ALI Board of Director’s Meeting  
Purdue University  
December 4, 2012

Present: Daniel J. Bowell (Presiding), Susan Clark (Vice President), Cheryl Truesdell (Secretary), David Peter (Treasurer) (Phone), Frank Cervone, John Fribley, John Lamborn, David Lewis (phone), Rick Provine, Brad Eden, Ed Edmonds, Diane Walker (phone), Alberta Comer, Andy Langhurst (Resource Advisory Committee, phone), Matthew Shaw (Resource Sharing Committee, Phone).

Absent: James Mullins, Brenda Johnson, Rhonda Armstrong (resigned)

Call to Order: Bowell called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Welcome and introduction of Members: Introductions were made and Kirsten Leonard, Executive Director, PALNI welcomed to today’s meeting.

Minutes: Eden moved and Edmonds seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2012 Board of Directors meeting. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer’s report
Bowell presented the Treasurer’s report. Current balance as of October 31, 2012 is $103,342.89. The Treasurer’s report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports
Information Literacy Committee ILC (Catherine Pellegrino, Chair)
The HAIL Project’s public web presence will soon be on a “tab” of the ILF web site. It is hoped that this will grow into a larger collaboration between HAIL and ILF. The HAIL Professional Development working group is creating a LibGuide on professional development resources for librarians in the areas of teaching, health literacy, business information resources and transliteracy. The Teacher Education working group is conducting a survey of education liaison librarians and education faculty members to assess the state of information literacy skills in current Indiana teacher-education curricula. The Dual Credit working group is compiling a list of college and university licensed resources that are available to high school students enrolled in dual-credit programs. The Outreach and PR/Marketing groups have lost some members and leadership. The groups are considering combining into a larger group or regrouping at another time.

Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) (Andy Langhurst, Chair)
Andy Langhurst from Notre Dame is the new chair of the RAC. Kathy Bartelt from the University of Evansville is a new member. The committee has begun planning the 4th Annual ALI eResource
Rendezvous to be held March 15, 2013. The proposed themes are licensing and streaming media resources. The committee presented a budget proposal for the program. The committee seeks fiscal support from the ALI Board to cover the costs of a continental breakfast, lunch, parking fees for participants, and possibly some LYRASIS personnel travel expenses, however, it was noted that in the past LYRASIS has paid for its own travel. The proposed budget was approved as presented.

American Psychological Association wants a license signed by LYRASIS on behalf of each of the ALI members that subscribe to APA. In the agreement it mentions that LYRASIS does not sign licenses on our behalf. ALI needs to give LYRASIS the permission to sign the APA license on our behalf, or if not, we will all have to sign the license. Bowell asked if we feel comfortable letting LYRASIS sign off on the license for ALI members. Edmonds asked about the duration of the authorization. It is an annual license so should need to be renewed every year. Provine asked if there is a down-side to this. All wondered why this is being requested now, since ALI has had a license with APA through LYRASIS since 2007? Others questioned what authorization ALI has to sign a license on members behalf? Peter moved that RAC pursue the license and bring back to the ALI Board for authorization on behalf of ALI member libraries. Seconded by Edmonds. The motion was passed unanimously.

Lamborn asked if there is a process within the RAC to deal with ALI license language. Bowell will ask the RAC to update us on the policy and procedure for developing standard phrasing in license agreements negotiated on behalf of ALI.

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

The RSC has made plans to hold the fourth annual “Discovery to Delivery” Conference on Friday, March 8, 2013 at Ball State University. The theme will be “Connecting the Community” and will focus on networking and relational collaboration. The proposed budget is based upon last year’s budget. The Indiana State Library (ISL) has agreed to cover 50% of the conference budget. Shaw asked for approval of the proposed budget of $5,225 (half of that to be paid by the Indiana State Library). Peter moved to approve the proposed budget for the conference. The motion was seconded by Provine and passed unanimously.

Collette Mak has convened a subcommittee of ISL and ALI representatives to revisit and update the “Wagging the Long Tail.”

Shaw reported on the status of the FulfILLment project. Bowell, Shaw and one or two other members of the RSC will meet with representatives from the Indiana State Library in January to discuss the future of the FulfILLment project in Indiana. There does not seem to be much progress with the software. The website says it will be instituted in 2 years. FulfILLment would create an ad hoc union catalog that will provide a platform for user-initiated borrowing. Ohionet is a big partner in this project. The advantages of direct borrowing over ILL are that it
reduces the need for intensive staff intervention, automates the request system, and reduces turnaround time. Academic libraries are not likely to switch to Evergreen, at this time, but are willing to discuss linking their ILS systems with Fulfillment.

**Open Access Subcommittee (Cheryl Truesdell, Chair)**

Truesdell reviewed the revised ALI Open Access Endorsement Statement developed by the Open Access Subcommittee. Bowell asked if the action of the board was to endorse the endorsement or ask ALI libraries to individually sign onto the Budapest, Berlin and Bethesda Open Access initiatives. Truesdell explained it was an endorsement by ALI as an organization of the principles espoused in these three open access initiatives. She also noted that individual academic libraries, universities, and colleges can still become signatories to the Berlin and Budapest Open Access initiatives. Eden asked that the endorsement include promoting activities for Open Access week. Truesdell agreed to make that change. Bowell called for a vote on the endorsement statement with the amendment. The vote was unanimous.

Truesdell put forth a request from the Open Access subcommittee to create an ALI Scholarly Communication standing committee. The charge and duties of the committee were presented for discussion. Eden requested that promotion of Open Access week be added to the charge of the committee. Board members agreed that the endorsement should be widely publicized and announced on the ALI website. The request to create the ALI Scholarly Communication Committee was passed unanimously. Truesdell will work with the current Open Access Subcommittee to enlarge the Scholarly Communication committee to include at least one representative from each of the ALI member groups and call the first meeting together to elect officers and develop an agenda for 2013.

**Strategic Plan Task Force (Susan Clark, Chair)**

The Strategic Plan Task Force is now fully constituted. Members include: Rick Provine, Diane Walker, Susan Clark, Robert Roethemeyer, Andy Langhurst, and Matthew Shaw. Clark requested a discussion of direction before the Task Force proceeds with outlining a revised strategic plan.

Board members agreed that the strategic plan should be more principle-driven. Board asked what unique services, programs, resources can ALI provide and what can we do collaboratively with other partners? What is ALI and what should we be doing for the academic libraries of Indiana that can’t be done by other organizations?

Bowell agreed that the end of January is too soon to complete the Strategic Plan draft, but would like it to be done before the May annual ALI Board meeting. Kirsten Leonard, Executive Director of PALNI suggested linking the mission statements of the major library organizations in Indiana. She volunteered to gather that information. Bowell noted that he still plans to bring together the leadership of ILF, ALI, and the Indiana State Library to review mission, goals and
activities.

**PALNI Report (Kirsten Leonard, Executive Director)**

Leonard distributed a handout that outlines the PALNI Board Objectives for 2012-2013. Their most significant goal is to reduce cost. PALNI Board will hold its retreat in May 2013 when it will make a decision about which LMS or Web Scale system to adopt for PALNI libraries.

Leonard briefly reviewed the activities of PALNI staff and working groups. She noted that ALI has an Institutional Repository Task Force that would be willing to work with the new ALI Scholarly Communication Committee.

The Board briefly discussed the diversity of LMS systems used in Indiana academic libraries and the impact of that on a potential Indiana Fulfillment. Lamborn asked who should be discussing with vendors the long-term goal to integrate into one union catalog for direct borrowing in Indiana.

**Task Force for Shared Print Explorations (David Lewis)**

Lewis reported that the Task Force has done some preliminary investigations. Lewis noted that there are several options for sharing print resources which fall into two categories: de-centralized and centralized. The Task Force is exploring decentralized options. A survey of ALI member libraries produced 38 results with a reasonable amount of interest in pursuing shared print repositories. Some said that they would put some money into it, but not much.

One of the missions of the HathiTrust is a distributed monograph archiving program that will define at the national level a core print collection. Lewis said that this does not mean ALI should not do something on their own, since it is not known what the borrowing arrangements will be for this nationally archived collection. IU Bloomington and Purdue West Lafayette have remote storage facilities but both are full or fully-committed to their own collections.

The Task Force believes that it is worth trying to do a statewide study like what was done in Michigan to determine where unique monographs are and what can be weeded. The consulting firm SCS does collection analysis for institutions. SCS pricing structure is based upon extracting records and charging a per record fee for processing and analysis. This could cost between $250,000 and $500,000 to analyze just monograph collections that circulate. The study would show us which items circulate heavily and which items are unique to specific libraries. Lewis suggested that we select some benchmark libraries, not the big research libraries or very small libraries. Lewis suggested some funding options such as splitting the cost with the Indiana State Library, applying for an LSTA grant, and/or asking participating ALI libraries to help with the cost. If ALI thinks we could move forward than the Task Force could work on an RFP.

The idea of pursuing this proposal was discussed by the Board. Most agreed that there would be a benefit to libraries to know what they have that is unique in the state and which items are
most frequently used. Diane Walker questioned not including the large research libraries. Others agreed that this is the kind of project that ALI could do and it would impact a lot of libraries. Bowell sees it as a project within our scope and something that we should consider undertaking.

**ULIB/SLIS Conference**

In 2012 the IUPUI University Library and SLIS created the Joint Conference as a way of strengthening the relationship between practicing librarians and SLIS students and provide a venue for their scholarship. The conference is very small and Lewis would like to expand it to include a broader participation by opening it to librarians in ALI. The Conference will include juried research proposals. Lewis requested $500 from ALI to support the conference. Lamborn moved and Walker seconded a motion to donate $500 to help sponsor the conference. The process for submitting proposals will be posted soon. The conference date is March 22, 2013 and a speaker has already been secured.

**Strategic Plan Guidance: Questions about ALI Organizational purpose, capacity and distinction**

Bowell provided a discussion document for the ALI Board that asked questions about ALI’s organizational purpose, capacity, character, and alignment. The purpose of this discussion is to facilitate the drafting of ALI’s new strategic plan. The document sparked a lively discussion of the purpose and goals of ALI.

Bowell noted that ALI grew out of a need to work on joint e-resource acquisition, because INCOLSA was not working on this for academic libraries. ALI focused on a few key issues: resource sharing and e-resource acquisition and has been successful in accomplishing these goals.

Is the current mission statement of ALI “to enhance and enrich access to the full range of information resources and services required to improve the quality of teaching, learning, research, and engagement in Indiana’s colleges, universities,” still relevant? Eden thinks the mission statement should be shortened, the vision statement updated, and the plan limited to no more than five goals. He also recommended that the strategic plan be looked at more frequently to keep it current.

ALI was formed as a reactive coalition, but needs to become a proactive one. Are there other issues now that could harness the collaborative power of our institutions? Lewis commented that we all belong to other organizations that require more of our time, money, and efforts. What can ALI do for us collectively that these other organizations cannot? What is ALI’s niche? What projects have the urgency to harness our collective energy to create change?

Lewis suggested that we pick 3-5 issues that will drive our actions, e.g., information literacy,
scholarly communication, and shared collection development. With this discussion in mind, the Board asked that the Strategic Plan Task Force create a draft and bring it back to the committee.

In order to achieve future goals, the Board recognizes that changes need to be made in its committee structure and make-up to insure continuous leadership, fresh ideas, and energy. ALI relies on the work of a few large committees that are run by librarians who already have full-time jobs and are straining under the workload. Currently there are no established guidelines that govern committee membership, length of service, and leadership structure within the committee. Susan Clark recommended that committee members serve for three years and promote continuity by establishing a chair-elect, chair, and past chair system. Edmunds and Peter agreed to draft a general policy for all committees. Bowell will gather information on who has served on ALI committees in the last few years. Edmunds and Peter will also draft a new member policy.

**ALI ACRL Scholarship**
The question was asked if membership in ILF should be a requirement to be eligible for the ALI ACRL Scholarships. It was agreed that membership in ILF will be encouraged but not required. Announcement of scholarship winners will be made in January before the ACRL early bird deadline for registration.

Next meetings:
January 8, 2013 conference call meeting if necessary
February 12, 2013 at IUPUI
April 2, 2013 TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.