

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION (LITA)
Executive/Budget Review Committee Meeting
Washington DC

Friday, June 22, 2007 4:30 pm -- 6:00 pm, Renaissance Washington Room 17

MINUTES

Present: Bonnie Postlethwaite, Mark Beatty, Patrick Mullin, Michelle Frisque, Barbra Higginbotham, Mary Taylor

Bonnie Postlethwaite called the meeting to order at 4:30 on Friday, June 22. Hearing no changes to the agenda, Bonnie called for a motion to approve the Midwinter Meeting minutes. Pat Mullin moved to approve the minutes; Michelle Frisque seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bonnie led the discussion updating information on the 2007 LITA National Forum. Registration is now open. Discussed Internet access in guest rooms and meeting rooms. The three keynote speakers are:

Jeffrey Kiehl, Senior Scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Colorado; *The Scientific and Social Challenges of Global Warming*. Kiehl presents a brief review of the science of global warming and its implications for society. He explores the difficulties in communicating aspects of global warming to the public and how humans disconnect from Nature and the social implications of this disconnection.

David King, Digital Branch and Services Manager at Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library in Kansas; *The Future is not out of Reach: Change, Library 2.0, and Emerging Trends*. King will discuss emerging trends and the changes needed to implement them.

Jeremy Frumkin, Gray Chair for Innovative Library Services at Oregon State University; *In Our Cages With Golden Bars*. Frumkin will address the questions of how we move beyond simply improving on our existing systems and services, and move to pursuing better ways of providing information and information support services to our users.

The Office is moving from providing the notebooks of Forum materials to distributing a flash drive to each participant. In addition, all content will be posted to the Web site prior to the Forum where anyone wanting print materials may access them and print off whatever they want.

Pat Mullin presented the FY2007 Budget Report through April. Although concerned about dues, we are projecting that we will finish out the year within budget. Programming was problematic this year; less than half of what was planned actually materialized due to lack of development or cancellations. The LITA Forum was successful and a healthy addition to the LITA reserve is anticipated.

Pat Mullin led the Committee in a review of the draft 2008 Budget in preparation for taking it to the full Board for approval. Mullin presented the recommendation for the LITA Board to establish an endowment with an investment of \$49,999 each year in FY2008, FY2009, FY2010, and FY2011. This dollar amount is the maximum amount that ALA allows to be

transferred with minimum notice. Each year at Annual Conference, the Board will have the opportunity to review the plan and decide whether to actually move the funds.

The ITAL editor asked for an increase in pages. Currently, ITAL costs more than the revenues generated. Pat recommends not increasing the pages; wait for the new editor, and possibly exploring online options.

Pat recommends considering a small dues increase. It has been four years since the last increase and we may want to consider smaller, more frequent dues increases as opposed to the large increase needed when too many years pass without any adjustment.

Mary Taylor reported on membership, programs, and publications. LITA experienced a 5.42% increase in membership from this same time last year and now totals 4,281. Students lead the categories of increased members. LITA was the first member unit of ALA to be converted to the new ALA CMS. Also, in early spring LITA provided test lists to ALA ITTS to begin migrating all email discussion lists from Listproc to Sympa.

The Committee reviewed and approved the 2008 Skeleton Schedule and then closed the meeting to conduct the Executive Director's annual review.