

Spring LIBRAS Director's Meeting  
Kendall College  
April 22, 2008

Present: Jennifer Paliatka (Vice President), Elmhurst; Mark Vargas (President), St. Xavier; Sally Anderson (Past President), North Park; Jack Fritts (Treasurer), Benedictine; Rebecca Miller (Secretary), Trinity International; Carolyn Sheehy, North Central; Yana Serdyuk, Concordia; Jim Cubit, Lake Forest; Inez Ringland, Dominican; Iva Freeman, Kendall; Susan Steffen, Elmhurst; Jan Chindlund, Columbia; Terry Cottrell, St. Francis (by phone)

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

- 1) The nominees for the upcoming election were announced. Jack Fritts from Benedictine is running for vice president, Lucia Testin from St. Francis is running for secretary, and Marie Hay from Trinity International is running for treasurer. Each position is unopposed. The candidates still need to submit candidate statements, and the election will take place before the annual meeting on May 22. There was discussion about the difficulty of getting people to run for offices, which led into a discussion of the purpose of LIBRAS. There was concern about whether the LIBRAS is just funding people who go to conferences, or if it is also fulfilling a networking role. The following motion was passed unanimously:  
The purpose and mission of LIBRAS will be discussed during the next president's term.
- 2) The budget for the coming year was discussed. A question was raised about whether we need to keep the reserve fund that had been previously set (the average of the operating budget of the previous three years). LIBRAS doesn't have regular expenses, and the example of PALI was mentioned, who went defunct with a sizable reserve fund remaining. One reason for keeping some money in reserve is to cover the lag time before money from annual dues comes in. However, the current reserve is locked into a CD, which makes it less accessible. The following motion was therefore suggested:  
The official reserve will be reduced to \$2,000. The balance of the CD (\$6,000) will be moved into a savings or money market account, and \$2,000 will be added to the conference registration line of the budget for the coming year.  
The motion passed unanimously.  
There was some discussion about creating more limits on the granting of continuing education funds. It was decided to keep the policies as they are, and the executive committee could continue to use its discretion about granting requests based on the funds available.
- 3) The annual meeting will be held at Judson College on May 22 from 1-4pm. It is a meeting of the membership and also the spring program, which will be on scholarly communication. There will also be a tour of Judson's new green library.

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4) Each of the directors gave updates on their institutions.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

At the lunch, Inez Ringland and Carolyn Sheehy were recognized for their long service at their institutions and in LIBRAS, as they are each retiring this summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Miller  
Secretary