

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY
Gwendolyn Brooks Building
Tuesday, March 27, 2007

MINUTES

PRESENT

Yvonne Beechler Bergendorf
Barbara Burroughs
Gail Bush
Alice Calabrese
Lynda Clemmons
Mary Dempsey
John Dittmer
Kristine Hammerstrand
Joe Harris

Kay Langston
Barry Levine
Carol Little
Barbara Lund
Bob McKay
Tamiye Meehan
Chad Raymond
Becky Robinson

Those members not present were Betsy Adamowski, Brad Baker, Pat Burg.

ISL STAFF PRESENT: Director Anne Craig, Kathleen Bloomberg, Cyndi Colletti, Mary Downing, Karen Egan, Gwen Harrison, Bob Long, Pat McGuckin, Joe Natale, Pat Norris, Blaine Redemer, Sharon Ruda, Jeannie Urbanek, Ron Winner

Call to Order

Chair, Barry Levine called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Introductions followed.

Chair Levine appointed Dr. Bush (Chair), Ms. Hammerstrand, and Mr. McKay as a nominating committee for the election of ISLAC Chair and Vice Chair.

John Dittmer moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. It was seconded. The minutes were approved as read.

Director's Report- Director Craig

Director Craig reported on the implementation of WebJunction Illinois, a cooperative project of OCLC and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The intent of WebJunction Illinois is to serve as a clearinghouse of information for librarians, library staff, and trustees. A "soft launch" of WebJunction Illinois will occur in July 2007.

Director Craig asked ISL Associate Director Norris to provide Committee members with an overview of the Evaluation of Library Services and Technology Act Funds FY2003-FY2007. Ms. Norris reported that outside evaluator, Miriam Pollack of Miriam Pollack & Associates conducted

the evaluation. This very favorable review will be posted on the ISL website. The evaluation highlighted the important impact of the State Library's statewide continuing education programs, the popularity of the collection development grants, and the outstanding granting procedures and practices that the ISL employs that could serve as national models.

Ms. Calabrese moved that ISLAC acknowledge the hard work that ISL staff has done over the years on this grant program and that ISLAC appreciates the work. Following a second, the motion unanimously passed.

Director Craig initiated a discussion involving Mr. Harris, Mr. McKay, Ms. Calabrese and Ms. Hammerstrand regarding an update on the Delivery Task Force activities and the Delivery Request For Proposal issued by the University of Illinois. All agreed that improving efficiency is important, as well as, continuing to improve upon already great practices. Training staff will continue to be an issue.

Director Craig referred ISLAC members to ISL OCLC/ILLINET Director, Suzanne Schriar if they are interested in information about joining ASK?AWAY, the statewide virtual reference service.

Director Craig was pleased to present a proclamation from Secretary of State Jesse White honoring Commissioner Mary Dempsey's fine leadership and stewardship of the Chicago Public Library and acknowledging her recent awards and accolades, including Public Official of the Year by Governing Magazine.

The Engaged Library: Chicago Stories of Community Building- Commissioner Dempsey

Commissioner Dempsey provided ISLAC members with an overview of *The Engaged Library*, which featured the Chicago Public Library (CPL) working with the Urban Libraries Council. Commissioner Dempsey spoke of the issues facing CPL and the neighborhood libraries, the similarities of issues facing other smaller libraries, and CPL's strategic planning in developing libraries in communities. She described how CPL branch libraries are helping to build up and stabilize Chicago neighborhoods. Commissioner Dempsey also discussed CPL's emphasis in developing partnerships within the city to promote and support each other's projects. Commissioner Dempsey provided information on a number of successful programs initiated by CPL including the "Teacher in the Library" and the "Money Smarts" programs. In conclusion, Commissioner Dempsey provided an overview of the Chicago Public Library 2010, a Vision for Our Future.

Veterans History Project- Ms. Maddox, Ms. Norris and Ms. Ruda

ISL staff provided an overview of the Secretary of State's Veterans History Project and discussed the September 19 special "roll out" of the extended program to train librarians to conduct oral interviews of veterans. A preconference on this program will be held at the annual Illinois Library Association Conference. ISL staff asked ISLAC members to think about all types of libraries, in addition to public libraries, that could become involved. Committee suggestions included involving students, VFW halls, nursing homes, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Veterans Hospitals.

Illinois Library Day- Mr. Doyle and Ms. Meehan

Mr. Doyle and Ms. Meehan provided detailed information regarding plans and activities scheduled for Illinois Library Day to be held in Springfield on April 19, 2007. Both discussed pending legislation, major library issues, and navigating through the Capitol and legislative visits.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Dr. Bush, moved that Mr. Levine be retained as ISLAC Chair and Mr. Dittmer serve as Vice Chair. Following a second, the motion was unanimously approved.

Legislative Update- Mr. Doyle

Mr. Doyle provided ISLAC with a detailed presentation covering the 80 bills that impact libraries. ILA is currently tracking these bills. 5,500 bills have been introduced to date. Mr. Doyle invited the Committee to contact him directly with questions regarding specific bills.

Grant Programs and Illinois Administrative Rules- Mr. Natale and Ms. Norris

Mr. Natale informed ISLAC of the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules' (JCAR) request to move all Administrative Rules regarding ISL grant programs to one section of the Rules. ISL staff has worked to comply with this request, working to improve language that assures the ability to not fund incomplete or late applications. Mr. Natale and Ms. Norris outlined the procedure and timeframe for submitting Rule changes to JCAR.

Chair Levine asked ISLAC to endorse these Administrative Rule changes in compliance to JCAR's request. ISLAC unanimously endorsed this activity by the State Library and staff.

REPORTS

Illinois Library Association (ILA) -Ms. Meehan

Ms. Meehan discussed the continuing education workshops offered by ILA, including the highly successful Intellectual Freedom Workshops. Also presented for ISLAC's information was an overview of the annual ILA Conference events coming in October 2007.

Illinois School Library Media Association (ISLMA)- Ms. Robinson

Ms. Robinson expressed continued hope for the \$5 million for online resources in the State budget. She also provided information on the early results of an online survey regarding electronic resources. Ms. Robinson reported on ISLMA's preliminary stages of the first strategic plan for the Association and their involvement with a new technology plan. Information was provided on the Illinois Information Literacy summits.

CARLI- Ms. Hammerstrand

Ms. Hammerstrand reported on the three tiers of CARLI membership, the organizations plans to expand I-SHARE, and the retirement of Bernie Slone, a long-term librarian within the academic community.

Special Library Association- Illinois Chapter

No one present

Illinois Library System Directors Organization (ILSDO)- Mr. McKay

Mr. McKay provided information on six important and outstanding projects provided by ILSDO or funded through LSTA grants. ISLAC commended these collaborative efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.
Minutes taken by Ms. Pecoraro, of the ISL staff