Present: Arthur Hafner (presiding), Dan Bowell, Frank Cervone, Susan Clark, Alberta Comer, John Friable, Ken Gibson, Brenda Johnson, Jim Mullins, Mary Persyn, Eileen Saner, Judy Tribble, Cheryl Truesdell, Guests: Randy Dykhuis, Kirsten Leonard, Matthew Shaw, George Stachokas.

Call to Order: Arthur Hafner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and participants introduced themselves.

Meetings in 2011: February 14 (virtual); April 4 (at IUPUI); May 12 (Members Meeting)

Minutes: The minutes for the October 11, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed. Jim Mullins made a motion to approve. Dan Bowell seconded. The motion passed.

Election Process: Eileen Saner described the process by which new members are elected/appointed to the ALI Board. The following members agreed to manage the election process for their constituency groups: Judy Tribble, Alberta Comer, Frank Cervonne and Susan Clark. Mary Persyn will be asked to manage the election for the independent professional school libraries. Ballots should be returned to Eileen by February 3, 2011.

Report from the Information Literacy Committee (ILC): Susan Clark reported on activities of the Committee at recent meetings. The ILC has begun the process of contacting stakeholders for the new initiative, Hoosiers and Information Literacy (HAIL). A state-wide conference for all types of libraries is in the early planning stages. The Committee will host a roundtable discussion at each Indiana Library Federation district meeting to present HAIL and get feedback. They plan to schedule the conference when both school and public librarians can attend. Susan Akers, president of the Indiana Library Federation has been asked for input. The Indiana Academic Library Association has endorsed the HAIL project, a necessary step for scheduling a
program at the Indiana Library Federation Annual Conference. Next steps include contacting the Indiana State Library and looking for grant funding.

**Nominating Committee**: Susan Clark is leading the ALI Nominating Committee this year. The Committee is made up of two representatives from state-funded institutions, two from privately-funded institutions and one from the Ivy Tech Vincennes group. Susan will ask Board members to suggest individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee. She will also send an invitation for volunteers on the ALI listserv. Susan will ask the Board to approve the Nominating Committee. She will ask Board members to indicate their interest in being Board officers. The Committee nominates Board officers and three candidates for the one at-large member position. At the annual meeting, the members elect the officers and the at-large member.

**Report of the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)**: George Stachokas reviewed the RAC report that was provided to the Board. ALI and Lyrasis have agreed on a new contract. Lyrasis is willing to address the problems that were identified. Negotiations were concluded with the American Chemical Society for *Web Editions*. The pricing model is a considerable increase for many libraries but it is probably the best arrangement ACS has offered any consortium. Negotiations for *Ebrary Academic Complete* have ended because there was not enough interest for the proposed purchasing arrangement. To accommodate those ALI members that are interested in ebrary Academic Complete, the Committee will consult with Lyrasis about the possibility of joining or forming a larger buying group.

The Committee determined that the EBSCO proposal for *Academic Search Complete* and *Business Source Complete* was more costly than was justified for the additional full-text titles. Current ALI library contracts for Proquest products are being examined to see if a consortial purchase would lead to cost savings.

Early in the new year, the RAC will determine whether to have a spring vendor fair and how to get the data that Lyrasis needs from each member of ALI. The RAC will also investigate ways to get lower prices for databases, perhaps with multi-year agreements.

**Resource Sharing Committee (RSC)**: Matthew Shaw described Michigan’s remote circulation system, which the Committee had learned about in a November 5 meeting with Randy Dykhuis and Debbi Schaubman of the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services. Michigan’s union catalog, MelCat, supports end user direct requests for interlibrary lending of returnables. The RSC proposed that Randy be invited to provide the keynote address for the March 11 ALI resource sharing conference now being planned for Indiana State University. After considerable discussion, the Board agreed that this is the time for Indiana libraries to give serious consideration to a remote circulation system like that currently available in Michigan. Making this information available at the conference raises awareness but does not commit ALI to any future steps.
In addition to the plenary session, the March 11 conference will have two tracks for breakout sessions in the afternoon, one basic and one advanced. These sessions will address issues raised in the Committee’s survey that was administered electronically in summer 2010. Public and academic librarians will be invited to the conference.

The RSC requested $2,150 to fund free registration for 120 people at the March 11 conference. Costs could be higher if more people attend. The budget includes promotional materials, handouts, plenary speaker expenses, nametags, lunch and afternoon snacks. ISU is donating use of facilities, folders, morning snacks, and free parking.

**Jim Mullins moved acceptance of the Committee’s proposed budget for the March 11 conference as it appears in the Board report. Dan Bowell seconded. The motion passed.**

The proposed ALI Resource Sharing Code has been distributed. The Committee is soliciting comments through January 15. The Committee will the revise the code and submit it to the Board for approval.

Matthew summarized some findings from the Resource Sharing Assessment Survey. Many libraries do not have enough staff to keep up with new resource sharing technology. The Committee is considering a regional partnering system to provide support for libraries needing assistance in implementing resource sharing technology such as Odyssey stand-alone. The Committee would like to see more libraries having INfoExpress pickup every week day. The survey revealed the need for more promotion of ALI’s reciprocal borrowing program. Only seventeen libraries are actively participating.

The Committee is beginning to use a wiki for its planning work and will re-purpose the current listserv for discussion by ALI librarians doing resource sharing.

At the request of Matthew Shaw, the Board clarified the process for adding members to ALI Committees. The Committee chair leads the Committee in discerning which librarians should be added. The chair then consults with the Board liaison on the Committee to finalize the appointment. The appointment is reported to the Board.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Persyn presented the report noting that only one member library has not paid dues. The cost of establishing ALI archives included the purchase of supplies. The board members insurance expenses have been paid. The cost of the RAC Rendezvous was $1,371.04.

**PALNI Update:** Kirsten Leonard, Executive Director, described steps being taken to gather input from PALNI librarians and set priorities for the organization. End-user needs are also being assessed to shape the development of products and services. PALNI is in final contract negotiation with ExLibris for hosting of SFX and federated search services. PALNI is exploring
how its digitization efforts using ContentDM can be coordinated with other programs in the state to share expertise and hosting services. Butler will be maintaining the PALNI archives.

Kirsten raised the need for a data center that could be used by interested ALI libraries with costs shared by the users. This would be a particular benefit to smaller institutions. This collaboration for data storage parallels earlier ALI planning for the ALF, storage for print materials.

Midwest Collaborative for Library Services: Randy Dykhuis described his efforts to become acquainted with Indiana libraries in order to discern how to promote collaboration. Resource sharing through patron-initiated remote circulation has great potential. Some libraries are interested in a collaborative arrangement for print storage.

Confidentiality of Documents: In early December, an ACS staff person complained to Lyrasis that ALI had documents freely available on its website which included financial details of the negotiations between Lyrasis and ACS for ALI pricing of ACS products. The Board agreed that information regarding contract negotiations should not be freely available on the web. However, the ALI Board also endorses the ARL commitment not to agree to vendor contracts, which require the non-disclosure of final cost information.

ALI Representatives on the Inspire Advisory Committee: When Kirsten Leonard left IU Kokomo she also vacated her position as an ALI representative on the Indiana State Library’s Inspire Advisory Committee. The Board asked George Stachokas and Dan Bowell of the ALI Resource Advisory Committee to name a replacement for Kirsten on the Inspire Advisory Committee.

Comments from ALI Members: Karla Alexander of the University of St. Francis asked about improving interlibrary loan, especially help with making five-day delivery affordable for all libraries. USF is also interested in a consortial purchase of Serials Solutions. Scott Silverman of Earlham College affirmed ALI’s work in database licensing and wondered whether ALI might consider software licensing that is not bibliographic such as ArcGIS. Scott also suggested that ALI consider inviting campus IT professionals to the spring members’ meeting.

Future ALI Board Meetings: The Board considered the possibility of inviting Jim Corridon and Bobbie Brooker of the Indiana State Library and Susan Akers of the Indiana Library Federation to report at a future meeting. The State Librarian could report on library-related matters being addressed by the state legislature. Board members agreed that face-to-face, rather than virtual meetings, are better for hosting guests from outside the organization.

Meeting Adjourned: The ALI Board of Directors meeting was adjourned by Arthur Hafner at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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