

LIBRAS Directors' Meeting Minutes (approved)  
May 6, 2003  
Kendall College

Present: Iva Freeman (Kendall College), Laura Patterson (Lewis), Susan Swords Steffen (Elmhurst), Luann DeGreve (Benedictine), Ursula Zyzik (St. Xavier), Jack Fritts (Benedictine), Ted Schwitzner (North Central), Sally Anderson (North Park), Larry Wild (Judson), Colleen Waltman (U. of St. Francis), Robert Krapohl (Trinity International), Lisa Gonzalez (Trinity Christian), Nancy McTague (Aurora), Anne Jordan-Baker (Elmhurst).

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by President Ursula Zyzik.

1. The minutes of the following meetings were approved: Directors' Meeting of 9/11/03, the Special Business Meeting of 3/6/03, and the Annual Meeting of 4/16/03.

2. State of the LIBRAS audit: Zyzik has had an auditing firm recommended to her, but she is not certain of the cost. She requests suggestions on this and would like to have the audit completed by June, 2003.

3. Luann DeGreve presented a list of SIG chairs and other appointed positions for 2003-2004:

Automation: John Anagnostopoulos (St. Xavier)  
Circ/ILL: Gretel Stock-Kupperman (Benedictine)  
Reference/BI: Rosemary Henders (North Central)  
Serials: Elaine Page (Elmhurst)  
Support Staff: Carol Schilling (Benedictine)  
Technical Services: Matt Ostercamp (Trinity International)

Communications Director: Sharon Nelson (Benedictine)  
Archivist: Ellen Engstreth

Projects for 2003-2004

Programs sponsored by SIG groups  
Revise officers' handbook/administrative manual  
Continue website development

Side note: the directors note that LIBRAS has a lot of funds that might be offered to institutions this year, especially those having severe budget difficulties.

4. The Election Process

Zyzik stated that Synergistic (the web hosting company employed by LIBRAS) could in the future make electronic elections more secure—cost= \$1000-\$2000. It was disconcerting for the nominating committee to know who everyone voted for.

Ted Schwitzner states that for approximately \$1000, a one-time cost, Synergistic could create a custom ballot with authentication. LIBRAS could also purchase a survey module (apprx. \$1495) that could be used for elections as well as surveys. Directors should take this up at the fall meeting.

5. DeGreve is going to Washington, DC, for legislative days. Eighty-five librarians are attending, four of which are academic librarians. Issues: USA Patriot Act and how libraries are responding (note that ILCSSO schools lose records of patron checkouts as soon as materials are returned). Libraries must provide records when subpoenaed to do so, but there are delaying tactics. Also, the Patriot Act trumps FERPA, a fact with which libraries should deal before the need arises.

The situation with ERIC and its proposed changes should also be brought up with legislators. The proposed changes include dissolving the ERIC clearinghouses and reduce the number of journals indexed from thousands to hundreds. Also, AskEric is set for elimination. Documents on demand may be instituted. Privatization is possible. It is possible that ERIC is being changed to support the philosophy of the Bush Administration and No Child Left Behind.

#### 6. IDAL Quotes for Databases

By the end of the week, discount prices will be available from Tom Dorst. Other discounts will be available from other vendors.

#### 7. Serials Solutions

According to Larry Wild, LIBRAS institutions will receive a 20% rather than a 15% discount. There will be three levels of service. All LIBRAS schools, except Benedictine, are participating. No one at the meeting knows the details of EBSCO's competing product.

8. Only about seven LIBRAS members attended ACRL and requested funding from LIBRAS.

#### 9. The website

Schwitzner would like to see a members' only area to encourage self-publishing by LIBRAS librarians. The new communications director may need to be less technological and more of an editorial/content developer type of person. For example, there might be more information about member institutions, areas for each SIG group, a bulletin board, history of LIBRAS, officers, etc.

10. Each institution's representative reported the news and issues from their schools.

11. Treasurer Wild distributed copies of the 4/3/2003 balance sheet and Serials Solutions quotes.

12. Zyzik ceremoniously hands the gavel over to DeGreve and Schwitzner.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. Lunch followed.

Respectfully submitted,

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