

LIBRAS
Annual Meeting Minutes
North Central College
April 15, 2004

Present: Ted Schwitzner, (North Central College), Carolyn Sheehy (North Central College), Sonia Bodi (North Park University), Susan Swords Steffen (Elmhurst College), Ursula Zyzik (St. Xavier University), Iva Freeman (Kendall College), Larry Wild (Judson), Luann DeGreve (Benedictine), Rosemary Henders (North Central), Ryan Williams (North Central), Belinda Cheek (North Central), Laura Patterson (Lewis), Ayanna Gaines (Elmhurst), Virginia Gale (University of St. Francis), Gladys Hughes (University of St. Francis), John Law (Concordia), Lisa Richmond (Wheaton), Lynn Hammerlund (Judson), Sharon Nelson (Benedictine), Lisa Gonzalez (Trinity Christian College)

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by Ted Schwitzner.

2. Sue Stroyan, University Librarian at Illinois Wesleyan, gave a presentation entitled "The Library as a Space in a Digital Age." She chronicled the planning process that led to the completion of construction of the Ames Library in 2001. A new president in 1989 led the university in a new direction, as the president was anxious to see Illinois Wesleyan develop a reputation as a nationally recognized liberal arts university. Planning for a new building began in 1996. The new library would be technologically advanced, yet warm and inviting. Plans for housing the collection focused on content, not format. Multiple group spaces were important, as the university had come to realize that multiple gathering spaces were needed in addition to the new student center. Spaces for group work and instruction include an information commons, project rooms, a meeting room, instruction lab and auditorium.

3. The annual report was distributed, and President Luann DeGreve reviewed a few highlights of the report. The LIBRAS Administrative Handbook is being revised, and a draft for an Officer's Handbook is in the works. LIBRAS is sponsoring an information literacy event in November 2004.

4. Ursula Zyzik, Continuing Education Coordinator, reviewed the results of the Continuing Education surveys. The executive committee will write a draft of a revised continuing education policy and application form by the spring directors' meeting.

5. Sonia Bodi announced the results of the elections for LIBRAS executive board for 2004-2005. This election was the first conducted entirely online, and 86 people returned ballots for the LIBRAS election. New officers are:
Treasurer: Sally Henderson, North Park University
Secretary: Elaine Page, Elmhurst College
Vice President: Larry Wild, Judson College

6. Ted Schwitzner spoke about his goal of completing a strategic plan for LIBRAS during his presidency. The last strategic plan was five years ago, and the landscape for academic libraries in Illinois has changed significantly since then. Roosevelt has expressed interest in joining LIBRAS, but has not made a formal application yet.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Gonzalez
Secretary