

Iowa Private Academic Libraries
Annual Meeting Minutes
Grand View College
May 4, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 1:55 pm by IPAL chair Sandra Keist (Grand View College). The meeting had been delayed by the need to present summaries of the small groups following the morning speaker to the group.

The first order of business was the OCLC Report by Richard Doyle (Coe College), a representative to the OCLC User's Council. He described the organizational and functional changes of OCLC and the User's Council, and the process by which these are occurring.

The minutes of the 2000 meeting were distributed and individually read. Richard Doyle made the motion to approve which was seconded by John Pollitz (St. Ambrose University). After a reminder that there is one vote per institution, the minutes were approved. Linda Scarth also distributed the treasurer's report. Total assets were \$2,949.06.

Before the rest of the agenda items were discussed, there were several announcements. Claudia Frazier reminded people of the importance of ILA membership. Pam Rees had forms available. Robin Martin said that ILA is working on insurance for members. She also stated that two IPAL members are running for ILA president - Betty Rogers of Coe and Richard Reitsma of Northwestern. John Pollitz reminded people to check the ACRL membership box on their ILA membership form. Jennifer Davis talked about the upcoming ILA-ACRL meeting May 18 at St. Ambrose.

Jill Gremmels reported on the planning survey which she has prepared on Survey Suite online. Professional staff at each member library will get a survey.

The Nominating Committee put forth the slate of officers for the coming year, Jill Gremmels (Wartburg College) current Chair- Elect headed the committee. The nominations were:

Vice Chair/Chair Elect - John Goodin (Luther College)
Secretary/Treasurer - Betty Rogers (Coe College)
Steering Committee Members - Mary Anne Knefel (University of Dubuque) and Jean Donham (Cornell College)

Because the slate was not submitted ten days in advance of the election in keeping with the bylaws, Richard Doyle moved that the bylaws be suspended for this election. Jim Kennedy (Buena Vista) seconded and the motion passed. There were no nominations from the floor and Richard Doyle moved that the slate be accepted by acclamation.

Bruce Gilbert reported on the Virtual Resource Development project suggested by Drake University Library staff. Information on this portal idea is available at www.drake.edu/bgil/ipal. The rationale is that IPAL cooperates on purchases and this website could be customized for campuses and users. Questions still to be answered are: Is there interest? What would libraries need to do to contribute? Is it worth the effort? Should it be customizable at the individual level? Drake offered to set up a prototype if there is interest.

Bety Rogers (Coe) suggested that digitizing unique information at the various institutions could be part of this effort. Richard Doyle reminded the group that OCLC has an archiving, digitizing, preservation unit which could be used. Political realities and funding need to be considered.

John Pollitz moved that a sub-committee of the steering committee consider the whole issue of a web presence by IPAL. Robin Martin (Central) seconded.

Other consortium projects were discussed.

Rod Henshaw (Drake) mentioned the netLibrary project. Betty Rogers talked of the Iowa Virtual Group which is 25 libraries, some of which are not IPAL members, purchasing FirstSearch Databases. Other possible database purchases were mentioned. It was noted that ecisions during a group meeting are difficult for library directors to make.

There are ICF funds available for collection projects, with matching fund requirements which the group voted to pursue (25 for and 1 against.) The current IPAL collection consists of 105 books. There have been 115 accesses.

A Collection Development Committee was appointed to do such things as make recommendations and discuss circulation periods for electronic books from netLibrary. Members are Rich Doyle, John Pollitz, Claudia Frazier, Terry Koch and Linda Scarth.

Jill Gremmels reported that the ACS (American Chemical Society) project seems to be working.

Sandra Keist thanked her staff and the IPAL Steering Committee for assistance with this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Scarth (Mount Mercy College)