

Indiana Library Federation
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 6, 2014, 2:00 p.m.
Indianapolis, IN

Attendance: Susan Akers, Marcia Au, Ruth Szpunar, LeeAnn Biggs, Heather McNabb, Kevin Petsche, Kathy Burnette, Gigi Shook, Robin Crumrin, Connie Bruder

Phone: Kelly Ehinger, Amy Harshbarger, Renee Wozniak Anderson, Terry Rheinheimer, Jim Cline

Also present: Laurel Setser (ILHB)

President Marcia Au called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: no additions

Approval of Minutes: on a motion by Crumrin and a second by Petsche, the minutes of January 8, 2014 were approved. (all in favor). There were some changes proposed to the November 2013 minutes:

- Change Laurel Setser from “guest” to “attendance.”
- There was some discussion as to whether legislation action items should go to non-member library directors or only to member directors, and it was decided to send information to all library directors.
- Change *report* to report under agenda item from the ALA councilor

Correspondence: Akers reported on a miscommunication in the office that had to do with trustees registering for an event. The problem has been discussed with staff. Susan gave a copy of the letter to President Au.

ILF Officers Report

- **Amy Harshbarger** - The treasurer’s report was reviewed. The Statement of Activity showed the budget being similar to where we were last year. Bank charges are over budget because our charge card fees for annual conference were not added in. When we updated to the new membership system, the office inadvertently excluded bank charges from expenses. On a motion by McNabb and a second by Szpunar, the treasurer’s report was approved. (all in favor)
- **Kevin Petsche** - The Insurance Benefit Fund (a/ka the Health and Wellness Fund) originally had a \$51,000 balance that Anthem refunded to ILF in April 1999. ILF invested it at Prudential and eventually Wells Fargo – where now it’s over \$193,000. The fund was being stewarded by the insurance committee and they had limited it to health and wellness program expenses (i.e. water bottles, pedometers). The ILF office has engaged with a law firm to look into the details of this fund. An update is forthcoming.

ILF Office Report – Susan Akers

- The vote to change the membership year to a calendar year passed 216 – 9.
- Membership was promoted to past non-member attendees and to all library directors.
- IPLA and the Indianapolis Public Library Foundation are co-sponsoring a trolley loop for several hours during the PLA conference.
- ILF is helping to organize members for a welcome table at the airport.
- ILF staff and planning team are gearing up for the annual conference with the theme “A New Page in Libraries.”
- The mentoring program has five matches. One of the cohorts at the State Library’s leadership academy are going to help the ILF develop an advocacy section on the website.
- The ILF participated in the “Replace, Don’t Erase” campaign originated by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns.
- Personal membership has increased by 267 compared to this time last year and currently stands at 1,128 personal members.
- New Membership Services Coordinator, Megan Zanto, is scheduled to start February 25, 2014.

Discussion and Action Items

- **Strategic Plan** - Crumrin stated the new plan would be approved no later than May but possibly late March. She would like to see more board members volunteer to oversee objectives, people, timeline. Kelly Ehinger will continue working on Charter 2 and Heather McNabb offered to work wherever needed.
- **Nominating Committee Representatives** - Robin Crumrin as Past President will serve as chair and is requesting that association chairs ask their members to serve on the nominating committee. Representatives should be in place at least six months before the annual conference. We are in need of an At-Large Director, an Assistant Treasurer and someone from AISLE for Vice President (2015) since that is a rotating position.

- **New Directors Packet** - Susan Akers reported the Indiana State Library sends information to new library directors and has allowed the ILF to include material. ILF has drafted a brochure for new directors and will ask a couple of board members to critique it. Both McNabb and Au agreed to help
- **ILTA: Status of Association** - Au stated that the ILTA has struggled for the last several years with decreasing interest and they are looking at ways to revitalize the association. One model they looked at was from the ALA called United for Libraries. This model includes Library Trustees and Friends. They also include engaging programming. Au reiterated that we do have FOIL but they are fairly small. Biggs and Ehinger both volunteered.

Association Reports

- **IPLA** - Ehinger reported the association met in January at the IPL service center. They are co-sponsoring a trolley during the PLA Conference with ILF. The association is currently working on a conference for fall and a column for *Focus on Indiana Libraries*.
- **AISLE** - Shook reported AISLE representatives Susie Highley and Leslie Sutherlin met with a representative from the Department of Education and everything went well. AISLE is currently looking for a space for a meeting in June.
- **IALA** - Szpunar said the association is still looking for a secretary and had planned to do an ACRL webinar but hadn't gotten an ACRL officer involved as of yet.
- **ILTA** - Biggs had nothing to report.

ALA Councilor - Rheinheimer reported ALA has increased membership over last year. They did not pass a resolution to recognize Edward Snowden but are working on a resolution to improve communication. ALA is waiting for their annual conference to decide procedures regarding Net Neutrality. Lemony Snicket, through the ALA, has established a \$3000 Prize for Noble Librarians Faced with Adversity. Crumrin reminded the board of the Declaration for the Right to Libraries campaign sponsored by the ALA. There will be a ceremony in DC and more information will be coming from the ILF office. The 2014 ALA online voting session will run from March 19 - April 25, 2014. The election is entirely online for members in good standing.

Ex-Officio Member Report - Connie Bruder (Indiana State Library) said the State Library is increasing the number of webinars it offers for professional development. This will also increase the number of LEU opportunities available. The Library will once again participate in the national Center for the Book sponsored-program, Letters about Literature. The Indiana State Library will host the semifinalists on April 26. The Indiana State Library will host a PLA reception at the PLA conference in March. The Library will have a director search opening soon. Connie reported that the ISL may be replacing Web Junction and is looking into alternative programs.

Report from ILHB - Setser reminded us the IHLB is the only board that actually hires a director. 18 members of ILHB are working on revising the standards. They tried to get a cross section of people. The members are charged with defining the parameters of what needs to be updated.

Discussion Items:

- Old Business - None.
- New Business - there will be new Eliot Rosewater bookmarks for sale in the ILF Online Store or they can be ordered using the PDF form on the ILF site.

Announcements:

- The next meeting is on March 20, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at ILF office park, building 911, lower level

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 pm.
Submitted by Kathy M Burnette, Secretary