November 15, 2013 ALI Board Meeting

Present: D. Lewis (Chair), C. Truesdell (Secretary), D. Peter (Treasurer), K. Alexander, D. Bowell, S. Catt, S. Clark, J. Miller, R. Provine, M. Shaw, G. Youngen, B. Eden, B. Johnson, J. Mullins, A. Langhurst, D. Walker, (Chair of Resource Advisory Committee), C. Maybee (Chair of the Information Literacy Committee).

Absent: E. Edmonds, T. Guerrero

I. Call to order and review of the agenda

The meeting was called to order by Lewis at 9:02 a.m. No additions to the agenda were made. The working agenda was reviewed and approved.

II. Review and approval of minutes of September 25, 2013 (David Lewis)

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Walker, seconded by Provine. Minutes approved unanimously.

III. Report from Treasurer (David Peter)

Transfer of $50,000 was moved to PALNI for the Shared Print Project. Peter noted that ALI needs to make a decision: 1) Keep the savings account even though we haven’t earned very much and move balance to checking; 2) Transfer savings to checking; or 3) Look for another bank. Peter recommends we look for another bank that will minimize our service fees. His recommendation was accepted and he was instructed to pursue looking for another financial institution.

Walker and Alexander remarked that the Treasurer's Report is confusing. Peter will review and update the format for the next meeting.

IV. ALI site URL (Julie Miller)

Miller and Bowell were tasked by the ALI board to identify: 1) alternative URLs for ALI that are shorter and more intuitive than the current http://ali.bsu.edu, and 2) alternative Web hosting sites that are affordable and easy to maintain by ALI members no matter their home institutions.

1) Alternative URLs - Confirmed that www.ali.org is held by the American Law Institute and therefore not available. We confirmed with EDUCAUSE that the .edu domain is only available to accredited institutions of higher ed and therefore not available to ALI.

2) Identified some alternative URLs available through GoDaddy for $7.99: ALIndiana.org
   indianaalibraries.org
   academiclibrariesindiana.org

3) Andy Smith from IUPUI did a thorough review of hosting sites. He first identified low cost host sites that appeared on several “top ten” lists, and then filtered for those with unlimited storage, unlimited...
bandwidth, and domain parking (for URL licensed from another source). He then compared the features (e.g., scripting, databases, and content management systems supported, secure access) of this short list of hosting sites. From this comparison, Andy recommends DreamHost, BlueHost, or justHos.

The question was asked how PALNI got a .edu. They got the URL in 2001, which antedates the new ruling about .edu usage. Miller noted that we can bundle a .com, .net and .org so users can enter any of these domains to find the site. Indianalibraries.org was taken off the list as too confusing. ALI Board was asked to explore other suggestions for URL names and send to Miller by next Friday. Miller will set up a Google Poll of all alternative names and the Board will vote on the website URL.

Peter asked if there are any Indiana host sites. Andy has direct experience with Blue Host and based his research on that site as a benchmark. FatCow does not have all of the options needed. Alexander has used Blue Host and DreamHost and has not had any problem with either of them. The question was asked if we need to subscribe to a hosting service or if we can build the site and manage on our own.

Lewis asked how the Website should be managed. Miller suggested a team approach. Lewis would like individual committees to be able to manage their area, but also believes that there needs to be overall management of the site. Should the ALI Chair be responsible during his/her term? Marketing and Web information is an important job and Bowell is concerned about maintaining quality in the Website. Could the set up and management of the Website be outsourced, as long as board members and committees could update as needed? Lewis would rather have volunteers from within ALI to take care of ongoing maintenance of the site, but that we might want to hire someone to migrate and design the new site. Miller and others agreed that we need someone to help migrate from the old site to the new site. Shaw suggested asking a web designer from BSU to design and migrate the current site to the new site. By the February meeting Bowell and Miller will recommend an URL, a webhosting service, migration and maintenance of the site.

V. Report from Shared Print Task Force (David Lewis, Chair)

The ALI Shared Print Project received a grant from the Lily Endowment which is being managed by PALNI. The contract should be finalized next week. The Project Manager is Tina Baich from IUPUI and a policy committee has been appointed.

The Kickoff meeting was very productive. ALI’s approach is different than other projects because we are not concerned that there is at least one copy of a book within the consortium. This group is willing to use collections at IU, Purdue, and Notre Dame as backup copies. We expect that the data gathering and analysis will be done by the end of the fiscal year.

VI. Committee report: Resource Advisory (Andy Langhurst, Chair)

Langhurst reported that attendance at the 5th Annual eResource Rendezvous held 10/14/13 at IUPUI was under 45, which is down from other years, but may be due to last conference just being a few months ago in spring. Now that they have moved to fall meetings, she expects attendance to rise. The new lightning round session was popular.

Lyrasis will be moving from SharePoint to MyLyrasis for order contact and billing. We will need some training on this. Lori will be trained and then help other institutions in using the new system.

Maura Hadaway from Lyrasis continues to work on possible offers for a Jan 1 start date as well as calendar year renewals. Maura is communicating with ALI contacts about possible deals from Proquest.
(Historical Newspapers), EBSCO (Biological Abstracts and RILM Retrospective), American Mathematical Society, and is reviewing an offering from Business Expert Press for possible distribution.

Maura Hadaway has moved into a new position, Licensing Program Account Manager, as part of Lyrasis consortial licensing team. She will be working closely with Tom Sanville and Celeste Feather on behalf of all Lyrasis members, but will continue to work on behalf of ALI as well (presumably with additional support from others in Lyrasis for administrative duties).

RAC discussed the earlier mentioned possibility to explore the EBSCO academic ebooks subscription product and how that might impact our existing offer for the ebrary Academic Complete ebook subscription product. At this point the RAC has not heard any loud dissatisfaction with Ebrary and has decided to wait and monitor approach, asking EBSCO to keep us informed of how the EBSCO ebook product continues to grow and watching how the integration of ebrary and EBL within Proquest proceeds over the next 12-24 months.

Langhurst attended the Lyrasis consortial ebook conference in Charleston. She learned that it is important when licensing ebook collections to know the purpose of the ebook license 1) to provide as much access as possible 2) to supplement collection building, If the later, it is important to identify individual titles and pay perpetual rights for those titles. Consortial issues span both issues.

Landhurst heard from Gale representatives about their new Evidence Based DDA model. Where individual institutions commit an amount of money (possible $2500-5000 depending on size) and get free access to titles for 6-months, after which the earlier committed money is used to determine which titles to buy based on usage. This could be an interesting way for ALI members to do institution specific ebook buying. Lewis and others agreed that it is worth exploring.

VII. Committee report: Information Literacy (Clarence Maybee, Chair)

Maybee announced a new initiative of developing an ongoing series of online discussion forums. The first topic will be Open Access with Sally Neal (Butler), Leslie Morgan (Notre Dame), and Barb Gushrowski (IUPUI) acting as facilitators. Truesdell suggested collaborating with the ALI Scholarly Communication Committee on the Open Access forum. Maybee will contact Eden about this.

HAIL group. Couple of people presented at ILF on the work with HAIL. It was a good session.

Some members of HAIL have put together a survey for HAIL members to get their views on the best administrative structure for HAIL, e.g. sub-group of ALI ILC, division of ILF, or independent organization. There has been concern about the tension between the ALI IL Committee being all academic librarians and HAIL programming reaching out to all types of libraries. Maybee asked the opinion of the Board? Peter didn’t realize there was a tension, since the ALI Board has supported HAIL activities. Clark, former chair of IL Committee, explained that this dates back to a project developed to send a librarian around the state to do IL instruction for public librarians which was not funded by ALI because there was concern among the board about spending on non-academic library projects.

Maybee has sent out a reminder to libraries to promote information literacy month.

VIII. Committee report: Resource Sharing (Matthew Shaw, Chair)

Shaw presented the ALI share of the preliminary budget for the Discovery to Delivery Conference scheduled for April 2014. He asked for approval of $1,975. Truesdell moved, and Peter seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
Shaw requested support from ALI to either send the chair and vice-chair of the RSC to the Great Lakes Resource Sharing Conference, or become a sponsor for the conference at a reasonable level. Sponsorships over $1,500 include two registrations and a meal for each attendee. The registration fee for the conference has not yet been set. D. Peter recommended that ALI defer the question of funding for attendance or sponsorship until the ALI board meeting in February. Shaw will bring an itemized cost for attendance with or without sponsorship to that meeting.

Lewis questioned the extent to which ALI should continue to fund attendance of committee members to conferences on a case-by-case basis or begin a process of budgeting amounts to committees for this purpose. The question was not discussed further at this time.

With the resignation of Anita Slack, the RSC is seeking a member from the ALI community college/technical college constituency. Clark and Peter will discuss and make a recommendation to the Committee.

The State Resource Sharing Committee met yesterday as well as the RSC. Term limits and how the Committee cycles through leadership was discussed. Should ALI create some basic organizational framework and administrative operations for its standing committees? Lewis will query current committee chairs about current practices and put together recommendations for the next meeting.

IX. Committee report: Scholarly Communication (Brad Eden, Chair)

The SCC made a presentation at the ILF Annual Conference. It was disappointing that only three people attended. However, the PowerPoint that was prepared for the conference will be put up on the website as one of its first educational pieces. At its meeting on Monday the committee discussed term limits, and other committee organizational issues. It was agreed since SC is a new committee that the current membership stay the same until June 2015.

Eden presented three funding recommendations from the SCC:

1) Directory of Open Access Journals: The ALI Scholarly Communication Committee has considered the September 24, 2013 email request from DOAJ to join their membership. While the committee and ALI are strong supporters of DOAJ and their initiatives, the committee feels that the annual membership fee of 8,000 pounds (i.e. approximately $13,000) is well beyond the scope of ALI and their members. The Committee recommends that ALI send a letter of support to DOAJ indicating our continued interest and support of their initiative, but that we are unable as a consortium to support them monetarily at this time. This recommendation was approved.

2) Knowledge Unlatched: The ALI Scholarly Communication Committee considered the request from KU dated October 7, 2013 to David Lewis, regarding the innovative initiative to release 28 monographic titles from 13 publishers as openly accessible ebooks. The initiative is a pilot project that asks for individual library support, needing approximately 200 libraries to pledge $1,680 apiece by January 2014. The Committee unanimously agreed to support the initiative, but later realized that there is no current method for consortium to join the initiative. The committee then recommended that ALI encourage participation in this initiative by pledging $300 of the cost to any library in the consortium that indicates that they will join since the meeting on Monday, Eden has received an email from Lyrasis stating that the group is considering setting up a way for consortium to join the project. Eden requested that we table the recommendation from the SCC until we find out further information about consortial membership. The ALI Board is in favor of supporting this initiative. Concern was expressed that the deadline for joining KU is January 14, 2014 which is before the next ALI meeting. Eden will keep the Board up-to-date so that we will not miss the deadline. Provine is interested in finding out if any ALI libraries have already joined the initiative.
3) Attendance at SPARC biennial meeting, March 2-4, 2014 in Kansas City, Missouri: Given that attendance at the SPARC biennial conference is listed as one of the charges to the SC committee, Eden requested that the ALI Board approve funding (registration, travel, etc.) to send two SC members to the SPARC biennial meeting. Early registration ends January 10, so we would like a decision at this board meeting in order to choose representatives and begin planning. Bowell moved that ALI provide support for up to $1,500 for the conference and let the committee determine who will attend. Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed.

X. Annual meeting (May 15, 2013)

Lewis asked to discuss two issues at this time:

Venue: The Board reviewed the 2014 spreadsheet of possible locations. After a brief discussion, members recommended that we host the annual meeting at the Flagship Enterprise Center in Anderson. Lewis will proceed to firm up details with the Anderson location.

Program: Lewis asked for volunteers to develop ideas and themes for the year’s annual meeting. Receiving no volunteers at this time, Lewis asked that Board members email him with ideas for the program. He would like suggestions for a theme, speaker, and panel or breakout sessions.

XI. Other business

Next meeting is February 6, 2014 (Thursday), IUPUI.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.