

Thursday, May 26, 2011

A.C. Buehler Library, Elmhurst College

Present: Approximately 50 attendees.

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

Business Meeting

Ken Orenic, LIBRAS President (Dominican), welcomed attendees and thanked Elmhurst College for hosting. Susan Swords Steffen (Elmhurst) greeted attendees and welcomed everyone to the A.C. Buehler Library. Attendees introduced themselves.

Annual Reports:

Amy Weidner, Communications Coordinator (Benedictine): Wade Stewart (Elmhurst) migrated the LIBRAS website to Drupal CMS; the site is about 55% migrated right now. The LIBRAS Lines blog has been migrated, and blog posts have doubled. The LIBRAS listservs were force-populated, but this has not been entirely successful. Website usage has doubled since the move to Drupal. Please contact Amy with any communications.

April Levy, Secretary (Columbia): The Secretary's job is to take Minutes at Executive Committee meetings, Directors' Meetings, and the Annual Meeting. All Minutes are posted on the LIBRAS website, so please feel free to read them there to learn more about LIBRAS' activities.

Terry Cottrell, Treasurer (St. Francis): The Treasurer is responsible for reconciling accounts and processing reimbursements. The goals for this year were to go paperless and enable online banking. Terry only wrote one print check all year. He hopes to completely retire print checks in the next year. He switched banks from DuPage Credit Union to First American Bank to enable easier access to branches in order to make deposits; First American has many more branches than DuPage Credit Union. Electronic billing was fairly successful – invoices are emailed to member libraries. Terry instituted GoogleDocs for tracking payments out and in and started a Gmail account for all of these business transactions.

John Small, Vice President (North Central): John strongly encouraged attendees to pay attention to next year's SIG meetings and promote/encourage/require appropriate library staff members to attend from each LIBRAS library.

Jack Fritts, Past President/Continuing Education Coordinator (Benedictine): This year, 37 total applications for funding from 9 institutions were submitted; LIBRAS was able to fund 23 of those. He reminded attendees to encourage staff members to apply in future.

Ken Orenic, President (Dominican): Ken offered thanks to Amy Weidner for serving as Communications Director, and for working with Wade to migrate the website. Amy will be leaving the position, but available to advise the incoming person. Ken would like SIG chairs to be able to create a web presence on the new site. The plan is to create one listserv for all SIGs; we don't think it will be too much list traffic. Please publicize all events as much as you can. Ken thanked Terry for his work as Treasurer, enacting major changes to the workflow. He thanked John for programming today's event. Ken noted that a LIBRAS Social was held last month with attendees from several libraries. They hope to hold another event in July. LIBRAS held a gathering at ACRL also, with some

other Illinois librarians. Ken thanked April for Minutes creation. Ken thanked Jack for his guidance and institutional knowledge of LIBRAS, and for having done a great service to the organization. Ken looks forward to doing the Continuing Education Coordinator job next year.

Election Results: Sally Anderson (North Park) chaired the committee. She offered thanks to Jim Cubit (Lake Forest) and Jan Chindlund (Columbia) for serving on the committee. She also thanked Amy for running the election on Survey Monkey. Next year's officers are John Small, President; Mary Hollerich (Lewis), Vice President/President-Elect; Ken Orenic, Past President/Continuing Education Coordinator; Katie Maier (North Park), Secretary; Terry Cottrell, Treasurer.

Melvin George Award: The award honors LIBRAS founders who have significantly contributed to interlibrary cooperation. Sally introduced the recipient for this year's award: Susan Swords Steffen. She has been Director at Elmhurst since 1997, and is also a member of the English Department. Susan has served LIBRAS in many ways, including as President and Vice President, and she has encouraged her staff to take on leadership positions. When her library won the ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award last year, it was a big honor, but not a surprise to her LIBRAS colleagues. Susan has been instrumental in creating an outstanding college library and contributing to continuing education. She is a valued colleague, as well as a source of encouragement.

Susan noted that Mel George was her professor in an academic libraries class at Dominican. Receiving the award means a lot to her. She is now Vice President of IACRL and encourages everyone to become more involved with IACRL programming.

Katie announced that the Reference/Collection Development SIG meeting will be held at Dominican. The topic is "Where Electronic Resources Management, Reference, and Instruction Coalesce". Margaret Heller from Dominican will present. Margaret led a roundtable on this topic at ACRL, and will include librarians' input from that event in the presentation. The second half of the program will be a webinar with Overdrive, and viewpoints from librarians at Trinity International who are using Overdrive. The meeting will be held during the 3rd week in June at Dominican, either June 21 or 24.

Susan announced that they are trying to rejuvenate IACRL. There will be a conference in Spring 2012, March or April, in the Chicago area. You need to be an ILA member to be in IACRL. Please join ILA. IACRL needs lots of help. This is a time for small academic libraries to step up. They will hold a lunch to give the IACRL Academic Librarian of the Year Award at this year's ILA Conference in Rosemont.

Nancy McTague (Aurora) suggested that younger staff members should be encouraged to be involved in both LIBRAS and IACRL, because it is good professional development, and a stepping stone to future involvement.

Mary Hollerich is chair of IFLA's Document Delivery and Resource Sharing Section, which is sponsoring the 12th Interlending and Document Supply Conference to be held at Spertus Institute, September 19-21, 2011. Registration rates are \$375 for ALA or IFLA members. They have a fantastic lineup of speakers, including Jim Neal of Columbia University. The conference includes presentations on cooperative collection development efforts as well as interlibrary lending and document supply. Coffee breaks, lunches, and a dinner are included. People will be coming from all over the world to attend. More information is available at the conference website: www.ilds2011.org.

Lisa Richmond (Wheaton) asked how the listservs all relate to each other. Ken responded that there are currently several SIG listservs: Circulation, Reference/Collection Development, Emerging Technologies, Technical

Services, Instruction, and Archives, all hosted by Wheaton College. The plan is to simplify down to three: Directors, Liaisons, and All Staff/All SIG lists.

The Business Meeting ended at 10:45 a.m.

Program

The program began at 11:00 a.m. Ken asked MLS student attendees to introduce themselves. Ken then introduced the first speaker.

Ed Valauskas, professor at Dominican University, presented “Open Access Scholarly Journals, Libraries, Scholars, and Research: Content Creation and Preservation on Campus.” The website for his presentation: www.worlib.org/libras/libras.html.

Jennifer Paliatka, Elmhurst College, presented “Volunteering in the Libraries of the Cook Islands: One Librarian’s Experiences,” on her volunteer experiences in school and hospital libraries in the Cook Islands during her sabbatical. Jennifer traveled with a group of volunteers coordinated through a volunteer organization, and spent time organizing and cataloging materials, teaching computer skills, and reading to children, as well as learning more about the people and culture of the Cook Islands.

Missy Laytham, North Park University, presented “AAGH! And More Creative Engagements with Change: An Analysis of Technical Services Functions at LIBRAS Libraries,” on the results of her research on Technical Services practices in LIBRAS Libraries. She did extensive interviews and collected a large amount of useful data on current practices and changes in LIBRAS Technical Services departments.

Jennifer’s PowerPoint presentation will be linked from the LIBRAS website. Missy’s data will be shared via the website as well.

The program ended at 1:30 p.m., and lunch followed. In addition to LIBRAS members, a number of Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science students attended.

Respectfully submitted,
April Levy, Secretary