

LIBRAS Spring Directors Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2011

Kendall College

Attendees: Sally Anderson (North Park); Marty Breen for Yana Serdyuk (Concordia); Terry Cottrell, Treasurer (St. Francis); Iva Freeman (Kendall); Jack Fritts, Past President/Continuing Education Director (Benedictine); Mary Hollerich (Lewis); April Levy, Secretary (Columbia), Nancy Mactague for John Law (Aurora); Ken Orenic, President (Dominican); John Small, Vice-President/President-Elect (North Central); Susan Swords Steffen (Elmhurst); Mark Vargas (St. Xavier); Larry Wild (Judson)

The meeting began at 10:30 a.m.

President's Report: Ken welcomed everyone. Introductions were made. This year's Election Committee included Sally Anderson, Jan Chindlund (Columbia), and Jim Cubit (Lake Forest). Sally reported on the committee's work. They asked for recommendations of candidates from Directors via the listserv. The slate is Mary Hollerich for Vice-President/President-Elect, Katie Maier-O'Shea of North Park and Jacob Hill of Elmhurst in contention for Secretary, and Terry Cottrell continuing as Treasurer. The election will be conducted through SurveyMonkey within the next couple of weeks. There is a list on the LIBRAS website of those who have served as officers since 2001. Candidates must submit statements which will be included on the ballot.

Melvin George Award: The Awards Committee has selected a recipient, and the award will be given at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting will be hosted on Thursday, May 26, at Elmhurst College. Edward Valauskas, faculty member of GSLIS at Dominican and a founder of the online periodical *First Monday*, will discuss scholarly publishing and open-access publishing. In addition, Missy Laytham from North Park will report on the completion of her research grant studying best practices in technical services in LIBRAS libraries. If there is time, Jennifer Paliatka from Elmhurst will discuss her recent travels to the Cook Islands, and the library service learning project she completed there during her sabbatical.

Vice-President's Report / SIG Activities: John reported that few of the SIGs have held meetings. The Archives SIG is planning two meetings: one about ContentDM; and a future meeting about training student workers. The Circulation/Interlibrary Loan SIG met this past Monday at Judson. The Emerging Technologies SIG is planning a meeting, as is the Reference/Collection Development SIG. It was not known whether the Instruction SIG has a meeting planned. The Technical Services SIG may have met.

Ken noted that communication is a problem; he is not sure if all lists have been updated. We may want to have the lists hosted at a different institution. The plan was for the lists to be force-populated based on interests identified in the spreadsheet in Google Docs. It was decided instead to go with one Directors list and one list for all LIBRAS members. Directors also may be asked to nudge the SIG chairs in their institutions if they have not yet held a meeting this year. The Vice-President should work with SIG

chairs in future, as well as their directors, if SIGs have not planned meetings. The new President can change the number and names of the SIGs at their discretion. Mark suggested one annual SIG meeting for the same day, all interested SIGs. This makes for a bigger event. Another idea was to schedule one per month, and hold SIG chairs accountable. Virtual meetings could happen via Skype or webinar. Many attendees stressed the importance of face-to-face meetings.

Treasurer's report: Terry reported that the setup at the new bank, First American, is completed. There will be debit cards for the new account. He will close the account with DuPage Credit Union over the summer. The \$10,000 CD will mature in May and the money will be put in the regular account at that time in order for it to be spent down to \$5000 over the next few years. All payments for Professional Development are current. All membership payments have been received.

Past President/Continuing Education Director's report: Jack reported that 30 applications for funding were received in the first two rounds, of which 16 were approved. Two recipients will not use the money, so it will go back into the pool of available funds. The third round that was due on April 1 got 7 applications; the Executive committee hasn't decided which to fund yet. There is \$1900 available, and \$2500 in requests.

Library Updates

Lewis: Mary reported that they may renovate this summer, adding services from elsewhere on campus. They are getting a major facelift and new furniture. They would like to get more JSTOR modules, and are hoping to get the Summon Discovery Service. The library is receiving good support from University Administration. Two position vacancies will be posted: Circulation Manager and Systems Librarian.

Columbia: April reported that planning for the library's move to its new location two blocks south of the current space is ongoing, with a planning team and process in place. Also, this month the library is hosting its second Big Read, featuring *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien, and Vietnam- and war-related programming ongoing through May.

North Park: Sally reported that her library held up while she was in Sweden. She had a great experience, and her staff did well on their own during her absence. They would love to have a systems librarian position approved, and are working on that, to also include responsibility for an institutional repository. They just went through accreditation.

Aurora: Nancy reported that their budget was frozen for much of the year, but they were able to purchase materials for new programs: Doctor of Social Work, Master of Nursing, and Master of Criminal Justice.

Kendall: Iva reported that a full-time Technical Services person has been hired, but now they only have half as many student worker hours; it is challenging. They are hoping for more money in July. Their enrollment is down this term. She went to the CARLI event at Northeastern about e-books and found it valuable.

Concordia: Marty reported that the new Center for Church Music is now open. He worked with Dr. Schalk to learn about Lutheran hymnals. They are looking forward to researchers using the collection.

St. Francis: Terry reported that they are writing a plan to renovate their library. He went to the CIC Information Fluency conference in San Antonio with his provost, and when a presentation at the conference showed a baseline library budget, he was able to point to that figure, which was 50% higher than their budget, as evidence of their needing a budget increase. They are getting a facelift for the exterior of the library building, including new plants, a new ramp, and new front porch.

Dominican: Ken reported that construction has been impacting Library quite a bit; a new annex between the library and another building is being created and a staircase eliminated that has required use of a wrecking ball. Their budget is flat.

St. Xavier: Mark reported they are in the second phase of renovation this summer. New features included a raised floor in their reading room which will have electrical and data wiring every ten feet. Everyone is invited to see the completed project this Fall. Their use of WorldCat Local is causing an increase in ILL. They are looking to replace Voyager with WMS, and are joining NACO. They have one copy of every textbook used in every class, and have gone completely electronic for journals. Author of *Get Capone* will be coming to their library next Feb. 14 to speak. They also have an event planned for the 100th anniversary of the Titanic sinking.

Benedictine: Their head count is now 10,000. They have a position available for a Special Collections/Archives Librarian, and have received lots of applications from qualified candidates. Jack is working with the provost on future plans for the library building. He also attended the CIC conference on Information Fluency.

Judson: Larry reported that it has been a challenging year at Judson. There is flat enrollment, and there were layoffs outside library. They are hoping for better things in the next year.

North Central: John reported that Cornerstone Day is in three weeks, celebrating the school's 150th year of existence. They are building a new Science Center. The campus is landlocked, so the construction plans are causing challenges. The Library is hosting the Harry Potter's World traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine. They will have a Quidditch match on campus. 200-250 young adults will be visiting the library to learn how to do magic. These events have been good for foot traffic.

Elmhurst: Susan reported that the First Year Seminar, which has information literacy embedded in it, has been voted down by the Faculty Senate. The Promotion and Tenure Committee asked them to rewrite the librarian section of the guidelines with a very short deadline. Their longtime acquisitions assistant is retiring at the beginning of May.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Levy, Secretary