

Minutes
Iowa Private Academic Libraries
Annual Meeting
Wed. March 16, 2005
Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa

The meeting was called to order by Sheryl Taylor.

The Minutes of the March 24, 2004 meetings were approved.

The treasurer reported \$3629.03 in checking, \$9.45 in savings and \$2094.29 in the money market acct. for a total \$5, 732.77.

Old Business:

The EBSCO database contract was discussed. Linda Scarth asked that member libraries encourage their college business offices to pay promptly as EBSCO starts expecting payments. Kevin will be asked to negotiate a longer grace period while IPAL collects the money to pay. If payments are not received by IPAL so that we can pay EBSCO by the required date, then a late fee will be assessed.

The steering committee reported that the \$100 annual IPAL assessment for member libraries will be included on the same invoice as the EBSCO payments.

Sheryl Taylor reported on the history of the recent ICF grant application. The project was led by John Pollitz. The library part of the project was well produced. Member institutions did not have adequate plans for the computer technology portion so the grant application was rejected.

New Business:

The IPAL web site was described. Member institutions are encouraged to use it. The URL is <http://www.ipalgroup.org>. The login is: libraries and the password is: 34ipals.

The steering committee reported on their meeting with the State Library Staff. It was a useful exchange of ideas and information.

The nominating committee presented its slate of steering committee members for the coming year. The vice-chair/chair elect is Richard Doyle of Coe College. The secretary-treasurer is Linda Scarth of Mount Mercy College. Committee members are Nancy Carroll of Clarke College and Joyce Meldrem of Loras College. The slate was approved.

Continuing members of the steering committee are: Daria Bossman, 2005/06 chair of Morningside College, Sheryl Taylor, past chair of Dordt College, and members, Julie Hansen of William Penn College and Mary Heinzman of St. Ambrose University.

The by-laws change was not able to be voted on because of the lack of the necessary quorum. Another attempt will be made at the ILA-ACRL meeting in Ames in May.

The Consortial Purchasing Coordinator position was discussed. Attendees received a printed description. (see attached)

It was mentioned that IPAL could widen its purchasing consortia to include Community Colleges. No action was taken.

The Iowa Virtual Reference Desk Project was briefly discussed. There is mixed interest in such an endeavor.

Daria Bossman was welcomed as the new chair. She announced the date of the 2006 meeting – March 10 at Morningside College in Sioux City.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Scarth