

Libras Directors' Meeting
Elmhurst College
Fall, 2013

Present: John Law, Aurora; Jack Fritts, Benedictine; Jan Chindlund, Columbia; Yana Serdyuk, Concordia; Felice Maciejewski, Dominican; Susan Swords Steffen, Elmhurst; Larry Wild, Judson; Alexis Carscadden, Kendall; John Small, North Central; Katie Meier O'Shea, North Park (Past President, secretary pro tem); Mike Kathman, St Xavier; Marcille Frederick, Trinity Christian; Terry Cottrell, St Francis; Lisa Richmond, Wheaton; Aimee Walker (Communications), North Central; Jill Bambenek (Treasurer), Dominican; David Malone (President,) Wheaton; Elaine Fetyko Page (Vice-President), Elmhurst.

1. Membership of Kendall College

- a. Because Kendall is now a for-profit institution, it calls into question the bylaws which states that Libras is for nonprofit, liberal arts colleges. Although all other Libras colleges are nonprofit, many are not necessarily "liberal arts."
- b. Other possible members such as Olivet and Carthage were discussed.
- c. The new director of the Kendall library voiced her support of involvement in Libras and her interested in remaining in the consortium.
- d. If Kendall would like to stay in the consortium, should Libras change its bylaws, or simply "grandfather" Kendall? There was a motion to retain the bylaws as is and keep Kendall because its membership in the consortium predates its for-profit status. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. Libras' relationship with the Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries (IACRL)

- a. Ways that Libras could/should support IACRL, ILA and their conferences were discussed.
 - i. Through Libras emails and website
 - ii. Special allocation of continuing education funds
 - iii. Should the Libras president/executive committee have an automatic involvement in IACRL?
 - iv. Resolution: The president and past-president will discuss options.

3. Libras Archives- The consortium's historical documents are stored in the Johnson Archives and Special Collections (North Park University). Should these be digitized?

- a. Terry Cottrell from the University of Saint Francis to do the digitization.
- b. The Archives SIG is tasked with creating policies for archiving Libras documents.

4. Research Grant – What is the role of the research grant and should it be continued.

- a. The necessity for some type of documentation of the research conducted was discussed. This should be added to the Libras archives.
 - b. If a proposal is not received by the current October 15th deadline, we should allow proposals at the following funding deadline(s).
5. **New Business:** The issue of online students was raised. Some online students use the catalog to request books from other IShare libraries. Some Libras directors said that mailed books to online students requesting IShare books; others do not.
6. **SIG Chairs 2013 – 2014:**
 - a. **Collection Management:** Stephanie Fletcher (Trinity International)
 - b. **Public Services:** Ursula Zyzik (St. Xavier)
 - c. **Technical Services:** Andy Meyer (North Park)
 - d. **Archives:** Julie Wroblewski (Benedictine)
7. **Updates:** Directors shared updates from their libraries.