Academic Libraries of Indiana

ALI Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes, December 15, 2009
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Present: Bowell, Brewer, Catt, Clark, Comer (telephone a.m. only), Hafner (presiding), Mullins, Persyn (telephone a.m. only), Russo, Saner, Slayton, Tribble, Younger (telephone)

Call to Order. Hafner brought the meeting to order and the agenda was approved.

Minutes of October 20, 2009, were approved as corrected online on a motion by Russo, seconded by Bowell. The minutes will be archived. In the absence of a secretary, Tribble agreed to take minutes for the meeting.

Treasurer’s Report. Persyn reported that ALI has paid the Board of Directors insurance. Hafner asked about posting the treasurer’s report online. Discussion centered on exactly what to post. Bowell noted that some of the reserve will be used to cover the April payment for Academic Search Premier. ALI is currently covering the increase of about $85.00 per member for ASP. It was agreed to post the budget as it appeared. E. Saner requested that a philosophical statement be developed to discuss how ALI uses reserves. The Board will discuss this at the next meeting.

Confirmation of Meeting Dates for Remainder of 2009/2010 Year. Hafner reviewed the remaining meeting dates for the year. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 16, via GoToMeeting.com conference. There will be a Board meeting on Monday, April 5, 2010, at Indiana University – South Bend. The Annual Membership Meeting will be held Indiana Wesleyan Center Indianapolis on Thursday, May 6, 2010.

Comments from ALI Member Library Directors from Board’s Communication Program. Jennifer Younger had suggested a communication program whereby Board members call another constituent ALI library director to find out what was on her/his mind. J. Mullins asked what comprised each constituency. Arthur Hafner suggested the three permanent Board members randomly call ALI members. Reports were as follows: J. Younger’s discussion with Notre Dame Law, Saint Mary’s, Holy Cross, and Bethel focused on the INCOLSA merger. D. Bowell talked with Scott Silverman, the new director at Earlham. M. Russo reported IU Northwest was aware of what ALI was doing. One suggestion made was that ALI provide more information on copyright. Board members noted that Fritz Dolak from Ball State can provide a very helpful copyright seminar fairly inexpensively. J. Mullins suggested investigating using a webcast as a
delivery tool for a copyright seminar so that participants can ask questions via email or phone. Donna Ferullo from Purdue would also be willing to provide a similar workshop. Arthur Hafner will investigate these possibilities.

J. Younger asked about webcasting the plenary speaker at the annual members meeting. This would allow others in the libraries besides the director to participate. J. Mullins suggested that the annual meeting will be held shortly after a decision has been made on Google’s initiatives and impact. The Georgia State University lawsuit was also mentioned. D. Bowell suggested Lyrasis might have the capability to present on these topics. He will check with Lyrasis on cost.

In a separate matter, J. Mullins suggested that the April Board of Directors meeting be held at IU South Bend since M. Russo will be retiring and leaving the Board. Board members agreed to this proposal.

**Discussion about INCOLSA/MLC merger.** J. Mullins and R. Slayton both expressed concern about whether the new entity would have a viable, sustainable business model. J. Younger noted that services will have to come out of the operating budget funded by member dues, and programs would have to be scaled to fit the budget. E. Saner indicated that PALNI was aware that it might need to find a different ILS vendor and has developed a method to do so if necessary. R. Slayton asked what the INCOLSA/MLC merger could provide beyond what Lyrasis can provide. J. Younger noted that some libraries are going directly to OCLC. J. Mullins asked what the new entity would provide smaller public and school libraries. S. Catt observed that some services, such as the SCION catalog, were being discontinued. One final question raised was how MLC was funded.

**Presentation and Discussion by Marnie Maxwell, INCOLSA Interim Director.**
M. Maxwell has been working for a couple of days per week to ensure due diligence in discussions around the proposed merger with the Michigan Library Consortium. On July 1, INCOLSA returned $900,000 to the State of Indiana. Maxwell noted that INCOLSA had also talked with Lyrasis regarding a merger.

Maxwell pointed out that the advantage of the INCOLSA/MLC merger is that both are from the Midwest and could deliver the “local touch.” The value systems of the two organizations are the same. Both entities listen to members and get back to members quickly. They provide similar services, namely, training, OCLC, and a database package similar to INSPIRE. Both entities have a commitment to academic libraries though the commitment “plays out” differently in each state. Marnie stated that she hoped the proposed merger might serve “broader interests.” The Library of Michigan provides LSTA funding to MLC that might be affected by the merger. INCOLSA no longer receives LSTA funds.

INCOLSA is no longer providing cataloging. It has cut staff members to 9.5 FTE, down from 15 or 16 in July. It will no longer manage the library unemployment fund. The budget deficit of $300,000 for the coming year could be managed by the merger. The question of avoiding duplicate training was raised as well as the fact that Lyrasis can provide online training. One difference between the two organizations is that MLC doesn’t have anything similar to PALNI.
M. Persyn asked if the merger was the first step of forming a larger organization from single state groups in the Midwest. M. Maxwell indicated that this would not happen immediately. J. Younger pointed out that the Midwest Library Consortia directors would like to streamline resource sharing across states.

If the merger is not approved by the INCOLSA membership on Thursday December 17, 2009, the INCOLSA Executive Committee will reconsider options. The Executive Committee would have to approve the distribution of funds to another nonprofit organization. INCOLSA’s projected operating budget for next year is 1.3 million which includes $300,000 from the reserve fund. There are plans to lease space in the INCOLSA building. The building is in good shape.

**Appoint Secretary because of Cathy Salyer’s Resignation.** In accordance with Section 4.3 of the ALI By-Laws, E. Saner was elected Secretary unanimously. Duties include taking minutes at board and annual members meeting, maintaining the by-laws, conducting the Board of Directors election, and validating votes.

**Selection of ALI’s Nominating Committee Members.** S. Clark was named Board liaison and M. Russo will serve as consultant to the Nominating Committee.

**Resource Advisory Committee Update.** D. Bowell reported that the American Chemical Society has proposed an astronomical increase for it publications database for next year. Some members of the consortia may drop out. Bowell hopes to work out a contract earlier than last year. Within the next six weeks, the RAC will conduct an e-resource inventory. In addition, Lyrasis is sponsoring an e-book summit that looks at industry trends, new technologies, and acquisitions options. The RAC is proposing a statement about nondisclosure in contracts to indicate that ALI will not enter a contract that requires nondisclosure. The statement is modeled after that of the Association of Research Libraries.

**Future ALI Board meetings.** A question was raised about whether to maintain six Board meetings a year or go to four per year. J. Younger suggested some meetings be held by conference call and last up to 90 minutes rather than five hours. A. Hafner said he would implement this recommendation with the February 16 meeting.

Another concern raised was whether the Annual Members Meeting could be moved to the following week in May. J. Mullins suggested a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of that week. While the date is fixed for next year, Hafner will poll the members not present to determine if the change can be made for next year.

**PALNI Update.** E. Saner reported that PALNI has begun a search for a new executive director. Tom Kirk has agreed to serve as interim director. A new entity, the PALNI Technical Advisory Group, has been established to do research and make recommendations to the directors regarding such matters as the future of the ILS and next generation catalogs.

D. Bowell indicated that there will be a retrospective periodicals project to keep the last one or two copies not online. This project could expand beyond PALNI to at least a statewide initiative using PALNI as a model. J. Mullins reported that JSTOR or one extant copy will be held in the
state among Indiana, Purdue, and Notre Dame libraries in a distributed model. It was agreed that after one year, ALI will consider joining such a project.

**David Lewis’ Evergreen Indiana Executive Committee Report.** In addition to D. Lewis’ written report, J. Younger noted that Evergreen has had a positive effect on direct borrowing between libraries as their holdings are in WorldCat.

**By-Laws Requirement for a Current Listing of Members.** The ALI members list was updated after the last membership meeting but the changes were not always carried through nor was ALI always informed of changes. Board members should know changes in their constituencies and report these to A. Hafner and J. Younger. A. Hafner noted that everyone on the listserv can send messages and encouraged Board members to communicate with their constituencies. He will send a list in PDF format and ask members to check for currency.

**Reinvigoration of ALI’s Resource Sharing Committee.** J. Tribble serves as chair and Board liaison for the committee.

**Annual Meeting Planning Working Group.** Hafner noted the need for one non-Board members on this group. M. Russo will contact John Lamborn at Wabash College.

**Awards and Communication Committee.** It was suggested that Board meeting minutes be sent out early so as to inform members of what is happening and to “catch people doing things great.” M. Russo suggested that the Vice-President could serve as chair of this committee. Hafner reviewed the minutes process. Draft minutes go to Arthur for review for obvious errors and then are posted as a draft on the ALI website. He notifies the membership of the posting on the website. J. Mullins suggested embedding the agenda in an email to members, reminding members of the Annual Membership Meeting in May, and providing the URL to the ALI website. Bill Darr from Grace College was suggested as a member to serve on the Awards and Communication Committee.

**Information Literacy Committee.** The members of the Committee are Francesca Bush, Rachel Crowley, Sharon Weiner, and Nancy Colburn. There will be a National Information Literacy Forum held at Purdue on May 14 which features a workshop by Dr. Russ Todd. Purdue includes information literacy in its core requirements.

**Proposed Partnership with Indiana State Library on IMLS Grant.** The Indiana State Library has contacted ALI to lend its name to the proposed grant for “preservation of Indiana’s cultural heritage through environmental assessment and emergency preparedness.” Board members had several questions: (1) what is the role of the partners, (2) what is unique about the project, or what has been done similarly in other parts of the country, (3) has an environmental scan or literature review been performed, and (4) how will the program resulting from the grant be funded. On a motion by R. Slayton, seconded by D. Bowell, A. Hafner will fill out the partnership form and ask for more clarification on ALI’s responsibility as a partner.

**Announcements by ALI Board members.** R. Slayton reported that Vincennes University has received a LSTA grant to partner with public libraries and WorkOne. Vincennes distance
students receive a free notebook, the public libraries provide wireless access and mentor/coaches, and the WorkOne offices provide training.

J. Mullins reported that Purdue is a founding member of DataCite, an international consortium of research libraries to assign Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) to datasets.

Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Recorded by Judy Tribble
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