

IOWA PRIVATE ACADEMIC LIBRARIES  
2004 Annual Meeting  
24 March 2004, Cowles Library, Drake University

**Minutes of the Business Meeting**

The Business Meeting of the 2004 IPAL Conference was convened at 1:30pm by Karl Schaefer, Chair.

Karl thanked 24/7 Reference for sponsoring the conference breakfast and Houchen Bindery for sponsoring the morning's chocolate break.

**Minutes of the 24 March 2003 Meeting:** Rich Doyle MOVED "That the minutes be approved as distributed," which motion was seconded and CARRIED.

**Memorial Presentation:** IPAL presented a gift book to Iowa Wesleyan College in memory of Patricia Newcomer, who had died during the past year. Paula Kinney accepted the gift and gave a brief tribute.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karl relayed Linda Scarth's report that, as of 29 February, IPAL had \$1,312.13 in checking and \$2,582.57 in the money market account.

Karl gave a preliminary report on conference costs, with income of \$1,300 (which included 45 registrations and the corporate sponsorships) and expenses of \$1,316.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**EBSCO Late Fee:** Jill Gremmels reported that EBSCO in 2003 had given IPAL a 30-day period for paying the total bill, and had charged us a late fee when we missed the window. After many telephone calls and negotiations, however, EBSCO had finally forgiven IPAL the late fee and would establish a 60-day window for 2004 payment.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of candidates for IPAL officers:

Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Daria Bossman (Morningside)

Steering Committee: Nancy Carroll (Clarke)

Julie Hansen (William Penn)

Mary Heinzman (St Ambrose)

Steve Duffy MOVED "That nominations be closed, and that Daria Bossman be elected by acclamation," which motion was seconded and CARRIED.

After the first ballot, Karl declared that Julie Hansen had been elected to the Steering Committee, and Nancy and Mary had tied. A second ballot also resulted in a tie. John Goodin made a MOTION which, after discussion, read "That both Nancy Carroll and Mary Heinzman be offered positions on the Steering Committee and, if they both consented to serve, that one position be understood to be ad hoc." The motion was seconded and CARRIED.

Sheryl Sheeres Taylor (Dordt) will be Chair. Continuing officers are Secretary-Treasurer Linda Scarth (Mount Mercy) and Steering Committee members Rebecca Stuhr (Grinnell) and Pam Rees (Grand View).

**Assessment:** After discussion, Jim Kennedy MOVED “That IPAL again collect the annual membership assessments,” which motion was seconded and CARRIED. Invoices for \$100 per institution will soon be sent.

**Virtual Reference:** Marcia Keyser (Drake) reported on the planning, policies, and challenges of the online reference service, named Ask Us Online. The service currently involved Buena Vista, Drake, Graceland, and St Ambrose.

**Iowa College Foundation Grant:** Rod Henshaw, John Pollitz, and Dave Netz (Dordt) distributed a draft for a grant application to the ICF, and reported on the discussions and work that had gone into the draft. They noted that the three-year grant would be fully funded, and that the line for staffing was an annual figure, so that the total for staffing would be \$150,000.

**State Library:** Barb Corson relayed Mary Wegner’s regrets at being unable to attend, and reported on the stable outlook for the budget and the cuts suffered as a result of the Reinvention Act. The EBSCO contract was to remain intact for another year. The distribution of some 57,000 CDs looked to be imminent. A Gates Grant of \$140,000 would allow follow-up training, and the State Data Center site was being updated. Librarians from Bulgaria would be visiting the state in April and May. Iowa Publications Online was being tested, and there was now a calendar of events on the site for the Iowa Center for the Book.

**FirstSearch:** Betty Rogers noted that information on FirstSearch would go out in the middle of April, and she distributed a list of upcoming changes to FirstSearch. Betty also distributed registration forms for the upcoming ILA Leadership Institute.

**Recognition of Service:**

Steve Duffy paid tribute to the work that Jill Gremmels did making our EBSCOhost subscriptions a reality. John Goodin thanked Daria Bossman for her work in compiling IPAL statistics. And Karl Schaefer thanked Betty Rogers for her years and efforts with FirstSearch. All three will receive tokens of appreciation in the form of Amazon.com gift certificates.

**Departures:** Karl noted upcoming resignations of some longtime IPAL members and leaders, including Mary Ann Bartz (Waldorf), Robert Klein (Loras), Elizabeth Kaschins (Luther), and Joel Samuels (University of Dubuque). Karl also reported that Mary Anne Knefel had been named the new Director of Libraries at UD, effective 1 June.

Karl thereupon turned the gavel over to the incoming Steering Committee Chair Sheryl Sheeres Taylor.

Sheryl announced that the 2005 Conference, to be held at Dordt College, had been tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, 16 March**, with a possible focus on assessment. Sheryl thanked Karl Schaefer for his service as Chair, and also thanked departing Steering Committee members Dan Boice, Steve Duffy, and John Goodin.

Chris McKee MOVED “That the meeting be forthwith adjourned,” which motion precipitously PASSED. The meeting adjourned at 2:42pm.

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Daniel Boice  
Secretary *pro tem*