



Indiana Library Federation
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2012
ILF Office Park, Indianapolis, IN

Attendance: Jason Hatton, Kelly Ehinger, Dennis LeLoup, Cheryl Blevens, Kate Conklin, Denise Keogh, Robin Crumrin, Scott McFadden, Amy Harshbarger; Susan Akers, Wendy Knapp, AnneMarie Chambers

Present on the phone: John Borneman, Terry Rheinheimer, LeAnn Biggs, Jim Cline, Leslie Sutherland, Mary Clare Speckner, and Nick Schenkel.

President Dennis LeLoup called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes from November meeting: on a motion by Borneman and second by Hatton, the minutes of the November 14, 2011 were unanimously approved.

ILF Officer Reports

Jason Hatton presented the treasurer's report reflecting the first quarter of FY2012. He advised that the office and he are still revising the reports, the conference proceeds were excellent and more than \$23,000 more than expected. He also noted that the FY2012 budget is a nine-month budget because of the change in the fiscal year. On a motion by Crumrin and second by Ehinger, the treasurer's report was accepted as submitted (all in favor).

ILF Office Report – Susan Akers

- The conference received many positive comments. The Fort Wayne location costs per person are significantly less than Indianapolis (2009 - \$129 / person was realized; 2010 - \$135; 2011 – \$161), and this includes vendor revenue added in. Fewer people attended the 2012 conference but more revenue was realized than in recent years.
- The current membership stats were presented. Overall in comparison to February 2011, personal membership is down. The membership drive is in place for institutional and trustee at this time, and a new outreach for academic libraries began at the end of December. Currently, institutional membership has increased, and trustee membership is lower. A lower attendance at the annual conference could account for the decrease in memberships because some people only join if they plan to attend annual conference.
- Akers reported on an August launch to the state library's leadership program.
- The Legislative Action Plan was approved by e-vote in December. The Legislative Action Plan is posted on the ILF website.
- A summary of the legislation affecting libraries and a report by Laurel Setser, co-chair of the ILF Legislative Committee, was distributed.

Action Items

- *2013 Conference location:* AnneMarie Chambers presented options for the 2013 conference. Option 1: the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne from Monday, October 21 through Wednesday, October 23 with an estimated final bill of \$20,976. Option 2: the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis from Sunday, November 17 – Tuesday, November 19 with an estimated final bill of \$40,778. Option 3: JW Marriott in Indianapolis from Sunday, November 24 to Tuesday, November 26 with an estimated final (but incomplete) bill of \$10,000. The final bills are not reflective of the Indiana

Library Federation's final net income as each location will net very similar incomes. After discussion of the difficulty of school librarians to attend any one of the times available, the timing of Thanksgiving and fall breaks, and the historically lower attendance in Fort Wayne, the action item was tabled by Dennis LeLoup. A survey will be created by the ILF office staff to solicit input from the ILF membership to help determine the best option.

- *Request for Funds from Rainy Day*: Susan Akers requested \$1,000 from the Rainy Day fund to provide marketing / advocacy materials on the value of public libraries. On the motion by John Borneman and second by Kelly Ehinger, this request was approved. (all in favor). It was suggested by the board that if the project is successful in bringing awareness of public library value, then the project should be incorporated into the regular budget. The board requested an update at the May meeting on this project.

Association Reports

- IPLA: Jim Cline and Nick Schenkel provided a report for IPLA. The first meeting this year will be held on Wednesday, January 25 in Danville.
- AISLE: Denise Keogh provided a report on AISLE. The AASL conference was attended by several of the Indiana school librarians and was reported to be excellent. The Survivor Conference may be dropped. The AISLE board meets at the end of this month.
- IALA: Cheryl Blevens reported that IALA is preparing a one-day conference at Indiana State University in Terre Haute.
- ILTA: no report

Committee Reports

- Legislative Committee: Nick Schenkel & Susan Akers
 - It was reported that Rep. Espich introduced HB1072 which is being heard in the House Ways & Means Committee. The bill is a clean-up bill for the DLGF, but includes a provision which would require libraries' budgets to be approved by the county council (binding review). Laurel Setser appeared before the Committee to present ILF's view supporting the non-binding review.
 - Part of the Indiana State Library's clean-up bill recommends a change in the way in which the ILHB appointees are selected. The ILF Legislative Committee will address this, as this might result in loss of active library-related representation on the ILHB board.
 - John Borneman reported on a letter written to him by the co-chairs of the Legislative Committee assessing the legislative advocates, representation of ILF, and the retirement of John Barnett. The Committee believes ILF should stay with Bose Affairs, but there is a possibility of renegotiating the contract which is currently \$53,200 per year.

ALA Councilor: Terry Rheinheimer

- ALA Midwinter is approaching. Rheinheimer is looking forward to the discussion of e-books – ownership and other rules. Also, Rheinheimer notes that, according to District Dispatch, a petition to support school libraries, funding, and librarians is online and she encourages everyone to sign it.

State Library: Wendy Knapp

- Wendy Knapp covered some points of the ISL clean-up bill. The bill would repeal ISLAC which now unnecessarily requires four meetings a year.
- SB361, which addresses I-Light, has been initially written in such a way that might exclude the libraries' (including the Indiana State Library) use of the state backbone. This would be ruinous to state services such as INSPIRE and Evergreen Indiana. However, the intent of the bill was to eliminate the expansion of the state backbone to private enterprise and an amendment has been filed which helps to define who can and cannot use the state backbone.

Old Business – none

New Business

- On a motion by Jason Hatton and second by John Borneman, a \$1,000 bonus was awarded by AnneMarie Chambers for her work on the 2011 annual conference.
- Susan had earlier brought to the attention of the executive committee the question of paying a two-day-per-week employee holiday pay. The confusion lies in her interpretation of the employee manual defining [under "Vacation"] as someone working half of the full-time hours which would be at least 18.75 hours per week. The manual states under "Holiday" that pay should be in proportion to the number of hours worked per week for a part-time person. In late December, the executive committee had a phone meeting and voted unanimously to not allow additional holiday pay for the financial manager, but instead the \$172 (paid at year-end) would be a bonus for her outstanding work at ILF. It was decided that the executive committee needs to study the employee handbook and come up with a clear definition of part time and the exact benefits that part time would receive.

Announcements

- National Library Legislative Day will be held on April 23-24 in Washington, D.C.
- Dennis LeLoup will be on the ballot for the 2014 Caldecott Committee. This is quite an honor and has been a dream of LeLoup's for quite some time.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42.

Next meeting:

March 20 at 3:30 pm at the ILF office park, building 911, lower level.