plan to meet the needs of Idaho’s print-impaired residents, and a plan to improve access to Idaho public documents.

Joslin encouraged librarians to keep up with activities through the LibIdaho listserv and read the State Library Newsletter. In closing, she invited librarians to make the commitment to the future vision for libraries “because it will take all of us to see that our vision comes true.”

Memorial resolution for Margaret McNamara

President Barbara Greever presented the following memorial resolution for Margaret McNamara to the membership, which was passed by acclamation.

Whereas, Margaret McNamara, an esteemed librarian and valued member of the Idaho Library Community, passed away at the age of sixty-nine on September 10, 2005, in American Falls, Idaho; and

Whereas, She was the Director of American Falls District Library from 1983 until she retired in 2002; and

Whereas, She served as President of the Idaho Library Association in 1988-1989; and

Whereas, She received ILA's Librarian of the Year Award in 1989 in recognition of her many contributions to Idaho Libraries; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Idaho Library Association on behalf of its members recognizes Margaret McNamara's contributions to the profession of librarianship and her service to the Association; and, be it further

Resolved, That this Association expresses its sincere sympathy to her son Francis McNamara and her daughter, Di Armstrong and to all the members of her family.

Announcements

Cathy Gray: At 3:30 there is a workshop that has been omitted from the program, held at the Executive Room, Tech Support on the Fly, Lisa Holmberg. Also, please fill out the evaluations.

Anne Abrams: Silent auction is going on; winners will be announced at 5:40 and the live auction begins right after. Silent auction will close at 5:40. Results of this fundraiser go to support of the Intellectual Freedom fund.

Reminder: support the vendors and thanks to them for their support to the conference. Thanks also to the conference sponsors: Bibliographical Center for Research, OCLC Western Service Center, EBSCO Information Services, and Blackwell's Book Services.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Baird, Secretary