

Minutes, ILA Executive Board  
Location: Pocatello, Red Lion Hotel  
Oct. 5, 2005

Present: Anne Abrams, Annie Adamson, Lynn Baird, Lynne Bidwell, Pam Bradshaw, Val Fenske, Kay Flowers, Cathy Gray, Barbara Greever, Tamra Hawley House, Tim Hillebrand, Phil Homan, Ann Joslin, Vicki Kreimeyer, Elaine Leppert, Linnea Marshall, Gina Persichini, Cheri Rendler, Sandra Shropshire, Nancy Sprague, Norma Jean Sprouffske, Elaine Watson, Nancy Young

Meeting convened at: 4:03 pm

### **Agenda review**

#### **Announcements**

Cathy Gray: Roundtable rooms listed on green sheet are incorrect; refer to program. One workshop has been omitted; 3:30, in Executive Room, Lisa Holmberg will present "Tech Support on the Fly".

Election results: Lynne Bidwell, Secretary; Anne Abrams, PNLA Representative; Tamra Hawley House, vice-president, President-elect.

#### **New Officer Orientation**

Barbara Greever reviewed the roles and responsibilities for the incoming board members and committee chairs. One question came up regarding the schedule of board meetings in the upcoming year, which will be established at the Saturday board meeting. Vicki reported that the one date established for future board meetings has been set as it is in conjunction with the next legislative breakfast.

Legislative Breakfast is set for Jan. 19, 2006.

#### **Collective activities (Persichini)**

Gina Persichini reported on the results of her survey conducted this summer. [report attached]

- Need clear definition of collective activities
- Create narrow focus
- Interest in the Idaho bibliography (more activity in this area)
- Identify a purpose

Suggestions: to decide what this is, what the role of ILA is in terms of taking action. The Idaho Bibliography is compiled by Nancy Rosenheim, chair of the committee. There is a concern to bring the Idaho Book Award, the Idaho Bibliography Committee, and the Idaho Librarian editors together to review and support activities in this area.

Kreimeyer reports that this report responds to the request for information from the strategic plan and helps bring out a need for additional work on collective activities. The report was received with thanks.

### **Conference Committee Update (Gray)**

Registration is in the atrium at 7:30 am. Breakfast is with the vendors. Tonight's activities begin in atrium. Open house will be done via bus. Registrations: 144 as of this evening. 24 vendors; we had to reject several vendors due to space limitations.

### **Executive reports:**

#### **President (Greever) [full report posted]**

Having a strategic plan report card turned out to be more difficult than anticipated. Greever intends to report at the Nov. meeting when the information is more complete.

#### **Vice-president (Fenske)**

Reports on the regional conferences indicate that regions 2, 3, 5, 6 had successful spring conferences. 1 and 2 will not have a meeting next year, Region 1 prefers meeting internally and Region 2 will have the annual conference in the fall. New chairs include Region 3: Sue Walker, ISL/Colleen, Payette Public will co-chair the next year; Region 5 & 6 will be chaired by Gaila Clough.

#### **Past president (Kreimeyer) [full report posted]**

Separate mailing for the ballot was very successful in terms of return (over 126).

#### **Treasurer (Bradshaw) [full report posted]**

We budgeted \$100,000 and spent \$36,000 as of this point. Membership numbers are down. Budgets have been done generously and we have been spending conservatively.

#### **State librarian (Joslin) [full report posted]**

ISL budget; LSTA, legislative issues, planning processes, and other services are highlighted in this report.

### **Division chair reports**

#### **Academic/special (Young) [full report posted]**

Attended all the Executive Board meetings and arranged several different programs. Greg Notess is doing three different sessions at this conference and the Blogging session is Jenny Semesta and Analisa Smith.

This division is going to have a discussion about having a secretary and may review this position in its bylaws.

### **Ed. media (Sprouffske) [full report posted]**

This has been a good platform for getting the Ed Media message out to different venues. Membership in ILA has its benefits, such as access to different levels of politicians, collaborations with other librarians, etc.

### **Public (Leppert)**

Two issues will come before the members of the Public Library division this year. One is related to how to hold divisional elections. The other is the criteria for the Idaho Library of the Year Award, which was not awarded this year, awaiting the formulation of the criteria.

### **Trustees/Friends (Hillebrand) [full report posted]**

--membership proposal: Hillebrand requested in absentia that the three categories of membership in his division be tracked separately. (Hillebrand/Baird)

Discussion about the need and ability of current systems to support this request ensued. Board members saw that this would provide important information to the division and that it was possible to provide. Motion passed unanimously

### **Other**

#### **ALA Council Report (Flowers)**

Flowers apologized for being unable to attend the annual conference and has made a copy of Jonathan Betz-Zall's (the Washington chapter councilor) report available to membership through the LIB-IDAHO listserv; some issues include e-rate public rule-making in progress and MLS requirement for directors—should administrators be required to have this degree? One solution might be through the Certified Public Library Administrator designation and a second RFP has been issued. Katrina relief is an important focus of librarians for the primary tragedy as well as for conference planning as New Orleans is the intended site of the 2006 annual conference.

#### **PNLA Report (Watson) [full report posted]**

Watson researched how other library associations handle travel requirements for the PNLA representative are funded and brought forth a proposal that ILA change its method of supporting this position. The PNLA representative in Idaho receives funding for one board meeting while PNLA pays for the other. PNLA holds 2 board meetings at the annual conference, and the representative and his/her library are responsible for funding this attendance. For others: Oregon pays all conference expenses, Montana covers travel and room but not conference registration, and Alberta covers a portion of the travel expense.

Currently the PNLA Representative is funded on the same model as the ALA Councilor. It was suggested that equal treatment should apply for the ALA Councilor and PNLA Representative; this will be revisited at the Nov. Board meeting.

## **Committee reports**

### **Legislative committee (Kreimeyer/Watts) [full report posted]**

Letter from Hagerman Public Library, Wilma Butigan. As a result of receiving the honor of Idaho Library of the Year, many positive things have occurred: donations for a future library/civic center, participation in the summer reading program, and support from the library board to permit all children who participated in the summer reading could have free library cards until the close of the fiscal year, irrespective of their place of residency.

John Watts is unable to join us due to the interim tax commission meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

Two legislators will join us this year, speaking at the no-conflict session on Friday.

Two proposals:

1. ILA support the ISL Budget request for 2007 (Kreimeyer/Baird): in addition to MCO, new funds for \$333,700 for the resource sharing portion of LiLI-U (the Idaho catalog, WorldCat, and unlimited ILL for all Idaho participant libraries); \$150,000 for the Read to Me program; \$150,000 in one-time funds for equipment and furnishing in the training/conference center planned for the space being vacated by the Historical Society Library and \$50,000 for strengthening the professional development collection. Joslin noted that these requests are listed in priority order (Passed unanimously, with Joslin abstaining)
2. ILA support legislation proposed by the Idaho State Library to amend the state library statute in the Idaho Code, Title 33, Chapter 25, as follows:  
(Kreimeyer/Baird):

- Change the name of the Idaho State Library to the Idaho Commission for Libraries in all sections of the Idaho Code to better reflect its mission, "to assist libraries to build the capacity to better serve their clientele."
- Change the name of the governing board to the Board of Library Commissioners and repeal outdated language in 33-2502
- Revise the makeup of the board and amend its powers and duties to better reflect its changed mission
- Create a new section to clearly define the State Librarian's authority to employ staff.

Passed unanimously, with Joslin abstaining.

Task Force on Library Advocacy was brought up as a placeholder for the Executive Board to remember in case we have initiative petition issues affecting libraries for which we must respond.

Other reports as presented on website:

**Advocacy and Public Relations Committee (Subach)**

**Book Award Committee (Kathy Watson)**

**Conference Manual Revision Sub-Committee (Pratt-Toppen)**

**Constitution and By-Laws Committee (Shropshire)**

**Idaho Librarian Annual Report (Homan)**

**Intellectual Freedom Committee (Greenlee)**

**Scholarships, Recruitment, and Awards Committee (Gunter)**

**Secretary (Baird)**

**Webmaster (Samuelson)**

### **Action items**

#### **Corporate membership benefit/exhibit space (Babbitt/Marshall)**

Selling specific vendor space as an incentive. Exhibits need to be coordinated, such as flexibility to separate competitors, double-booths, last-minute changes. How to determine first choice (first paid?), real estate prices. Limits?

What do we know about the needs of for corporate members?

Can we send this to the membership committee? Barbara Greever and Lynne Bidwell have volunteered to serve on the Membership Committee.

#### **Katrina Relief (Greever)**

Greever recommends we donate \$600 to support relief funds to ALA's program, the Hurricane Katrina Library Relief Fund. These funds are to be distributed to the library associations of the affected areas and is designed to go to all types of libraries depending on the needs determined by the local areas.

Greever received a recommendation from Donna Hanson, ILA member, which was distributed to the Executive Board members, on a different strategy of sponsoring a library in the affected areas with funds and books. [letter posted on website]

A discussion of the two proposals ensued. What if this were us? ALA is away from the problem area and thus has a better way of coordinating with the state library associations. If we contribute to a fund, we are leveraging our contribution to a larger body.

Motion: (Kreimeyer/Flowers) to adopt the plan suggested by Greever (\$500 from Presidents, \$500 from contingency, and \$500 from the Idaho Librarians honorarium)  
Motion passed unanimously.

Strategic Plan (Greever) tabled until Saturday's meeting

Meeting review/Plus-Delta

+Great flow

+Good agenda

+Website great

- +Prepared sandwiches worked well (timesaving)
- room temperature
- +Nice and warm in this room
- +Timing great; able to attend on time
- +Extremely informative as a new member
- +Thank you for allowing me to sit in
- +Nothing new to add
- +Sadness; thankfulness for service to association

Adjourned at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Baird  
Secretary