

Fall LIBRAS Director's Meeting
Kendall College
March 14, 2007

Present: Sally Anderson (President), North Park; Mark Vargas (Vice President), St. Xavier; Larry Wild (Past President), Judson; David Malone (Treasurer), Wheaton; Rebecca Miller (Secretary and proxy for Rob Krapohl), Trinity Intl.; Carolyn Sheehy, North Central; Yana Serdyuk, Concordia; Iva Freeman, Kendall; Jim Cubit, Lake Forest; Terry Cottrell, St. Francis; Kim Hale, Columbia College; John Law, Aurora; Inez Ringland, Dominican; Jack Fritts, Benedictine

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

- 1) There were a few changes that were mentioned for the minutes for the 9/20/06 meeting. The minutes, with corrections, were approved.
- 2) David Malone reported on the balance sheet for LIBRAS. Many of the major expenses are still ahead, such as ACRL. The \$2,000 from the money market has not been transferred to the checking account yet; he will wait until it is needed. The treasurer's report was approved.
- 3) Larry Wild talked about who had been approved for continuing education. Nearly all of the applications were approved, except for one person who had already been approved for another conference. There was an Oct. 15 deadline for applications this past year. It will be Oct. 1 this coming fall. Directors should remind their staff to plan for conferences this summer in order to apply by Oct. 1. This deadline only refers to Category A expenses (ACRL, IACRL, ILA, LOEX, and ALA annual). Category B requests can be submitted at any time, but this is limited to one person per institution. There was discussion about the difficulty with applying early for conferences. There was a motion to change the requirements for Category A to say "LIBRAS will pay the registration, at the lowest membership early bird rate..." This is to take into account people who may not be ALA or divisional members and therefore may have a higher registration cost. The motion was passed.
- 4) A by-laws change was suggested to Article 2, which says that SIG groups must meet at least twice a year. There was a motion to change that to "SIG groups must meet at least once a year." The motion passed. It will be posted and voted on at the annual meeting.
- 5) There was discussion about the nominating committee's occasional challenges in finding candidates, particularly for Vice President/ President Elect. The by-laws state that a candidate – including library directors -- has to first serve as treasurer or secretary before being VP. This requirement was waived last year for a library director who was willing to serve (there being no other eligible/available candidates). There was discussion about changing the by-laws to exempt directors

from this requirement. There was also discussion about enforcing the expectation that every institution take its turn in providing officers. There was a motion to authorize the executive committee to bring by-laws changes to the annual meeting if the nominating committee has problems this year. The motion passed. The election will be held from Apr. 30 – May 7. The slate will be announced in mid April.

- 6) It was discussed whether the directors listserv should be used more, or if there should be more time at meetings to talk about issues. It was decided that when communication is needed, it happens.
- 7) There was a question about the status of the LIBRAS archives. There will be a new archivist at North Park starting in June, but this will not be at the top of her priorities. Several options were discussed, including getting an intern from Dominican to do the archives; moving the archives to Wheaton (which has more staff); or delegating responsibility for organizing each year's records to the outgoing Secretary. There was a motion for the president to appoint a task force to look at the archives situation. The motion passed. An amendment was added to have the task force report at the director's meeting in the fall. This amendment also passed.
- 8) Jim Cubit from Lake Forest College asked for advice about the money left in the PALI account after it disbanded. It was suggested that they would need to legally disband and to hire a lawyer to do so. It was also recommended that the money be given to the Dominican and UIUC library schools for scholarships. There was also a question about which institutions are doing digitization projects. The section 108 study group of the Library of Congress was also brought up. The meeting concluded with reports from the different institutions.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm. And the group enjoyed a gourmet lunch at Kendall's dining room.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Miller
Secretary