

LIBRAS Executive Committee Meeting  
Officers Transition Meeting  
Elmhurst College  
8 June, 2006

Present: Sally Anderson, president; Larry Wild, past president; Ted Schwitzner, former past president; Mark Vargas, vice president; David Malone, treasurer; Ryan Williams, communications director; Jennifer Paliatka, past secretary; Rebecca Miller, secretary

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm.
- 2) The LIBRAS Strategic Planning Committee's Final Recommendations was examined. It was decided that this document would be put online, and that it would be brought up at the Annual Meeting to be approved. Also, it will be moved that the by-laws statement of purpose in the handbook would be replaced with the mission from the Final Recommendations.
- 3) The Dean of Libraries at IIT expressed interest in joining LIBRAS, which brought about a discussion on qualifications for membership in LIBRAS, including the liberal arts requirement and geographic location. The possibility of an Associate membership was proposed for schools that don't qualify for full membership. This idea had been proposed and rejected in the past. The secretary will investigate the minutes of past meetings to find out what the discussion had been on this topic. A request will be made to the archives to find out why membership was limited in the beginning. There will be a strategic plan to look at requests for membership in recent years. A suggestion was made that this year the committee should consider providing funding for libraries for travel to LIBRAS meetings.
- 4) All of the SIG chairs want to continue in their posts, with the exception of Lisa Gonzalez for the Collection Development SIG. Possibilities for a replacement include John Fawcett from Wheaton, Kim Hale from Columbia, or Jennifer Paliatka from Elmhurst. Debbie Sarna, the second chair for the Technical Services SIG, will also be stepping down. Ted Schwitzner will send two names of people from his library as possible replacements.

There was discussion about reviving the Automation SIG, which had ended a few years ago. Sally Anderson will send out an email to LIBRAS liaisons and directors to see if there is any interest in this SIG, which could be renamed "Web and Technology SIG."

- 5) David Malone would like to change timeline for his grant to two years. He plans to give a presentation on his grant at a LIBRAS event. It was suggested that research grants be offered every other year, because if all the grants are filled, they account for 25% of the budget. This suggestion will be considered at the next meeting.

- 6) There were four ideas for programs this year:
  - a) Copyright, including the TEACH Act and intellectual property.
  - b) Content management, such as Access, Web GUI, My Library, and other open source products.
  - c) A joint meeting with the Serials & Technical Services SIGs.
  - d) Issues related to public access to private institutions.

A few other topics were mentioned later, including assistive technology and remote storage. It was decided that there should be an emphasis on using local speakers, not ones from outside LIBRAS. There was also a suggestion that people who attend a conference could present on it with a poster session or panel discussion.
- 7) Officers' papers and handbooks were distributed. It was decided that these handouts would be put online. The incorporation form was filled out by the appropriate people. There was an inquiry about whether there is a finding aid for the archive; Larry Wild will get a report from the archivist and ask for this information.
- 8) Upcoming meetings include:
  - a) Business meeting in August / September
  - b) Directors meeting in October
  - c) General meeting in November
  - d) A possible holiday meeting in December
- 9) This past year, \$11,000 was spent on \$8500 income. This was largely due to the anniversary celebration. There was also record conference attendance, which could be limited in the future if money runs out. The budget for this year will be \$8500, no interest. David Malone will give trends on the budget at the next business meeting.
- 10) Ted will get a list of libraries who have been absent from meetings, and there will be an effort to reach out to them. Sally will also reach out to the new Trinity Christian and Columbia directors when they are hired. It was suggested that we should find some of the founding directors and ask them about their recollections of the organization.
- 11) The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Miller  
Secretary