

## **LIBRAS Spring Directors' Meeting**

April 18, 2012

Kendall College

### **Present:**

Sally Anderson, North Park University; Jan Chindlund, Columbia College; Terry Cottrell, University of St. Francis (Treasurer) (late arrival); Luann DeGreve, Benedictine University (proxy for Jack Fritts); Becky Frank, Trinity International University (proxy for Rob Krapohl); Marci Frederick, Trinity Christian College; Iva Freeman, Kendall College; Dr. Julie Krahl, Lewis University; Felice Maciejewski, Dominican University; Kathryn Maier-O'Shea (Vice-President), North Park University; David Malone, Wheaton College (proxy for Lisa Richmond; Mary O'Dea (Secretary), Lewis University; Ken Orenic, Dominican University (Past President / Continuing Education Coordinator); Jennifer Paliatka, Elmhurst College (proxy for Susan Swords Steffen); Yana Serdyuk, Concordia University; John Small, North Central College (President); Cory Stevens, Lake Forest College (proxy for James Cubit); Mark Vargas, Saint Xavier University; Larry Wild, Judson University.

**Absent:** John Law, Aurora University.

### **Introductions & Welcome:**

The meeting of the LIBRAS Executive Committee and SIG Chairs was called to order at approximately 10:30 a.m. on 18 April, 2012 at Kendall College in Chicago, by President John Small. John welcomed all present, and all introduced themselves.

### **President's Report:**

The 2012 LIBRAS Membership Meeting is scheduled for June 1. Help with programming is requested. Katie mentioned that there have been speakers in the past. Dave suggested 'guerilla tech' – how to improvise when technology fails – as a timely topic. Jan suggested that a talk about how theatre improvisation skills might be transferable into the library workplace.

### **Vice President's Report:**

Katie reported on activities of the Special Interest Groups (SIGs): Archives, Technical Services, Public Services, Collection Management.

This year SIGs were encouraged to offer a primary and a secondary event – or an 'event and a half'; the primary event to be a traditional meeting or program.

Elections update (from Katie's handout): "This year's nominating committee has been discussed as well as potential members of next year's Executive Committee. There has been concern regarding the lack of candidates in recent years. We ask that directors encourage their staffs and review the bylaws with this in mind."

### **Past President's Report:**

Ken encouraged all present to consider requesting funding for professional activities as opportunities arise.

Summer 2011, Dominican registered at the group rate for the sequence of two ALA webinars 'Integrating E-Books and E-Readers into your Library' which took place August 4 and 11, 2011, and extended an invitation to LIBRAS members to attend.

Ken issued a call to those present to consider underwriting an event, e.g. registering for group attendance at a webinar, and hosting the event at their institution.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

LIBRAS 501(c)(3) status lapse. The process of re-applying has begun.

LIBRAS' income is still under \$10,000 per annum.

LIBRAS maintains a reserve fund. To comport with the 2006 change in the tax law, nonprofits are required to file 990 Form every year, both state & federal.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Mary thanked Dr. Julie Krahl, Lewis University Associate Provost, and Library Interim Director, for her permission to serve on the LIBRAS Executive Committee.

### **General LIBRAS Business:**

LIBRAS Bylaws were discussed and some changes made to harmonize them with present reality. A more extensive, formalize overhaul of the Bylaws may be warranted, would be undertaken by a committee, yet-to-be-formed, and voted on by the Membership.

### **Reports of the Member Libraries:**

*Saint Xavier University* (Mark Vargas, Director): Saint Xavier University Library has been remodeled, funded by grants, and donor contributions. SXU was awarded a \$750k technology grant.

*Lake Forest College* (Cory Stevens, proxy for James Cubit): Beanbag chairs have been purchased for the Library, and are proving popular as comfortable, movable seating.

*Trinity Christian College* (Marci Frederick, Director): Trinity experienced an 8% cut to its overall budget, but the library was not impacted.

*Elmhurst College* (Jennifer Paliatka, proxy for Susan Swords Steffen): Thanks to the Directors for their support at IACRL in March. Elmhurst News: new School for Professional Studies is being established.

*Benedictine University* (Luann DeGreve, proxy for Jack Fritts): The Library is being renovated, with offices moving to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors of their building. Information commons space is planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. Over the summer staff will work from home as much as possible.  
Also: Benedictine University will be opening a branch campus in Mesa, Arizona in 15 months, responding to Mesa's desire to situate a faith-based institution in its downtown.

*Dominican University* (Felice Maciejewski, Director): As newly hired Director of the Rebecca Crown Library, Felice herself is Dominican's main news. In the past year, Dominican has held a formal celebration of faculty accomplishments, and has recently launched a new campaign under the slogan, "That's Dominican!" Dominican's 2012 academic year will close with the first graduating class of Library and Information Science Ph.D.'s.

*Trinity International University* (Becky Frank, proxy for Rob Krapohl): Trinity is implementing ILLIAD this year.

*Judson University* (Larry Wild, Director): Judson University has a new President.

*Concordia University Chicago* (Yana Serdyuk, Director): The Library has a new space. The Center for Church Music has received a donation of hymnals dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The University's online programs, and its Ph. D. program in education, are expanding.

*Columbia College* (Jan Chindlund, Director): Columbia College has purchased Johnson Publishing's headquarters. The Library will occupy the building up to the 6<sup>th</sup> floor, and is slated to move summer 2014 or 2015. Feasibility of automated book retrieval in the space is currently being studied.  
Also: Columbia has gone live with EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS). Columbia has lost three librarian positions in the last year – 2 working staff, and one vacancy.

*Lewis University* (Dr. Julie Krahl, Associate Provost and Interim Library Director): The Library's first floor was remodeled summer 2011, and as a result is much more of a showplace. Plans are in the works to remodel the second floor, but no date has been set.

Also: The Library has institute a Liaison program to facilitate communication between Lewis faculty and the Library. Lewis is in the process of searching for a new Director.

*Wheaton College* (Dave Malone, proxy for Lisa Richmond): The Library has been reorganized so that there are now 3 individuals reporting to the Director rather than 5. Buswell Memorial Library is focusing on becoming a teaching library. The main floor is being reconfigured for reference/instruction staff, a Project Cataloger, and the Digital Initiatives Coordinator.

Also: Buswell Memorial Library will implement ILLIAD this summer. Since going live with WorldCat Local, outgoing ILL requests have increased by 30%.

*North Central College* (John Small, Director): North Central's President is retiring at the end of the academic year, after 22 years of service to the College. The search for a new President has begun. The Dean will retire soon as well, so leadership of the institution is changing.

Also: North Central is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Applications for admission to the College are up 300%; no one knows why.

*Kendall College* (Iva Freeman, Director): Enrollment is down. The new College President was announced at the last staff meeting. The former director was there for only 15 months.

*North Park University* (Sally Anderson, Director): North Park must plan 3 farewell parties this year. Departing are: the Seminary Librarian, the University Archivist, and the Head of Technical Services. The Library celebrated National Poetry Month, and hosted a Release Party for the 2012 edition of North Park University's fine arts journal *The North Branch*.

*University of St. Francis* (Terry Cottrell, Director): The University of St. Francis has appointed a new CFO. The Library has hired a new Instruction Librarian, and has begun a search for a new Archivist.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned by John Small.

Minutes submitted by: Mary E. O'Dea, Secretary

Approved by: John Small