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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The fact that you're reading this in the *Idaho Librarian* shows that you're a loyal and perceptive follower of the Association's official organ. But how widespread is this act?

Christine DeZelar-Tiedman, our editor for the last three years, has expressed her wish to step down from her position. We persuaded her to stay on through this year's conference so we could once again consider the future of the *Librarian*.

I remember that when I first came to Idaho in the early eighties, the *Librarian* was a general library periodical with articles, library and member profiles and news, as well as the official minutes and announcements that made up the business of the association. In 1982 it won the H.W. Wilson award for library periodicals. However, as library publications multiplied and people's schedules became more hectic, it was more and more difficult to get good quality articles. News is now disseminated through *libidaho*, online mailing lists and the state library newsletter. The content of the *Librarian* was restricted by board policy so that it contains only the official record of meetings and communications from officers and committee chairs. Many of these proceedings are listed on the Web site. The Web site, e-mail and special mailings have become the predominant method of communicating with the membership.

Is there still a role for a printed *Idaho Librarian* that could not be subsumed by the Web site? More important, is there anyone out there who is willing to devote the time and energy to edit the *Librarian* and oversee its printing and distribution? We're considering putting the question of continuing a printed *Librarian* to the membership in the annual ballot, but in the meantime please contact me with your opinions, questions, or concerns about the *Idaho Librarian*.

**Ron Force**

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# ACADEMIC AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES DIVISION

*Why Information Literacy? "Doesn't  
Everybody Know How to Use the  
Library?"*

I recently shared with my Library Instruction Committee here at Idaho State University some student comments from Freshman Seminar focus groups regarding the two-hour library component in that class. One student expressed, "About the library thing, doesn't everybody know how to use the library?" Another student described the experience as follows: "That was the first time I had set foot in this library so I didn't really know what to expect. I heard a lot of scary stuff and thought that I'd never be able to use all the resources in the library. But when we got there, it was cool. It's so easy."

The two comments are good examples of prevalent perceptions our student population, and I think the public in general, have about the library and its role in the information gathering process. Unfortunately student number two remained completely ignorant of the complexities of today's information environment after the two-hour library component. What s/he learned in that component were far from information literacy skills. The student simply learned to look up a book in the online catalog and a periodical article in a basic database and fetch each item thereafter, nothing beyond rote learning. Coming to think of it, the instruction we provide in that component actually perpetuates a simplified view of the complex information environment and the abilities needed to understand and navigate within that environment. True, the purpose of the Freshman Seminar library component is simply to get the students acquainted with the library. Unfortunately that simple goal may also promote a false sense in a student's perception of his or her own information literacy competence. The teaching of information literacy skills requires a continuous cooperative effort between libraries and educational institutions, starting in K-12 and lasting through graduate school.

Michael Eisenberg, a featured speaker and facilitator of the ILA 2000 pre-conference has been a long-time promoter of information literacy at the K-12 level. His "Big Six Skills" approach provides a model for me-

dia specialists and teachers to move from teaching isolated "library skills" to teaching integrated information skills. To learn more about his model read his co-authored 1996 article in the ERIC Digest, available at <http://ericir.syr.edu/ithome/digests/computerskills.html>.

At the college level, the movement from library instruction to an integrated information literacy curriculum has been around for some time. Accreditation agencies are slowly incorporating information literacy standards into their documents.

The Institute for Information Literacy, founded by Cerise Oberman, now offers a yearly four-and-a-half day component of intensive training for instruction librarians or librarians interested in getting involved in instruction. For more information visit the IIL web site at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/nili/nilihp.html>. Furthermore, the newly approved ACRL Information Literacy Standards (available at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/ilcomstan.html>) provide a good framework for dealing with issues regarding the implementation of an information literacy program at the college level.

The teaching role of the library, especially the College and the School Library, is increasingly important in our fluid and complex information environment. Librarians need to get immersed in the issues to take part in this role. Michael Eisenberg will provide us with a good opportunity to get started.

**Rosmarie H. Fouad**

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

Tammy LeBeau, recipient of an ILA scholarship in 1999, has written an excellent summary of her progress toward an MLS degree. Tammy is enrolled in a distance program through Florida State University. After orientation in Tallahassee, she began classes via Internet. Assignments, chat sessions with fellow students and professors, and tests are learned and submitted over the wire. Reading, study and preparation take more of Tammy's time.

Tammy includes a copy of the "Culminating Activity" to her Foundations of Information Studies class. In the "Culminating Activity," Tammy explains how the four aspects of information studies (information seeking behavior, intellectual access, physical access, and management) work together to benefit the library patron.

Now in her second semester of distance studies, Tammy is pleased to be putting her studies immediately to use at the Nampa Public Library reference desk. Thanks to Tammy for her report, and for her dedication! The entire text of Tammy's letter and activity report are available to readers who request them. Write to Diane Broom at Boise Public Library.

A reminder: applications for scholarships and nominations for awards for the current year must be submitted by September 1, 2000. Both application forms are on the Idaho Library Association website ([www.idaholibraries.org](http://www.idaholibraries.org)). Or copy the forms from the April issue of the *Idaho Librarian*. Send to Scholarship and Awards Committee, c/o Diane Broom at Boise Public Library, 715 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83702. Phone (208) 384-4200, e-mail [dbroom@pobox.ci.boise.id.us](mailto:dbroom@pobox.ci.boise.id.us), or fax (208) 384-4156.

# ILA ANNUAL CONFERENCE PREVIEW

Below is the tentative schedule for the ILA Annual Conference in Lewiston in October. It is fairly bare bones at this point (no workshop descriptions yet); but the speakers and topics are here. It should be a great conference, and we on the conference committee hope everyone will attend. Look for your registration packets in late July or early August.

**Larry Almeida**

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ILA Annual Conference  
October 4-6, 2000  
Red Lion Hotel, Lewiston

## TENTATIVE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Wed. Oct 4

Pre-conference:

9:00-4:00 Michael Eisenberg and "Big6"

4:00 Board Meeting

6:00 Orientation for new committee chairs and board members.

7:00 Reception

### Thursday Oct. 5

7:30-8:30 Breakfast w/exhibitors

8:30-10:00 First General Session—Michael Eisenberg Keynote Speaker

10:00-10:30 Coffee & Tea with Exhibitors

10:30-12:00 Programs

Welcome to the Library Community—Gard Hanks

Grants—Kath Williams

Book Making the Legal Way—Ruth Barnes and Karen Glennon

E book—Joe Riess

Exemplary LSTA Projects

12:15-1:15 Lunch Speaker—

1:30-3:00 Round Tables

Spring Conference Committee members orientation  
Director's discussion of Internet Policies  
Legislative committee  
Idaho School Library Media Program Coalition  
Others

3:00-3:30 Break w/ exhibitors

3:30-5:00 Programs

Librarians and the Legislature (Panel Discussion)

John Watts with legislators Bruneel, Mader & Stegner.  
Topics for discussion will include:  
Charter Schools  
Current library legislation

Bookmaking the legal way—Ruth Barnes & Karen Glennon

IHC Speaker

Pick of the lists—Shelly Dyer

5:00-6:00 Cocktail hour. (Legislators & John Watts invited to join us)

6:00-8:00 Awards Banquet—Speaker, Pat McManus

8:00—? Intellectual Freedom Auction  
Vaughn Overlie Auctioneer!!

### Friday Oct. 6

7:30-8:00 Coffee w/ exhibitors

8:00-9:30 Division meetings

9:30-10:00 Visit w/ exhibitors

10:15—11:45 Programs

Idaho Network of Libraries—ISL staff

Copyright for Ed. Media—Sandi Shropshire

Serving YA library users—Patrick Jones

Project Development—Mary Bushing

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-1:45 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly

1:45-3:15 Programs

Books Bytes and Believers: A grassroots fundraising strategy—  
Terry Collings.

Website Evaluation—Adrien Taylor

Christian Collections—Kevin Booe

Celebrating Diversity—Azam Houle

3:30-5:00 Programs

Prospecting for Gold: The ABC's of Fundraising—Terry Collings

Power Card—Patrick Jones

Intellectual Freedom—ILA Intellectual Freedom Committee

Band-aids & Surgery: Bookmending with Eloise Young

5:00 We all head off to Camp Wittman for dinner and fun!

**Sat Oct. 7**

8:30 Executive Board Meeting

## IDAHO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - BOISE, IDAHO

January 11, 2000

Minutes - Approved April 11, 2000

Present: Ron Force, Larry Almeida, Charles Bolles, Jennifer O'Laughlin, Camille Wood, Rosmarie Fouad, Sandi Shropshire, Janet Strong, Marlene Earnest, Mary Edmonds, Christine Reynolds, Kevin Booe.

Call to Order: ILA President Ron Force called the meeting to order at 9:20am.

### Agenda Revisions

- Bulk mailings for conference mailings, etc. - Larry Almeida asked about bulk mailings for the Idaho Library Association October 2000 Conference; i.e., do the mailings go through the Moscow post office. Ron Force indicated that he and Almeida would discuss this issue outside the Executive Board meeting at a later date.
- Lobbyist - Force indicated that John Watts, ILA lobbyist, would be coming by later concerning his contract renewal. Lynn Melton is not able to attend the Executive Board meeting today because of job responsibilities. Force will discuss the lobbyist contract later in the agenda, rather than during his report.
- Business/Action - Discuss and vote on Ed Media Division's request that ILA cover the cost of division chairs/chairs-elect to attend the pre-conference Executive Board meeting.

### Announcements

The Idaho Library Association Legislative Breakfast scheduled for January 12, 2000, was cancelled. Sue Burwell, Legislative Information Desk, confirmed that legislative activities were canceled this week due to the death of Senator Jerry Twiggs (Blackfoot) Monday morning January 10, 2000.

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the November 3, 1999, ILA Executive Board were approved unanimously with the following corrections (Fouad/Almeida):

- Pacific Northwest Library Association annual conference, not the Public Library Association conference will be held in Eugene, Oregon, in 2001. The conference will focus on the Pacific Rim. (Strong)
- Concerning the treasurer's report, the Intellectual Freedom Committee is not removed from the "Special Funding" category. (Shropshire)



## Reports

### President - Ron Force

Force will discuss the lobbyist contract and a "simplified" ILA 2000 budget later in the meeting.

### First Vice-President - Larry Almeida

- Almeida reported that progress has been made in firming up the conference programming and the process is progressing smoothly. The planning activities are at targeted goal point.
- Almeida indicated that although there is a slight increase in the conference budget due to increased facility costs, conference income is expected to be \$26,910.00 and expenses are expected to be \$22,825. Discussion: Wood asked Strong what items were covered in the facilities expenses, as the budgeted amount seems high (increase from \$2500 to \$4500). Strong and Shropshire responded that although less Internet connections are required for this conference, meal costs are higher than usual. Wood mentioned Almeida's \$200.00 conference Board Travel expense is not necessary. Prior to 1998, travel for Board and conference speakers was included in the regular budget travel. Shropshire put \$1000 into Board Travel for the Executive Board meeting at the annual conference. Pre-conference income estimate is \$1000, and should draw about 40 people. Cost of the anticipated presenter is not set as to date.

### Second Vice-President - Marlene Earnest

- Regional Spring Conferences. All dates are set for the spring Regional Conferences. Two regions have scheduled the same date for spring conferences, but Bolles does not feel this will create a problem for ISL staff to attend.
- Southeast Idaho Regions V (Pocatello) and VI (Idaho Falls) will hold a joint conference, sharing facilities and presenters.
- School mailing labels are complete and have been forwarded via email to regional planners/chairs. The list includes charter, private, and public schools.
- Barbara Greever was contacted regarding the ILA signs. The ILA signs were ordered through Cutting Edge Signs of Moscow, Idaho. Earnest will order more signs for the Spring Regional Conferences. Wood, Earnest, Shropshire, and Bolles discussed if it would be more expedient for the sign company to ship the signs to each regional site, or if it would be more cost effective for Cutting Edge Signs to mail them to the State Library and then have the signs shipped to each regional site. Earnest will contact Cutting Edge Signs for the cost of shipping, then will contact Bolles if it is more cost effective for the State Library to ship them.

### Treasurer - Sandi Shropshire

2000 Budget with discussion led by Force and explanatory notes by Shropshire:

- Force's simplified budget indicates an income total of \$25,775.00 with an expected expense total of \$26,935.00, which leaves a deficit of \$1,160.00. Shropshire reminded the Board that income from the *Idaho Librarian*, membership, and regional conferences are based on 1999 actual income.
- There is not a final figure for the 1999 annual conference income and expenses. Income from the Intellectual Freedom Committee Auction is kept separate from the rest of the budget.
- Does the Board want to approve a budget that includes deficit spending? Wood/Almeida expressed concern that neither of them wants to run on a deficit budget. Additionally, Almeida would rather the Board focus on saving money by focusing on where the Board can cut expenses rather than focus on what can we support. Strong indicated that PNLA Representative expenses would be less than originally expected, which should help the deficit.
- Force reminded the Board that there was an accumulative \$14,000 surplus last year. He does not want to be too concerned with a deficit this year. He reminded Board members that the lobbyist contract would increase each year. The Boise conference was financially successful - which indicates that if conference income remains positive, then there should be no future deficit fiscal problems.
- Almeida suggested that the Board look further down the road to determine where funds are coming from. He was concerned that if corners are cut on conference programming, the organization risks losing membership. Citing Texas Library Association as an example of a library association holding a 501 c (3) status, Almeida suggested that ILA look into changing to a 501 c (3) status to attract donations. The limits of a 501 c (3) places a restriction on the amount of money an organization can spend on lobbyists. ILA currently holds a 501 c (6) status, which does not bind the percentage of monies that can be spent for a lobbyist. Unfortunately, any donations made to ILA are not tax deductible and may affect fund raising efforts.
- Wood observed that ILA membership income is declining, although ALA membership has seen an increase because of a more stable national economy. She questioned why ILA is not seeing the same type of increase. Mary Edmonds asked Wood if the increase in ALA membership was personal membership or institutional membership. Edmonds knew that several school librarians joined ALA because of anticipated benefits in the School division of ALA.
- Wood felt that the ILA budget should reflect ILA's major association goals. Challenging the Board to remain focused on the mission and goals of the organization, Almeida supported the idea that visibly showing membership the benefits of paying their dues will help draw support for the organization - i.e., annual conference workshops and regional workshops. Wood suggested that advertising targeting non-ILA members seems to have been positive in encouraging more non-ILA membership

participation in the Spring Regional Conferences. Force mentioned that some felt that the cost of attending Regional Conferences was too much for non-ILA member participants.

- Strong indicated many librarians perceive ALA advocacy negatively, and consequently ILA members may view ILA advocacy negatively. Stress should be placed on the positive aspects of advocacy and how it has positively affected local communities, i.e., Nampa Public Library's recent censorship challenge.
- Force, in a recent conversation with Dawn Wittman, discussed the need to increase dues of institutional members. It is the institutions that benefit directly from advocacy efforts. The maximum institutional dues are \$100.00. Bolles supported increasing institutional membership rather than raising individual membership. Romy Fouad recently spoke to four academic librarians and each stated that the dues were too high for what they perceived as a direct benefit of membership.
- Bolles questioned whether the budget Force outlined was already approved during the November 3, 1999, Board meeting. Shropshire indicated that it was not approved, and was confirmed by Reynolds.
- Lobbyist Expenses: Need to increase line item to \$6,500 (\$6000 plus 4 percent equals \$6,240 as specified in the lobbyist contract). The additional amount would cover some hourly costs as needed. An additional amount of \$550 in lobbyist expenses includes photocopying. Bolles suggested travel expenses connected to lobbyist should increase. Lobbyist will be funded to attend annual conference in Lewiston to report to the Executive board. It was agreed that \$7,000 should cover fees, expenses and travel for a total cost of the lobbyist.
- PNLA Representative: Strong asked to change the PNLA Representative budget from \$500 to \$100.
- Savings: Shropshire, at the recommendation of the banker, staggers the renewal dates of CDs to maximize the interest earnings. Edmonds asked if the interest rolled over or if it became a part expenditure. Shropshire responded that it rolls over, thereby increasing the equity of the CD.

Approval of 2000 budget will be readdressed later in today's meeting.

**Past President - Dawn Wittman.** No Report.

#### **State Librarian - Charles Bolles**

Karin Ford, Idaho State Library staff, resigned to take a job with OCLC-WLN in Washington State. She is also resigning as Academic/Special Libraries Division Chair-Elect. The State Library currently has three vacancies. The Gates Grant Workshops started today, with approximately 140 libraries benefiting from the grant process. There are 19 libraries not eligible and another 21 eligible libraries which have not applied. The process will take about six months to implement. The 2001 budget for the State Library is not known at this time.

#### **Divisions**

**Ed Media - Mary Edmonds.** No Report

**Public Library - Robert Wright.** No Report

**Trustee/Friends - Jennifer O'Laughlin.** No Report.

#### **Academic/Special Library - Romy Fouad**

Fouad/Bolles moved that Chris Ashby be accepted as chair-elect; carried unanimously.

#### **PNLA Representative - Janet Strong**

Strong will not be attending PNLA Conference. She asked for suggestions of where to collect information to put in her report to PNLA - she currently depends on the ISL Newsletter and does not feel she is getting all the information that would be pertinent.

#### **ALA Representative - Camille Wood**

Wood will attend ALA midwinter later this week. There is currently a conflict between the ALA Council and the ALA Board dealing with accreditation of individuals in addition to institutional accreditation.

1. Accreditation of librarians. ALA wants to offer educational opportunities for people to earn accreditation.
2. Book store/library partners controversy. Question as to the appropriateness for libraries to align themselves with promoting a specific bookstore and then to receive compensation for their promotion of the bookstore.
3. Professional degree issue. There will be a resolution to require the MLS degree as necessary for certain ALA positions. As an example, the ALA Director was not required to hold a MLS degree, nor is the director of the Washington, D.C. office.
4. Resolution concerning quorums and membership meetings. There is a concern that a small quorum can over-turn a council decision. Over the past seven years there has not been enough to meet the quorum requirements.
5. ALA Core Values Task Force. What are the principles of ALA? During the comment period, ALA members may mail or email responses prior to the ALA summer conference.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Legislative - Lynn Melton**

- Strong reported that the Legislative Breakfast scheduled for January 12, 2000, was cancelled. All Idaho State Legislature meetings and sessions were cancelled due to the death of Senator Jerry Twiggs.
- Historically, the ILA Legislative Breakfast has been held for the past eighteen years. Strong moved that ILA re-schedule the ILA Legislative Breakfast for February 4, 2000. Discussion followed as to whether holding the ILA Legislative Breakfast on a different date would be beneficial. The Legislative Breakfast has been tentatively rescheduled for February 4, 2000. A packet has already been put together for legislative members and Lynn Melton can distribute the packets at a later date.
- Bolles pointed out that the 4th is on a Friday and many legislative committees do not meet on Fridays. Force suggested that the Board could make a decision by e-mail at a later date as more information became available. ILA cannot afford the expense of an additional

Executive Board meeting to enable the Board to come back for another Legislative breakfast (Shropshire/Almeida). It would be prudent to ask that ILA members in the Boise area participate. Discussion followed concerning some of the ILA concerns that may come before legislature this term, such as trustee issues.

- Bolles suggested that from the ILA perspective, it may be better to have a clearer idea of what will be presented rather than as of now we do not know what will be presented. Almeida asked whether money would be saved if the Legislative Breakfast was not held. Strong indicated that the cost of the packets has already been committed, but that the cost of the food (about \$300.00) would be saved. Melton indicated only one other date would be available, and that date is Friday, February 25. Earnest suggested that packets be delivered and Shropshire added, that a contact list could also be provided with the packets. Wood suggested including a note of explanation of why this type of presentation rather than the annual breakfast and that the Legislature could look forward to next year's ILA Legislative Breakfast. Because there were no identifiable burning issues affecting libraries, the general consensus was to cancel the Legislative Breakfast for this year and to distribute the prepared packets. The Board will rely on the lobbyist to handle anything else that may come forth.
- Question was not called for a vote. The information packet will be distributed to all legislators expressing ILA's regrets for missing them this year. Included in the packet will be information on the Association, our goals, and the Association's thanks for continuing the funding for the LILI Database project.

## Business

### Funding Division Chairs/Chairs-Elect for Attendance at the Pre-conference Executive Board Meeting.

At the October 9, 1999, Executive Board meeting, it was suggested that ILA fund the conference expenses of divisional chairs. The motion was tabled for further discussion. Proposed by the Ed Media Division, it was felt that there would be more interest in running for office by members who have very little or no financial institutional support for conference attendance.

- Shropshire referred to the Treasurer's report, indicating that it costs approximately \$2000 per Executive Board Meeting.
- Earnest asked what each library did to defray conference attendance costs. As an example, Ed Media Division has a difficult time attracting membership to run for office. The majority of school districts will not fund the cost of travel for organizational board meetings. This creates a hardship for an elected member to attend the required two Board meetings during the annual conference.
- The majority of the Board either has their expenses paid through their institution or through out of pocket expense to attend the two Executive Board meetings associated

with the annual conference.

- Almeida was concerned that the Association could not afford the added expense, and questioned how the general membership would perceive paying for an additional meeting. Wood added that it is difficult to attract people to participate as officers, so it may be more appealing for other ILA members to get involved.
- Edmonds recommended that the nominating committee advise potential candidates about out of pocket expenses. In addition, Strong supported the concept that each person running for office should also know about the commitment of time and travel.
- Call for vote. Motion failed with one aye.

### Annual Budget Approval

Bolles/Almeida moved to approve the 2000 budget as modified earlier and with a deficit spending of approximately \$3805. Motion carried unanimously.

### Lobbyist concerns

The proposed lobbyist contract covers from December 30, 1999, to December 30, 2002. The contract calls for a basic fee of \$6,000.00 for FY 2000; \$7,000.00 for FY 2001; and \$8,000 for FY 2002. The cost of additional hours will consist of \$60.00 per hour for FY 2000; \$65.00 per hour for FY 2001; and \$70.00 for FY 2002. In addition there would be an administrative fee of 4% for the first year, 5% for the second year, and 6% for the third year. The yearly fee would include carrying one or two issues without extra payment, but not four or five. Bolles stated that John Watts' contract calls for Watts to represent/carry one or two issues for the contracted price of \$6500. Carrying four or five is too much required for that price. Who will make the decision about which issues to have the lobbyist carry? Force and Melton will communicate with the Board as to when this will be needed and thus the obligation to pay for the additional work.

### Strategic Plan Analysis and Revisions

Many of the activities outlined in the Strategic Plan were accomplished this past year, but are not reflected in the pursuing discussion. The following highlights reflect changes that need to be made to the plan:

Goal 1: Encourage and maintain a vital and active organization and membership.

\* Objective 1: By 2001, Idaho Library Association (ILA) membership will increase by 15% (75) above the final 1997 figure.

Activity 4. A drawing will be held at each annual conference for a one-year free membership. (Must be present to win.)

Discussion: This activity has not been implemented. Whose responsibility will it be to carry this out? By consensus of the Board, it was decided that it would be the First Vice-President's responsibility.

\* Objective 2: By 1999, recruit at least ten new people to be actively involved (committee membership and/or special project participation) in ILA.

Discussion: Change the year to 2001; change the number of people

to five. Almeida sees this as an ongoing objective and by 2001, at least ten new people will be recruited - regional spring conference chairs change, committee chairs change, etc. Wood asked if this objective was necessary with both activities accomplished - recruitment and review of organizational structure. Almeida indicated that the plan provides the impetus to continue recruitment of new people and review changing needs of the organizational structure of the organization; therefore, he feels it is a necessary objective to promote.

\* Objective 3: By 2000, in order to encourage the more active participation of its members, the ILA Board will examine the status of its continuing education efforts and make recommendations regarding its annual and regional conferences and its journal.

Activity 2. The board will develop a mission statement for the continued development of its annual and regional conferences.

Discussion: The Vice-President will prepare the mission statement for the annual conference; and the first vice-president will prepare a mission statement for the regional conference. These mission statements are to be prepared by the annual conference October 2000.

Goal 2: Advocate and promote Idaho's libraries.

\* Objective 1: Revise the Association communications plan to reflect current times and strategic planning included in this document.

Discussion: Barbara Greever created a plan last year. Force will check to see where this plan is located. Shropshire, Bolles and Wood concurred that although hiring a lobbyist is a very visible accomplishment to promote advocacy, a lobbyist does not relieve librarians/ILA members as responsible for advocacy activities. Shropshire suggested that Watts should be given time at the Annual Conference to discuss his legislative activities. Bolles also indicated that Erin McCusker should work with Ann Abrams, incoming Public Relations Chair, and John Watts to develop a program to be presented for the Annual Conference in October.

Goal 3: Promote intellectual freedom for all Idaho residents.

\* Objective 1: Continue to advocate for open access to information for all Idaho residents consistent with state law.

Activity 1. The Conference Committee will provide an annual conference program on confidentiality of records by 2000. Discussion: Almeida will look into this as a program suggestion.

\* Objective 2: Support Idaho's libraries and library staff on intellectual freedom issues.

Activity 2. The ILA Intellectual Freedom Committee will sponsor a program designed to provide current awareness on issues related to intellectual freedom at either the annual or regional conferences.

Discussion: Almeida and Earnest were asked if anything was planned for either annual or regional conferences. Almeida will talk to the Intellectual Freedom Committee concerning programming plans.

Goal 4: Provide opportunities for continuing education and informal communication opportunities for the membership.

\* Objective 2: Annually, 100% of the membership will have the opportunity to meet informally with others to discuss library issues and concerns of common interest.

Activity 1. At each annual conference there will be a series of round tables or interest groups on topics of general interest.

Discussion: Almeida will review the conference programming schedule to provide time and space for ILA committees to meet. A suggested time is Friday from 11am to 12:15pm.

Goal 5: Support and encourage the advancement of Idaho's libraries into the electronic age.

\* Objective 1: Explore how electronic resources might be more extensively shared between libraries.

Activity 1. Support the expansion of the state subscription program.

Should be read as: Support the expansion of the state electronic subscription program (i.e., LiLI-D).

Discussion: Earnest will make modifications to the strategic plan by the April Executive Board meeting.

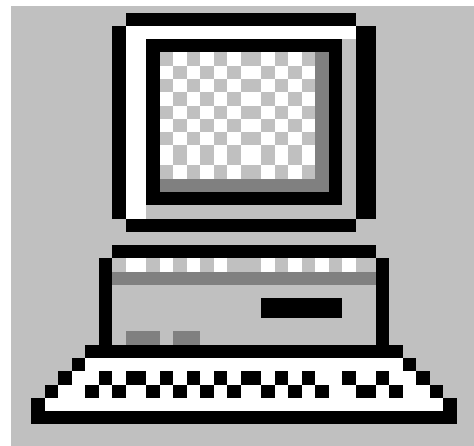
### Next Board Meeting

The next ILA Executive Board meeting will be held at the Sacajawea Inn in Lewiston, Idaho, April 11, 2000, at 8am for the Conference Planning Committee and at 9am Executive Board Meeting.

### Adjournment

Shropshire/Wood moved that the meeting be adjourned; passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine L. Reynolds  
Secretary



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## BOOK REVIEW

Russell, Bert and Marie. *Rock Burst*. Intro. by Barbara Howard Meldrum. Moscow, Idaho: University of Idaho Press, 1998. HB ISBN 0-89301-197-5, \$39.95

Bert and Marie Russell have written a book about the lives of the people who lived in the Coeur d'Alene mining district and the surrounding areas during the late 19th century and most of the 20th century. The book is about the ordinary people who worked in the mines, on the railroads, in the timber industry, and on the farms around Kellogg, Harrison, and Wallace. The book begins with the mining districts, and then moves on to the timber industry that surrounds this area and then on to what the authors call the valley people and the farmers.

Over a 22-year period the Russells collected 27 stories from the people who lived in the district. Using the storytellers' own words makes the writing a bit uneven, but that goes with the territory of oral history. Any shortcomings in the literary quality of the stories are more than compensated by the first-hand view into the daily life of that time and place. The reader gets a good look at the routines, the hardships, the fun. Miners tell of the dangers they faced from accidents, fires and silicosis. Witnesses tell of trains that ran away, exploded, or regularly broke in two when Fred Wolff was at the throttle. One man recalls that there was always a keg of beer at third base so that anyone who made it that far got a drink. There are stories about the women who married the men who worked in the area. These women were more than housewives. Some also worked at jobs outside the home from teaching dance to working in the forest industry, on farms, and in hospitals.

The narrators tell not only about their adult lives, but also about their childhoods, where they came from and why they came. They came from all over, some from the Scandinavian countries, some from other parts of Europe, some from various parts of the United States. They came looking for work, trying to escape poverty or military conscription at home, or seeking religious freedom. They tell about the effects of the great depression and of World War II. The stories in this book present a socio-economic history of the times. It is a good study of the problems in not only the area surrounding Kellogg, Wallace and Harrison, but also in the United States and Europe.

The Russells have included a map of the area covered in this study as well as photographs, a glossary, an index, and a bibliography. Anyone interested in Idaho history, especially the Coeur d'Alene mining district, should find valuable information here. *Rock Burst* is an excellent addition to the Living the West Series.

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## NEWS

### *YRCA Winners Announced*

The Pacific Northwest Library Association is pleased to announce the 2000 Young Reader's Choice Award winners:

*A Mouse Called Wolf* by Dick King-Smith (Crown, 1997) was the favorite for the Junior Division (4th -8th grades); the titles that are runners-up are *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine (HarperCollins, 1997) and *Wringer* by Jerry Spinelli (HarperCollins, 1997).

*The Taking of Room 114* by Mel Glenn (Lodestar, 1997) was chosen as the favorite for the Senior Division (9th-12th grades); the titles that are runners up are *Painting the Black* by Carl Deuker (Houghton Mifflin, 1997) and *Shade's Children* by Garth Nix (HarperCollins, 1997).

The award was established in 1940 by a Seattle bookseller, the late Harry Hartman, who believed students should have an opportunity to select a book that gives them pleasure. In March 2000, over 45,000 students from the Pacific Northwest (Alaska, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia and Alberta) participated in this annual event.

The 2001 list of YRCA nominees is now available on the Pacific Northwest Library Association's official website: <http://www.pnla.org> or by sending SSAE to YRCA, Betty J. Holbrook, YRCA Chair, Marshall Public Library, 113 S. Garfield, Pocatello, ID, 83204; or by e-mail [betty@spidaweb.eils.lib.id.us](mailto:betty@spidaweb.eils.lib.id.us).

### *LIVE! At the Library 2000*

This two-year project, which began in April 2000, offers opportunities for libraries, authors and artists, and arts organizations to present theme-based cultural programs for family and adult library audiences. The programs will feature "live" appearances by literary, visual, and performing artists to explore important issues and ideas that face communities all across America. RFP applications are available from ALA through your ILA chapter.

# BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The following is a list of books available for review in the *Idaho Librarian*. If you would like to review one of these titles, please e-mail Christine DeZelar-Tiedman (chrisd@belle.lib.uidaho.edu). Postal address: University of Idaho Library, Rayburn Street, P.O. Box 442350, Moscow, Idaho 83844-2350 USA.

Christensen, Scott R. *Sagwitch: Shoshone Chieftan, Mormon Elder, 1822-1887*. Logan, Utah: Utah State University Press, c1999.

*Contested Landscape: the Politics of Wilderness in Utah and the West*. Ed. by Doug Goodman and Daniel McCool. Salt Lake City: Univ. of Utah Press, 1999.

Crandall, David. *Fly Free as Easy as 1-2-3*. Boise: Legendary Publishing, c1998.

Fleischner, Thomas Lowe. *Singing Stone: a natural history of the Escalante Canyons*. Salt Lake City: Univ. of Utah Press, 1999.

*Hemingway and the Natural World*. Ed. by Robert E. Fleming. Moscow: University of Idaho Press, 1999.

Hochman, Jhan. *Green Cultural Studies: Nature in Film, Novel and Theory*. Moscow: University of Idaho Press, 1998.

Holmes, Don W. *Highpoints of the United States : a Guide to the Fifty State Summits*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Salt Lake City: Univ. of Utah Press, 2000.

Hosac, Chet. *The Orphan*. Boise: Legendary Pub. Co., c1999.

Hunter, Rodello. *A Daughter of Zion*. Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1999.

Knudson, Barbara. *Living in Chaos, Walking in Peace: A Matter of Ascension*. Boise: Legendary Publishing, c1998.

Kuhns, Michael. *A Guide to the Trees of Utah and the Intermountain West*. Logan, Utah: Utah State University Press, 1998.

Lindsay, Jeanne Warren and Jean Brunelli. *Nurturing Your Newborn: Young Parents' Guide to Baby's First Month*. Buena Park, CA: Morning Glory Press, 1999.

Madsen, Betty M. and Madsen, Brigham D. *North to Montana! Jehus, Bullwhackers, and Mule Skinners on the Montana Trail*. Logan, Utah: Utah State University Press, c1998.

Madsen, Brigham D. *Chief Pocatello*. Moscow: University of Idaho Press, 1999, c1986.

Moeller, Bill and Jan. *Lewis & Clark: A Photographic Journey*. Missoula, Mont.: Mountain Press Pub. Co., 1999.

Peterson, John Alton. *Utah's Black Hawk War*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1999.

Sanford, Marcelline Hemingway. *At the Hemingways: with fifty years of correspondence between Ernest and Marcelline Hemingway*. Centennial ed., with a forward by Michael Reynolds. Moscow: University of Idaho Press, 1999.

*A Sweet, Separate Intimacy: Women Writers of the American Frontier, 1800-1922*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2000.

*When We Say We're Home: a quartet of place and memory*. Salt Lake City: Univ. of Utah Press, 1999.

White Hat, Albert, Sr. *Reading and Writing the Lakota Language*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1999.

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