

Minutes

Iowa Private Academic Library Annual Meeting Coe College – Cedar Rapids, Iowa 24 March 2000

The annual business meeting was called to order by Betty Rogers, Chair at 1:50 p.m. The minutes of the 1999 meeting at Drake University were adopted as submitted. Linda Scarth reported that there was \$2,575.93 in the treasury as of March 23, 2000.

Sandra Keist introduced the slate of candidates for the steering committee which was approved by the membership. The Vice Chair/Chair Elect is Jill Gremmels of Wartburg College. The Secretary-Treasurer is Linda Scarth of Mount Mercy College. The two new steering committee members are Steve Duffy of Simpson College and Karl Schaefer of Drake University. Sandra Keist will become chair on June 1, 2000. Continuing members of the steering committee are John Pollitz of St. Ambrose University and John Goodin of Luther College. Betty Rogers becomes past chair and continues on the steering committee.

Old Business

Robin Martin led the discussion of the IPAL statistics package. She expects to make some changes in the report which will be sent to member libraries as an Excel spreadsheet attachment. There are differences in the ways in which fulltext items, vendors and other resources are counted. No definitive decisions were made.

Betty Rogers thanked Robin for her work.

Betty Rogers led the discussion of the IPAL Virtual Library database purchase project. The forms for the coming years purchases should be returned to Betty by April 14. Include requests for new databases. The database selection committee will include Julie Hanson, Daria Bossman, Terry Koch, Betty Rogers and the steering committee. Two members of the steering committee will serve on the Iowa State Library Database Committee.

The strategic plan for IPAL was discussed.

It was agreed that College Deans should be invited to the IPAL annual meeting on occasion. Jean Donham said that deans like to set their own agenda and perhaps could meet at the same time for their issues. Ron Henshaw suggested that IPAL get on the deans' agenda for their meetings.

Shared subscriptions to databases continue to be important to the group.

Collection development (joint or complimentary) is an unresolved issue. Richard Reitsma has a small grant to look at this further. The steering committee will be looking at cooperative projects. The Iowa College Foundation has money available for a joint project of the IPAL group. The group seems to prefer purchase of electronic products as a joint collection development effort.

The draft of the IPAL website was briefly discussed.

Sharman Smith spoke briefly. The Iowa State Library reserves the right to add service fees for the databases they provide to the libraries of Iowa.

New Business

Mercy College of Health Sciences requested membership. It was moved by Robin Martin and seconded by Daniel Boice and approved unanimously. They are already involved in the IPAL Virtual Library Project.

The By-laws change to include yearly dues could not be voted upon so a mail ballot will be sent.

Other Business

Robin Martin reported that ILA is revising its strategic plan and the ramifications of that plan. It is necessary to clarify the mutual interests of the two library organizations.

Sandra Keist said that the next annual meeting may be March 23, 2001. She gave a gift to Betty Rogers and Betty gave her thanks.

Adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Scarth, Secretary-Treasurer

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