

Iowa Private Academic Libraries
Annual Meeting Minutes
Luther College
March 24, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by IPAL Chair John Goodin. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. The motion carried.

Betty Rogers gave the treasurer's report. She noted that funds collected from participating libraries in the amount of \$70,600.00 were paid to Ebsco in August. She also noted the Money Market Account is currently at \$2555.89.

Under Old Business, Jill Gremmels provided information on Ebsco consortial database purchases. All 21 current subscribers will continue and 4 or 5 new libraries will be added. She stated that the 25% price increases were part of the original contract signed last year with the vendor. Jill also announced that Ebsco was interested in providing quotes for secondary databases to the group. She indicated that the steering committee was not comfortable with providing Ebsco the list of consortial participants in the FirstSearch database subscriptions.

Betty Rogers announced that OCLC would not be raising their prices for their own products but had yet to determine pricing for databases from other vendors. She indicated that information would be available within the next few weeks.

Further Old Business: The steering committee had not moved forward with developing a website for IPAL. A brief discussion ensued, the result being that Linda Scarth would be willing to develop a website and bring it to the steering committee for approval. Christopher McKee, Grinnell College, cautioned the group to keep the website current.

It was also mentioned that the litserv is important and that at least one staff member from each member college should be subscribed.

Under New Business, Karl Schaefer, Drake University, from the Nominating Committee announced the slate of officers for the coming year:

Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Sheryl Taylor, Dordt College
Secretary/Treasurer: Linda Scarth, Mount Mercy College
Steering Committee: Rebecca Stuhr, Grinnell College
Pam Rees, Grand View College

Continuing members are Karl Schaefer, Chair; Daniel Boice, Divine Word College and Steve Duffy, Simpson College, Steering Committee; and John Goodin as Past Chair.

Since the slate was not announced at least 10 days in advance of the meeting, it was moved, seconded and approved to suspend the bylaws and accept the slate as proposed by the Committee. There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was approved by acclamation.

Mary Wegner, State Librarian, made a presentation on State Library funding for statewide programs, the legislative agenda, and other topics of interest to the group.

John Amato, Iowa College Foundation, addressed the group on funding possibilities for private academic libraries through the ICF. He is in the process of exploring the hiring of a staff member with grant funding to work with a committee of librarians and IT people on ways to cut library costs. A general discussion followed.

Sandra Keist, Grandview College thanked John Goodin and the librarians at Luther for the successful conference and day. Jill Gremmels thanked John Goodin for the work he did as chair of IPAL for the past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty J. Rogers
Secretary/Treasurer
Coe College