

INDIANA STATE LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL (ISLAC)

July 20, 2007

Minutes

Chair Amy Harshbarger called the meeting to order.

Members present were: Nancy Conner; Nancy Dowell, Amy Harshbarger; Judy Hemmerling; David Lewis; Susan Mannan; Brian McCafferty; Dianne Osborne; Michael Piper; Margaret Seifert; Judy Smith; Carolyn Wheeler; Susan Wheeler via phone, and Becki Whitaker.

Indiana State Library staff attending were: Deborah Barnhart; Roberta Brooker; Edie Huffman; Wendy Knapp; Megan Maurer; Connie Rendfeld; Martha Jane Ringel; Marcia Smith-Woodard; Jake Speer, and Jeff Sullivan.

Roll Call: Members and staff present introduced themselves. Megan Maurer was introduced as the new Southwest Regional Librarian.

Minutes: There is one correction to the April 20, 2007 minutes. The first line should read Amy Harshbarger.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – no report.

Continuing Education Committee – no report.

Resource Sharing Committee – Jake Speer reported that 72 LSTA technology applications were received and reviewed. 24 applications were funded with a maximum amount of \$8,000.

Nominating Committee – no report.

State Library Report:

Roberta Brooker reported briefly on the statewide services transition plan and asked Debbi Barnhart to report on the status of the contracts with INCOLSA. The four contracts involve Interlibrary Loan, INSPIRE Operations, the Shared Library Catalog and World Cat. INCOLSA is reviewing the final drafts. Michael Piper stated that he had brought two of the contracts with him.

The Public Library Standards report that was compiled by Edie Huffman was reviewed. 15 libraries do not meet standards. The list will be presented to the Indiana Library and Historical Board at their next meeting. There was discussion regarding which standards are not being met, Class II libraries, clarification of standard # nine, changing the library law or standards and percentage of libraries that don't meet standards.

The Unserved Task Force will meet August 15, 2007 at the Indiana State Library. This is earlier than the previous announced date. The date was moved up in regard to the Governor's establishment of the Commission on Local Government Reform. Libraries are mentioned in

the charge to the Commission. The task force will work on a plan to address issues relating to libraries. All ISLAC members are invited to attend the August 15th meeting. Discussion followed regarding the task force and issues mentioned in the Governor's announcement and public libraries in Indiana. It was commented that in regard to the table listed on the Governor's announcement, the amount of tax levy needs to be looked at, not just the percentage listed. It was also noted that there needs to be communication with library boards to keep them aware of what is going on.

The Certification Task Force met June 18, 2007. Edie Huffman reported that the information from the Town Hall meetings was discussed as well as looking at other states that have mandatory certification. The next meeting of the task force will be July 20, 2007 at the Indiana State Library.

Marcia Smith-Woodard reported on the Diversity Task Force. The June 11, 2007 meeting was a brainstorming session on the diversity issue and to create a plan. A key area is to see an increase in non-white professional and support staff in libraries. Internships were discussed as a way to encourage staff to seek higher education. Grant resources will be looked at including an IMLS grant. Smith-Woodard discussed the diversity survey available through the ISL web site. Clarification of the charge to this committee was asked for and it was stated that diversity of staff is the charge of this task force.

The ILL Task Force includes representation from INCOLSA, the Indiana State Library and Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI). A symposium will be held on August 12, 2007 at Ball State University. Registration is available through the INCOLSA web site.

New Business:

Roberta Brooker announced that there is an Indiana WebJunction site through the State Library's web page. The Best Books of Indiana 2007 awards ceremony was held July 19, 2007 at the Indiana State Library. The ceremony honored the best books in the Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry, and Children/Young Adult categories. Brooker also announced that the LSTA Plan for 2008-2012 has not been approved yet and grant information will be released at a later date.

The next meeting will be held October 19, 2007.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.