

**Business Meeting
ILA/ACRL Spring Conference
May 20, 2005 Ames, IA**

Call to order

Kathy Parsons called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m. She thanked our keynote speaker, David Carr, for his illuminating talk.

Approval of minutes

Susan Moore moved and the motion was seconded to approve the business meeting minutes of October 14, 2004.

Treasurer's report

Balance in account as of 05/16/05	\$8,629.86
Spring Conference receipts (included above)	\$4,865.00
Expenses YTD	\$ 324.00
ACRL National Account: Balance in account	\$ 24.00

Guest remarks

Mary Wegner provided an update from the State Library. She appreciated David Carr's remarks regarding academic libraries' involvement with their communities. She stressed the value to the state of academic librarians collaborating with public librarians, noting that 80% of public libraries have directors who do not hold an MLS. Assisting information literacy is a new role for public libraries and they can benefit from our experience. Regarding the legislative session just ended: no new money appropriated for Iowa libraries, representing a \$557,000 loss in funding from the "pre-cut" era. The bill to reinstate library media specialists received lots of support, but failed. Wegner urged academic librarians to consider serving on their local public library boards. The effort to establish a statewide union catalog on OCLC proved too expensive, but the statewide EBSCO contract has been renewed. She stressed the State Library's role in establishing Iowa Publications Online, the repository for "born digital" state publications.

Kate Martin, ILA president, addressed the group. She highlighted 2005 as the 115th anniversary of ILA, the second-oldest library association in the country. ILA had 1500 personal members in 2004. Initiatives in 2005 included the legislative efforts mentioned earlier by Wegner. She and other ILA officers attended ALA Legislative Day in Washington D.C., registering their concerns with the USA Patriot Act. Martin extended an invitation to the ILA annual conference in Dubuque, October 19-21, 2005, with the theme "Moving Forward Together."

Committee reports

Spring conference: It's being held as we speak.

Fall program: Kathy Parsons gave a quick rundown on the programming for Dubuque: a preconference on digitization, two sessions on reference service with David Tyckoson, CSU Fresno, and a panel discussion on assessing library services.

Awards: Ellen Neuhaus reported that the Awards Committee provided two scholarships to attend this Spring Conference. Recipients are Clint Wrede, catalog librarian and bibliographer at University of Northern Iowa and Jim Kapoun, library director at Waldorf College.

Membership: Susan Knippel reported that we have 159 members as of the end of April, exactly the same figure as last year at that time.

Directory: Kris Stacy-Bates reported that work will begin soon on updating the online version of the directory. (The print version will next appear in 2006.)

Electronic Communications: Ryan Gjerde reported that electronic communications are running smoothly, mentioned the existence of the ILA/ACRL web site and mailing list.

Newsletter: Amy Paulus acknowledged the hard work of her committee members, the March newsletter with its instructional services theme, and the July newsletter that will report on this meeting.

Nominating: Rebecca Stuhr urged members to find the volunteer form in the registration packet and fill it out to volunteer for a committee and office. A slate of candidates for the fall election will be prepared by September 30, 2005.

Ad Hoc committees:

Advocacy: Michelle Holschuh Simmons was not present to report, but submitted a written report to the executive board.

Research: Kathy Magarrell had nothing to report, promised a report at the next meeting

Education: No report.

ACRL Legislative Network: John Goodin reported that there have been no legislative alerts from the network in recent months. There has been a lapse of communication somewhere, either at ACRL or the Washington office. John has been trying to determine where the problem lies.

Chapters Council Representative: Amy Paulus reported on the recent successful initiative to raise national ACRL dues. This was necessitated by declining advertising revenues for *C&RL News*. Dues will increase from \$35 to \$55, phased in over two years.

Other business

Lisa Stock extended an invitation to attend the 2nd annual DMACC Information Literacy Forum, to be held in Des Moines on June 17, 2005.

Nancy Kraft extended an invitation to attend the Changing Book conference, to be held at the University of Iowa on July 22-25, 2005. She also suggested checking out the Iowa Heritage Digital Project web site.

The next meeting will be at the ILA Annual Meeting, October 20, 2005, in Dubuque, Iowa.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Ostrem
ILA/ACRL Secretary/Treasurer