

LITA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2007 Midwinter Meeting

MINUTES

Saturday, January 20, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Washington State Convention & Trade Center (WCC) Room 2B

Board members present: Bonnie Postlethwaite, Mark Beatty, Jonathan Rothman, Andrew Pace, Karen Starr, Barbara Higginbotham, David Bretthauer, Debra Shapiro, Michelle Frisque, Amira Aaron, and Maribeth Manoff; Staff present: Mary Taylor, Valerie Edmonds, Melissa Prentice; Guests present: Susan Logue, Diane Bisom, Rob Carlson, Jenny Levine, Sheri Vanyek, Steve McCann, Stacy Voeller, Jennifer Weintraub, Michelle Boule, Pat Ensor, Richard Smith, Claudia Hill

Absent: Patrick Mullin

President Bonnie Postlethwaite, presiding

I. Call to order, announcements, introduction of guests

II. Approve Consent Agenda

(MOTION 1, Consent Agenda: Pace/ Bretthauer, motion carried)

III. Confirmation of email votes taken since the last Board meeting:

- Approved IRC motion nominating Frank Cervone to ALA's IRC for nomination to IFLA to serve on the Information Technology Committee;
- Approved IRC motion to fund Mary Alice Ball with amendment to provide funding at the same level as last year;
- Approved Annual Conference 2006 minutes;
- Approved LITA support for one person in the initial round of the Emerging Leaders Institute in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 for attendance at each of the ALA conferences for 2007) with an annual review thereafter of supporting it and at what level.;
- Approved 2007 Nominating Committee slate of candidates;
- Approved PPC motion to cosponsor ALCTS program "Workflow Analysis, Redesign, and Implementation: Integrating the Complexities of Electronic Resources in the Digital Age."
- Approved Nominating Committee appointments;
- Approved PPC motion to cosponsor with ALA/IFC and OITP the program "RFID and Privacy: Has privacy lost out to dollars and convenience?"

IV. Accept the following reports:

- President's Report (B2007-2)
- Vice President's Report (B2007-9)
- Executive Director's Report (B2007-6)
- FY2006 Budget Report (B2007-1)
- Review of draft FY2008 budget (B2007-7)
- FY 2007, Q1 report (B2007-8)

(MOTION 2, Accept reports: Aaron/Shapiro, motion carried)

V. Strategic Plan and Assessment: Reports and Discussion

i. LITA Assessment and Research Task Force, Diane Bisom reporting:

- Task force used the strategic plan to inform the report and decided that future assessments should be done consistently throughout the program.

- Assessment should be carried out and continued over time; it should be a formal process and done on a regular schedule.
- Recommended LITA collect info on program assessment, members' needs, demographics of membership, membership growth, and find ways to collect data on potential LITA members
- Identify what LITA already collects and find ways to implement the data; last member-wide assessment was done at least five years ago.
- Assessing non- members is imperative to understanding directions that LITA should take in the future.
- Instruments used should be simple; do not over survey members; use a combination of different tools, like focus groups in addition to surveys.
- The task force recommended that an outside group be hired to do some initial assessment for LITA.

(MOTION 3, Moved that the LITA Board approve the recommendations of the LITA Assessment and Research Task Force as follows: LITA President shall appoint on Director-at-Large to oversee assessment (2-3 yr term preferred); employ a variety of tools and methods to collect data; report the data to LITA Board and membership; outsource the development of the initial Assessment Research Agenda: Pace/Frisque, motion carried)

ii. Update on 2006 National Forum, Mary Taylor reporting in Pat Mullin's absence

iii. ALA ITTS, Rob Carlson, Sherry Vanyek, and Jenny Levine reporting:

- In the middle of a new CMS implementation (Serena Collage); AL was converted first and LITA will be next
- New blogging software, b2evolution, and Media Wiki software are available; unofficially, there are about 30-40 blogs and wikis currently on the ALA server; see [Read/Write/Connect Wiki](#). There is no limit to the number of blogs and wikis a group may have.
- Currently working on "best practices" to help people make better choices regarding technology use and creation. ALA ITTS recently finished usability testing on the website and had a web planning retreat in December; they are working on a web redesign based on the usability assessment results; some prototypes will be available at Annual.
- Online communities: current software does not allow for true social networking and are working to make it a more viable tool for committees; all content will be migrated from the old system to the new.
- Educational online resources: ALA has WebCT but no instructional design support. They are currently considering Moodle instead of WebCT.

iii. Education Working Group, Susan Logue, reporting:

- Committee recommends that the Regional Institutes Committee and the Education Committee merge and develop a charge for the new committee.
- **(MOTION 4, Merge accepted in principal: Pace/Frisque)** the charge and the number of people needed for the new committee need to be defined.
- Expressed concern about the impact the Forum and online learning opportunities have on the Regional Institutes.
- Online learning is worthwhile, but there is concern about what people are willing to pay for online learning.
- Believes that people are willing to pay more for online learning if they receive credit hours for the class; a library could pay to have their whole staff participate in a webcast at the same time.
- LITA is competing with many other groups in the kinds of online training that we offer; we need to identify unique things that LITA can offer its members.

iv. ALA Executive Board Liaison to LITA, Terri Kirk reporting for Janet Swan Hill

- Report on web usability retreat touched on in ITTS report
- Tribute in Honor of Spectrum's 10th Anniversary; selling bracelets for \$2 to support someone attending Annual Conference

- 2010 Update/School Libraries Task Force Report; progress reports on the ALA Ahead to 2010 Strategic Plan and the School Libraries Task Force Recommendations will take place at Midwinter.

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2007 Midwinter Meeting, Second session

MINUTES

Monday, January 22, 2007, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Washington State Convention & Trade Center (WCC), room 304

Board members present: Bonnie Postlethwaite, Mark Beatty, Jonathan Rothman, Andrew Pace, Karen Starr, Barbara Higginbotham, David Bretthauer, Debra Shapiro, Michelle Frisque, and Maribeth Manoff; Staff present: Mary Taylor, Valerie Edmonds, Melissa Prentice; Guests present: Jim Rettig, Nancy Davenport, Gail Clement, Rick Weingarten

Absent: Patrick Mullin, Amira Aaron

President Bonnie Postlethwaite, presiding

- I. Call to order, announcements, and introduction of guests
- II. Jim Rettig, ALA Presidential Candidate addressed the Board regarding upcoming election
- III. ITAL Editor and Publications Committee update , Michelle Frisque reporting

(MOTION 4, Board approved Creation of new LITA Guide; *Core Technology Competencies for Libraries*: Frisque/all board members present, motion carried)

(MOTION 5, Board accepts recommendations put forth in the document “TER Recommendations for the LITA Board:” Frisque/all board members present, motion carried)

- Approval of new editor not passed; board requested 2 candidates, but only one was interviewed; Board requests that the publications committee broaden their search and interview a minimum of 2 candidates
- III. ALA Council, Barbra Higginbotham reporting
 - ALA Council reports that attendance at this midwinter is very good; preliminary counts are around 12,000
 - Discussed the barriers for people to run for ALA Council; expense of one or two extra days, can't get time off (especially problematic for school librarians), negative perceptions: bureaucratic, not work related. Concern that name recognition gets people elected led to discussion of term limits.
 - BARC preliminary report of graduated dues structure; request for extension to midwinter 08
 - ALA fiscal health is good; endowment went from 14 mil to 29 mil since 2000
 - EPA library closings have been halted
 - ALA/APA developing an online newsletter, examining certification fees, offering 30 courses; proposing a non-binding, minimum salary for professional librarians of \$40,000.
 - “Principals for Digitized Content;” Sherri Schmidt recommendation to Higginbotham

(MOTION 6, LITA Board endorses “Principals for Digitized Content” from the LITA Legislation and Regulation Committee: Pace/Beatty, motion carried)

IV. LITA Bylaws and Organization, Maribeth Manoff reporting

- Submitted recommended changes to Bylaws; will appear on 2007 LITA ballot

(MOTION 7, Board approved disband of Technical Services Workstation: motion carried by all board members present)

(MOTION 8, Board approved the renewal of Open Source Systems IG with revised function statement – to encourage active participation in the Open Source community through developing, adapting, improving, and fixing Open Source solutions for us in libraries. To promote the use of Open Source in libraries through education, distribution, and creating support structures to assist with appropriate implementation. To advocate for the development of appropriate standards and policies that are true to the spirit of the Open Source movement: motion carried by all board members present)

(MOTION 9: Board approved reformation of the Library Consortia and Systems IG: motion carried by all board members present)

(MOTION 10: Board approved the formation of the Next Generation Catalog IG: motion carried by all board members present)

MOTION 11: Board approved bylaws changes for 2007 ballot: motion carried by all board members present)

V. National Library Agenda, Bonnie Postlethwaite reporting

- National agenda for libraries has been crafted and distributed for comment. Bonnie will collect all comments, including the Legislative Committee’s comments, and will provide feedback by February 15 deadline.

VI. ALA OITP on Participatory Communities, Rick Weingarten reporting

- Participatory networking: research grant from Gates to OITP on connectivity; there is also funding through MacArthur
- OITP is framing something for all of ALA; trying to get IMLS and DSF interested in research agenda
- Social networking sites are stressing library connectivity; applications using huge memory will soon shut libraries out if they don’t address connectivity issues
- Nancy Bolt is helping Rick; also working on state connectivity; they will wrap up their work June, possibly earlier
- Rick is retiring in June and Washington office will start recruiting soon; Rick and Emily believe LITA to be a ripe source for the kind of people they will be looking for. He is recommending a 2-3 year appointment
- He will still be involved on the two grants he has received and also indicated that with all the funding available, it will make for a “nice sandbox” for his replacement
- Related documents: Participatory Networks: The Library as Conversation, <http://iis.syr.edu/projects/PNOpen/ConversationFirstDraft.pdf> and Confronting the Challenges of Participatory Culture: Media Education for the 21st Century http://www.digitalllearning.macfound.org/atf/cf/{7E45C7E0-A3E0-4B89-AC9C-E807E1B0AE4E}/JENKINS_WHITE_PAPER.PDF

VII. Nancy Davenport, ALA Presidential Candidate addressed the Board regarding upcoming election

VIII. Annual Conference Programs and Preconferences, Gail Clement reporting

- PPC had previously approved 2 precon for annual, but cancelled “Podcasting” before midwinter
- Maurice York returned to PPC with a new proposal that was different from the original; PPC could not approve the 2 day precon proposed
- Suggested a 1 year deadline, better training, and enforcement of guidelines
- PPC needs more committee members to handle the volume of proposals they are now receiving

IX. Nominating Committee Slate

(MOTION 7, Approval of Nominating Committee Slate, Pace, Starr, and Manoff abstain: all board present approve)

X. OCLC breakfast with Eric Childress, Mark Beatty reporting

- OCLC has made the Smith Bldg available to LITA for no fee
- Smith Bldg is on the OCLC campus and is a high-tech conference center
- OCLC has requested a 9-18 month lead time; OCLC wants to use LITA as poster child to promote the facility
- Beatty approached BIGWIG about doing the program, consisting of hands-on tech stuff and they have agreed; it will be a single topic program, likely on social networking
- BIGWIG will do a proposal with time to vet during the spring ExCo meeting; will bring formal proposal to Annual Conference
- Beatty asked Mary Taylor and LITA staff to develop a list of questions to take to OCLC

X. Board liaisons’ reports on Committees

i. IRC, Karen Starr reporting

- Grace Hill will sponsor travel grant for Caribbean librarian to attend the National Forum for 2 more years

ii. Education committee

- ED Committee felt they weren’t involved in the decision to merge the 2 committees

iii. Tech and Access, Jonathan Rothman reporting

- role of IFC liaison too much for chair but current chair wants to do it

iv. TTT, Mark Beatty reporting

- The new Annual Conference program limits panel to 8; the committee wants to get more to rotate each year; send name suggestions to Jennifer Ward

(Motion 8, Motion to Adjourn: Frisque/ Higginbotham)