ALI Board of Director’s Meeting
Taylor University
April 3, 2012

Present:  Daniel J. Bowell (Presiding), Robert Roethemeyer, Susan Clark, Cheryl Truesdell, David Lewis, Mary Persyn, Frank Cervone (phone), Arthur Hafner, George Stachokas (Resource Advisory Committee, phone), Matthew Shaw (Resource Sharing Committee, phone), John Fribley, David Peter, John Lamborn, Janet Fore, Kirsten Leonard (guest).

Absent: Brenda Johnson, James Mullins, Eileen Saner, Diane Walker

Call to Order: Bowell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes: Lewis moved and Lamborn seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2012 Board of Director’s meeting with corrections. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report
The draft budget presented by Persyn is the same as last year. Persyn recommended moving $100 from Board expenses to the Financial Management line. The realization that the ALI reserve is now over $80,000 engendered a lengthy discussion about how the reserve fund should be utilized. One suggestion was that we reduce ALI membership fees, another was to use the funds to pay half of the Lyrasis fee for member libraries. Some suggested investing in an innovative project for academic libraries, such as purchasing a shared ebook collection. Bowell noted that we have had this discussion before and it is time to make a decision. Lewis suggested we begin by deciding how much money is necessary to be kept in reserve and how much should be spent on projects for the membership. It was agreed that we need to have a mechanism to use the money wisely, preferably tied to the strategic plan. Lewis moved and Hafner seconded a motion to recommend to the membership that ALI maintain a reserve fund not to exceed the last three years of expenditures and further develop guidelines for appropriate use of the balance. The motion carried. Lewis volunteered to chair a Task Force to recommend suggestions for using ALI reserve funds. Plans were made to allow time at the annual meeting in May to discuss this issue.

Lamborn moved and Peter seconded a motion to approve the 2012-2013 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports
Information Literacy Committee (Susan Clark, Chair)

The Information Literacy Committee’s four working groups are meeting regularly. The Professional Development Group is creating a Learning Theory tutorial. The Teacher Education Working Group is creating a survey for academic librarians working at institutions with teacher education programs to explore information literacy needs. The Marketing Group is developing a poster session for the ALI annual meeting and ACRL 2013. A new working group has been created called Dual Credit and is chaired by Shannon Johnson, IPFW.
HAIL presented a draft proclamation to the Governor's office on behalf of ALI requesting designation of an Information Literacy Week in October. After some discussion it was recommended that the draft include a Whereas section defining information literacy and include reference to INSPIRE and the breadth and quality of resources it provides funded by the state for the people of Indiana. The revised proclamation can be distributed to the Board electronically, but does not need a vote.

Clark brought forward three funding requests from the ILC for Board approval

- Proposal to fund a Developing Indiana’s Workforce through Information Literacy workshop targeted at improving the employment seeking skills of Indiana citizens through information literacy. The one-day workshops would be offered at public libraries around the state.

  Some Board members questioned whether ALI should be doing this for public libraries. The Board suggested changing the focus of the training from the citizens to training public librarians so they can implement programs in their libraries. The Board suggested that the Committee work with the State Library’s Library Development Office and public libraries to make this a joint effort. Explore requesting an LSTA innovative grant for this project and determine how to sustain this project over the long term. Clark will take these suggestions back to the Committee and return with a revised proposal this summer.

- The other two requests were for funding for the committee members to meet during the summer for a workshop and a planning day. It was noted that the Committee does not need pre-approval for committee meeting expenses. There is $6,350 budgeted for meal expenses for up to four ALI standing committee meetings per year.

The ILC Committee is working on a panel discussion for ACRL 2013 and is exploring obtaining a domain name for HAIL. Leonard from PALNI and Bowell pointed out that Deamhost and Google have free or low-cost domain name services. They will work with the ILC to determine the best domain name service for their needs.

**Resource Advisory Committee (George Stachokas, Chair)**

Stachokas reported successful offers from Taylor & Francis for journal subject collections and Gale electronic back volumes for ebook series. He is also currently negotiating group discounts for AAAS Science and other titles.

Future offers later in 2012-2013 include Springer, Wiley, Oxford University Press, and possibly Elsevier. The Wiley deal may take a year or so to complete. Stachokas is not optimistic about obtaining a consortial deal with Elsevier.

He is still trying to determine membership interest in the Library and Information Science initiative. LISTA with fulltext (EBSCO) and Taylor& Francis LIS collection are expensive, so the RAC Committee needs to know the will of the group.
The RAC Committee hopes to announce a final offer with Standard and Poors Net Advantage and EBSCO ebook subscription collection in April. Future offers may include Credo Reference, Sage Reference and Rand State Statistics. The Committee is also discussing terms for eBrary Academic Complete and OUP+3. Results of a survey to members showed most members are interested in group discounts for individual titles, packages, subscriptions, and shared collections.

The Committee will be surveying ALI members to determine interest in group discounts for discovery tools, ERMs, link resolvers, and other resources. The Committee will also survey ALI members about interest in electronic backfiles and migrating print collections to electronic format. The Committee believes that it would be advantageous to negotiate deals now while the cost is relatively low.

Bowell reported that he had talked with Stachokas about continuing his role as chair of the RAC another year. Stachokas may only be able to take on this responsibility one more year due to the increasing demands of this job on his time. Board members questioned whether this job can continue as a volunteer position. Stachokas reported that negotiations and assessing new technology consume between 5-20 hours/week. This job goes above and beyond what is normally expected of volunteers. The Board will explore options for assisting with the tasks of the committee. Ideas include hiring a part-time assistant or partnering with a member library to purchase the services of one of its librarians to take on negotiating tasks. The Board thanked Stachokas for his willingness to lead one more year. The Board suggested that a vice-chair be added to the Committee to groom a successor for the chair’s position.

**Resource Sharing Committee (Matthew Shaw, Chair)**

Shaw reported that the third Discovery to Delivery Conference was a success. There were 110 attendees, with good representation and demographics (68 academic, 26 public, 5 special and 1 school). The venue was excellent and the costs to ALI came in under budget ($1700).

The evaluations, completed by 48 attendees (68% academic) indicated that overall people were pleased with the conference. Shaw noted that the keynote was not inspiring and while the Infoexpress presentation was rehearsed, it was interesting and useful to have them there.

The Board thanked the RAC for arranging and implementing another successful conference.

Shaw reported that the Open Access Subcommittee will meet in April and review the Berlin Declaration.

**Update from PALNI (Kirsten Leonard)**

Leonard reported that she is close to completing restructuring efforts. PALNI has created three coordinator positions, 10-hour/week. Two systems persons have been contracted to date. These coordinators will be doing project management, vendor assessment, and advising.

PALNI is also completing its strategic plan process. Advisory groups have been set up to work on this. The idea is to plan 3 to 5 years out with specific tasks to be accomplished each year of the plan while
keeping the larger goals in mind. Transparency is important so an online project management system is recommended so that everyone can see what is being done and eliminate duplication of efforts.

Leonard reported on the OCLC Game Changers Conference. She found the meeting productive. It was the first meeting hosted by OCLC for consortia to discuss consortia needs. OCLC has not focused on consortia needs in the past, but is trying to become more aware of consortia activities and demands for data, project management, research efforts to prove value, Next Gen ILS systems, etc. OCLC is looking at where they need to be in the next 2-3 years. She was pleased that OCLC’s World Share did not dominate the conference and would recommend attending another such meeting.

OCLC is providing workshops on Webscale primarily aimed at public libraries, but Leonard asked if ALI would be interested in promoting or hosting one of these workshops. Bowell will pursue hosting at IUPUI.

**Update on MCLS (Robert Roethemeyer)**

Roethemeyer gave an interim report on the MCLS Membership Survey (the report is located on the MCLS web site). The Survey came out of a planning retreat of the MCLS Board last November, and will be used to help guide decisions for strategic directions and organizational goals.

The Survey consisted of 19 questions, The response rate was 26% (60% Michigan, 40% Indiana). The survey showed that the top three benefits of MCLS are saving on electronic resources, resource sharing, and continuing education. The services members believe that MCLS is uniquely able to provide are cost sharing, resource sharing, and professional development. When asked what services should be expanded the answers were resource sharing, cost saving, and professional development. Services missing from the list are advocacy, consulting services for emerging technology, and project management. Another questions asked what members predict they will need to be successful over the next few years. Some answers were purchasing and managing ebooks (Indiana), implementing a new ILS (Michigan), and developing mobile applications. When asked what would make the respondent get more involved in MCLS the top answer was regional membership meetings and collaboration with other library agencies. Finally respondents were asked what they believe to be the most important challenges facing libraries today. The top answers were technology management, fundraising/development, and content licensing.

OhioLink is starting an initiative for print storage for the state and may look to expand to private libraries. The Board discussed what MCLS could do for ALI. Bowell is interested in collection management services. Could MCLS support obtaining expert independent consultants, such as a SCES (Sustaining Collection Services) Consulting2 Group to look at space management, shared storage, and shared management for print collections. The Board discussed the idea of bringing in some experts on SCES and having a one-day conversation to hear the issues, obtain information and determine if there is enough interest in pursuing this. Lewis agreed that this conversation is important and necessary to engender a change in our thinking about CM. Bowell will work on calling such a meeting on behalf of ALI.
Hafner asked if MCLS is alive and well in Indiana? The driving force for Roethemeyer and Fore to be on the MCLS board was to pursue resource sharing, however the major things being done by MCLS in this area are already being done in Indiana by the Indiana State Library or ALI. While the Indiana State Library Resource Sharing Committee Conference is a good forum for shared discussion, it is felt by many, especially public libraries, that decisions are top down with little input. Lewis noted that academic libraries have a stronger position with the State Library because we have one voice and public libraries do not.

The Board suggested forming a group of representatives from ILF, ISL, PALNI, ALI, and other groups to meet to discuss the needs of Indiana libraries and share ideas on a regular basis, maybe once/year. Bowell will think about next steps.

Others suggested we use MCLS as a bridge to work with Indiana academic libraries and Michigan academic libraries.

**Annual Meeting Planning Group Report (John Lamborn)**

The theme of the meeting is *Redefining Academic Libraries: Managing the Migration to Digital Information Services* based on a report of the same name produced by the University Leadership Council of the Education Advisory Board in 2011. Prior to the meeting attendees will be encouraged to read the report. A panel consisting of David Lewis, Dan Bowell, Brenda Johnson, and David Peter will begin the discussion. Lewis will be the moderator. There will be two concurrent sessions in the morning, repeated in the afternoon, centered around the four areas of the report: leveraging digital collections, rethinking the scholarly publishing model, repurposing library space, and reallocating library staff. Lewis asked that we have a little bit longer for the keynote. He suggested having three breakout sessions instead of four or maybe even two.

Lamborn and Hafner will take care of the hospitality packets, name tags, etc., and Persyn will take care lunch and registration. Lamborn will take care of the poster session. An evaluation survey will be done after the meeting via survey monkey.

Bowell will ask attendees before the meeting to send bio information, position title and key issue in their library. If he does not get enough responses he will not put a directory together for this year.

**Nominating Committee Report (Susan Clark):** Clark presented the slate for the 2012-2013 ALI Board of Directors:

- **President:** Dan Bowell, Taylor University
- **Vice President:** Susan Clark, IVY Tech Community College, East Central
- **Secretary:** Cheryl Truesdell, IPFW
- **Treasurer:** David Peter, Vincennes University
- **Members-at-Large:** Rhonda Armstrong, IU Kokomo, Vicki Bloom, IU South Bend, Anita Gray, Huntington University
Members-at-large can be nominated from the floor, but officers may not.

**By-Laws Sub-committee Report (Janet Fore):** Fribley, Saner, and Fore went through the bylaws word-by-word. They discovered that no significant bylaw changes were made in 2007. Fribley summarized the recommended changes. Primarily the group tried to tighten up the language, correct errors, and eliminate reference to specific persons or institutions. Changes to the bylaws need to be presented to the members 30 days before the meeting. It was decided that this year’s annual meeting is so full that there is no time on the agenda to discuss the bylaws changes. The bylaws will be sent out via email and put up on the Website. Members will be asked to vote electronically on the changes after the annual meeting.

**Proposal for ALI Support of ACRL 2013 (Jim Mullins):** Board members suggested that we ask for a discussion of this expenditure at the annual meeting. The Board is not ready to act on this motion at this time. The consensus of the group is to make a modest sponsorship contribution (1,000-2,500) to ACRL and allocate funds for grants/scholarships for academic librarians to attend the conference. [Lewis will include this as one recommendation for use of the ALI reserve fund.]

**Charge to the Strategic Plan Task Force (Dan Bowell):** Bowell presented the charge to the Strategic Plan Task Force. Lewis moved and Peter seconded a motion to accept the charge with minor revisions. The motion was passed unanimously. Robert Roethemeyer volunteered to be one of four non-board members on the task force.

Bowell introduced an email from ILF seeking support for the Henryville school district whose elementary school library was destroyed by a tornado. ILF has created a disaster relief fund and would like ALI to announce it to ALI members. Bowell will put out an informational message to ALI members.

Bowell submitted a draft of the President’s Report on the year’s accomplishments. He asked for a one-page report from ALI standing committees as well. Bowell thanked Persyn for her long service on the Board. There will a recognition of her service to ALI at the annual meeting in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 3: 35 pm