

## LIBRAS Executive Committee Meeting

Benedictine University Library

February 23, 2011

Attendees: Terry Cottrell, Treasurer (St. Francis); Jack Fritts, Continuing Education Coordinator (Benedictine); April Levy, Secretary (Columbia); Ken Orenic, President (Dominican); John Small, Vice-President/President-Elect (North Central).

The meeting began at 1:45 p.m.

1. **Melvin George Award:** No nominations have been received from LIBRAS Library Directors or membership. The award does not have to be given every year. Names of possible nominees were discussed.
2. **Annual Meeting Location:** Elmhurst College will host the Annual Meeting in May. Ken will email us with possible dates. Dominican GSLIS students will be invited as in the past. There was discussion of asking for donations, with a general agreement not to do so this year. It was also agreed to have more extensive food than box lunches. John will communicate with Susan Swords Steffen regarding planning the event and catering, and last year's research grant recipient Missy Latham will present her final report.
3. **Election Committee:** Need to appoint a committee, and several individuals were discussed as committee members and potential nominees.
4. **SIG Update:** The Archives SIG is planning a meeting, or may have held a meeting. The Circulation SIG has discussed having a meeting, possibly about student worker training. The Emerging Technologies and Reference/Collection Development SIGs are planning a joint meeting on E-books. The Instruction SIG is planning a meeting on user experience and design thinking in library instruction. It is uncertain whether the Technical Services SIG is planning a meeting. Ken will work with directors to determine liaisons to add to each SIG list, so that lists can be force-populated. The idea of hosting the lists at St. Francis was discussed.
5. **Institutional Repository:** John participated in a meeting of the Institutional Repository Subcommittee with Mary Hollerich, Bella Karr Gerlich, Susan Swords Steffen, and Marci Frederick about the Constellation project. The project sought ~\$1500 to pay a graduate student for work during the spring semester of 2001. Elmhurst has put materials into the system already; Dominican lists their continued involvement in the project in their 5-year plan. Extensive discussion ensued on whether to provide the requested funding now, or defer until there is a new Director in place at Dominican. Several points were noted, including the following: The Constellation project offers an opportunity to do something new within LIBRAS and allow smaller libraries to have an IR. Eventually a separate entity from LIBRAS will be created to run Constellation. Storage is affordable and scalable. It's possible a graduate student would do the work for free to get experience. The work the student would do, and workflow, were not clearly defined as yet. It was finally decided to defer providing funding until a new director is hired at Dominican. LIBRAS is still interested in future support of the project.

6. **Continuing Education Grants:** Jack circulated the list of applicants for funding in the February 1 round. One applicant from the Fall has reapplied. Applicants from schools that were not funded in the Fall round of applications will be funded. There will be some money left in the budget for the April 1 round of applications.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.