The Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) Annual Meeting was on Thursday, May 6, 2010, at the Indiana Wesleyan Indianapolis Education Center.

ALI president Arthur W. Hafner welcomed 61 attendees, composed of ALI members and guests, and introduced this year’s keynote speaker, Andrew K. Pace, Executive Director for Networked Library Services at OCLC.

At OCLC, Andrew leads an initiative to move library management services to a Web-scale cooperative platform. Before moving to OCLC, Andrew was the Head of Information Technology at NCSU Libraries from 1999 – 2007. He also currently serves as president of the Library & Information Technology Association (LITA). Andrew is the author of the blog Hectic Pace (http://community.oclc.org/hecticpace).

In his presentation, entitled Library Technologies: Past, Present, and Future, Andrew provided an overview of library automation history and current trends, including Web 2.0, Web 3.0, cloud computing, and crowd-sourcing. He gave definitions of these trends and concepts and discussed ways they could impact library procedures and staffing. Conference attendees then had the chance to ask questions, which led to several interesting conversations.
Following the keynote address by Andrew Pace, Jim Corridan from the Indiana State Library concluded the morning session with a brief presentation on the state of Indiana libraries.

Jim reported that negotiations continue with vendors for the databases to be included in INSPIRE. He is interested in collaborating with ALI member libraries to fund more databases for Indiana. Jim shared a prediction that twenty percent of school librarians might lose their positions this year, encouraging ALI members to respond. He also mentioned the free professional development opportunities provided by the Indiana State Library, through WebJunction and Lyrasis. While details are not known yet, Jim also mentioned that funding cuts for the State Library may require service fees in the future.

After Jim Corridan’s address, lunch, and a poster session, Janet S. Fore, Saint Mary’s College, then led a session to develop take-home ideas from the morning presentation, discussion, and poster sessions. Janet invited attendees to respond to the keynote address by giving examples of how they are changing services and resources using new technologies. Librarians mentioned committing time and money to encourage staff in exploring new technologies, adapting Google products for library applications and exploring options for increasing efficiency through cloud computing.

ALI President Arthur W. Hafner, Ball State University, offered to lead the ALI Board in considering how the organization can respond to the loss of school library positions in Indiana.
Poster Presentations at the 2010 Conference

After lunch, attendees discussed the variety of topics addressed in poster presentations with both presenters and fellow attendees. The following librarians presented posters at the conference:

Hal Kirkwood and Kelly Evans, Purdue University Libraries: “Information Literacy, Changing Spaces, and Changing Perceptions.” Librarians at Purdue have developed new learning environments for students to use library resources. “Embedded librarians” have created new roles as information consultants and instructors.

Collette Mak and Steve Hayes (right), University of Notre Dame Hesburgh University Libraries: “Beyond the Body Count: Building a More Complete Usage Picture of the Library and Its Services.” Librarians at Notre Dame took a more in-depth view of ways to track and gather statistics in order to get a more comprehensive view of how the library and library services were being used by patrons.

Carolyn F. Runyon, Ball State University Libraries: “Development of a User-Focused Digital Library Interface Using Website Traffic Statistics.” Librarians and systems administrators at the Ball State University Libraries redesigned their Digital Media Repository in the fall of 2009, first analyzing Web site traffic statistics from the previous academic year (such as visitor screen resolution, flash versions, and referral sites) to guide the process.
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Matthew Dilworth, Indiana University East: “IU East Library Action Figure Tour.” Staff at Indiana University East used “library action figures” to provide a virtual tour of the IU East Library. Dressed as students and librarians, the dolls gave a quick tour of the library and illustrated how students can ask for help. The poster presentation detailed how the presentation was made, showed examples of the library action figures, and played the finished video, hosted on You Tube – http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IENKivi3pEg

Amy S. Van Epps, Purdue University Libraries: “Department Office Hours: Becoming Part of the Culture.” Amy began holding office hours in the School of Engineering Education to increase visibility for the library, to connect with those who might not come into the library, and to provide front line support for library services.

Cindy Kump and Lauralee Aven, University of Saint Francis: “Ask a Librarian at the University of Saint Francis.” The University of Saint Francis has expanded ways patrons can ask for librarian assistance, adding text messaging and email options to in-person (either drop-in or by appointment) or phone options.

Cinda May, Indiana State University Library: “Wabash Valley Visions and Voices Digital Memory Project.” Dedicated to the documentation and preservation of the Wabash Valley’s history and cultural heritage in print, picture, and sound, this collaborative project between regional libraries, museums, cultural organizations, and community groups is freely accessible via the Internet.
Committee Reports at the 2010 Conference

During an afternoon business session, ALI members received updates from various committees about their activities during the 2009-2010 year.

Resource Advisory Committee — Kirsten A. Leonard, Indiana University Kokomo, summarized the work of the Resource Advisory Committee in the past year, noting that the committee’s minutes and reports are posted on the ALI wiki. To facilitate its oversight of the Lyrasis contract for group purchasing, the committee created a list of expectations and is working on a statement of required and desirable licensing terms. The committee plans to evaluate Lyrasis’s performance, which includes a survey of the membership. In August, the committee will recommend to the ALI Board whether the contract should be renewed. Kirsten shared observations from the recent meeting of the International Coalition of Library Consortia which she attended with Lori Duggan.

Resource Sharing Committee — Matthew C. Shaw, Ball State University, noted that his committee is reviewing the draft of an assessment survey which will be sent to interlibrary loan managers in member libraries. The results of the survey will guide the future work of the Committee.

Information Literacy Committee — Susan Clark, Ivy Tech Community College, East Central Region, summarized her committee’s written report, noting that ALI will cosponsor the speaker for the IALA luncheon on November 17, 2010. The speaker will be Vicki Burns, Head of Reference at Rochester University.

ALI Listserv Migration — President Arthur Hafner announced that ALI listservs are being migrated from the University of Notre Dame to Ball State University. All listserv participants will receive announcements of this change.

Jennifer A. Younger, University of Notre Dame, explained the migration of the listservs by announcing that she is stepping down as Edward H. Arnold Director of Hesburgh Libraries. She will assume new responsibilities for advancing the Catholic Research Resources Alliance (CRRA) Portal (www.catholicresearch.net) on behalf of the University of Notre Dame and the other members of the CRRA.

Jennifer will continue to be employed by the University of Notre Dame and will continue to represent libraries on the OCLC Global Council. She will serve as president of the Global Council in 2010-2011.

Jennifer is a former president of ALI and one of its founding members.

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Lyrasis —
Lewis Miller, Butler University, reported that his institution has been pleased with the continuing education opportunities and subscription services received from its membership in Lyrasis. Problems with billing are being addressed. Butler chose membership in Lyrasis because of its track record of stability.

Dan Bowell, Taylor University, questioned whether Lyrasis member benefits justify the fees which are higher than those for Midwest Collaborative for Library Services. MCLS is well-positioned to facilitate resources sharing across state lines in the future. Other librarians reported having difficulty with Lyrasis billing practices. Kirsten Leonard asked members to report Lyrasis billing problems to the Resource Advisory Committee, noting that Lyrasis is adding staff to improve service to customers in the Consortial Licensing Program (CLP). ALI members pay a flat fee for the database licensing services of Lyrasis.

Midwest Collaborative for Library Services —
Jennifer Younger reported on the work of the MCLS Interim Board to develop this new organization which is a merger of INCOLSA and the Michigan Library Consortium. In the fall, the first permanent board will be elected. Each state will have seven members on the board, one of them being an academic librarian. MCLS will provide services based on the priorities of the membership and will explore ways to facilitate resource sharing with other libraries in the Midwest. Neither Lyrasis nor MCLS add fees for processing OCLC payments.

ALI Hosts Guests
President Hafner recognized several invited guests at the meeting:
- Susan G. Akers, Executive Director of the Indiana Library Federation
- Roberta Brooker, Indiana State Librarian
- Jim Corridan, Deputy State Librarian
- Randy Dykuis, Executive Director of Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS)
- Kate Vincent, Services Consultant at Lyrasis

Graduate students from IUPUI School of Library and Information Science who helped with hosting the meeting (pictured above, from left):
- Elena Schultz
- Elizabeth Johnson
- Michel Ellis

- Shanika Hatcher
- Michelle Dartis
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- Dan J. Bowell, Member at Large, Taylor University
- Janet L. Brewer, Anderson University
- Frank H. Cervone, Purdue University Calumet
- J. Susan Clark, Ivy Tech Community College, East Central Region
- Alberta D. Comer, Indiana State University
- John Fribley, Ivy Tech Community College, North Central
- Arthur W. Hafner, President, Ball State University

- Jennifer A. Younger, leaving the University of Notre Dame and leaving the Board
- Michele C. Russo – retiring from IU South Bend and leaving the Board
- Steven J. Schmidt – leaving the Board
- Susan Catt – leaving the Board
- Robert Kaehr – retiring from Huntington University

New Board Members
- Frank H. Cervone, Purdue University Calumet
- John Fribley, Ivy Tech Community College, North Central
- Brenda L. Johnson, Indiana University, Bloomington
- James L. Mullins, Vice-President, Purdue University
- Susan Ohmer, University of Notre Dame
- Mary G. Persyn, Treasurer, Valparaiso University School of Law
- Eileen Saner, Secretary, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary
- Scott H. Silverman, Earlham College
- Robert A. Slayton, Vincennes University
- Cheryl Truesdell, Indiana University Purdue University at Fort Wayne
- Judy Tribble, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

Appreciation
President Hafner presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following individuals for their service to ALI and the Board of Directors:
- Jennifer A. Younger – leaving the University of Notre Dame and leaving the Board
- Michele C. Russo – retiring from IU South Bend and leaving the Board
- Steven J. Schmidt – leaving the Board
- Susan Catt – leaving the Board
- Robert Kaehr – retiring from Huntington University

Outgoing Board Members
- Susan Catt, Vice President, Ivy Tech Community College, Bloomington
- Brenda L. Johnson, Indiana University, Bloomington
- Susan Ohmer, University of Notre Dame
- Mary G. Persyn, Treasurer, Valparaiso University School of Law
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