Iowa Library Association Foundation Board
Annual Report – 2019

Report from the Finance Committee:

The ILAF Finance Committee accomplished several items this year. We sought and received approval from the Executive Board to pay for the ILA website and worked on improving the communication between the ILA Board and the ILAF Board regarding funding requests. The combined conference with the Nebraska Library Association resulted in two changes from past practice. We allowed the funding that had been approved for speakers to be used for other aspects of the conference for this year. We also could not conduct a raffle at the conference as it was held in Nebraska and we could not obtain a gambling license.

We continue to work on clarifying the MOU requirements for the Tillson scholarship accounts. It is the opinion of the accountants at DMS that we are currently in violation of the MOU. We have been unable to find descendents of Jack Tillson, and DMS recommends that we seek counsel from a lawyer to determine what we can do to amend the MOU.

Submitted by Susan Moore, Treasurer

Silent Auction Committee Report:

The ILA Conference was hosted this year across the Missouri River in LaVista, NE in October for our first shared convention with Nebraska, “Bridging Borders: Succeeding Together.” The Silent Auction faced many challenges this year, but as usual, we prevailed with the great teamwork of the ILAF Board members.

Raffle:

We were unable to host a raffle this year due to legal restrictions. Instead we focused on a new fundraiser -- ILAF Vision 2020. Donors were asked for $20 for Vision 2020 to provide more scholarships, help pay for the Leadership Institute, and to pay for membership fees for new ILA members.

Auction:

The auction earned $3,114. 95 items were donated, which is down from last year due in part to the conference being held in NE. We were grateful to the 25 exhibitors that contributed to the auction. (Contacting the exhibitors this year helped!) We had 8 “Buy It Now!” purchases, for a total of $220. There were many unique and beautiful donations to bid on! It was great to see Nebraska librarians perusing the auction items as well.
Highlights:

Darryl Eschete created “Mr. Vision” for himself with gigantic glasses, to “Catch the Eye” as he roamed around the Exhibit Hall, promoting and directing people to our corner to donate to our ILAF Vision 2020 campaign. It was effective!

Challenges:

Our big challenge this year was being “hidden” in a side room across from the exhibit hall. We did not get the same amount of traffic and bidding activity as in previous years. Susan Moore took responsibility for the DMS report sheets on all financial transactions this year as Treasurer, with several other Board members double counting the report sheets and the money. Our sheets all balanced for DMS!

To close the Auction on Thursday evening, our ILAF Team organized the bids, packed the items and cashiered the purchases like a well-oiled machine. Before the close of the Conference, all of the items were picked up.

Submitted by Marlys Lien and Lois Blythe, Silent Auction Co-Chairs
Karen Davidson, Raffle Chair

Scholarship Committee:

The ILAF Board approved $1500 each for the Jack E. Tillson Scholarship for a library science student at the University of Iowa and the ILA Foundation Scholarship for a library science student at the University of Northern Iowa.

The Scholarship Committee received (3) three applications from the University of Iowa Students for the Jack E. Tillson Scholarship. The members of the scholarship committee reviewed the applications by email and selected Jennifer Giffin as the 2019 recipient of the Jack E. Tillson Scholarship.

The scholarship committee received (3) three applications from the University of Northern Iowa students for the ILA Foundation Scholarship. The members of the Scholarship committee reviewed the applications by email and selected Anna Westermeyer as the 2018 recipient of the ILA Foundation Scholarship.

ILAF President, Mary Heinzman, awarded the scholarships at the joint ILA/NLA Annual Conference held in La Vista, Nebraska on Thursday, October 2-4, 2019.

The scholarship committee was again able to provide four Susan Lerdal grants for Iowa librarians who have not attended the ILA Annual Conference or who have worked in an Iowa library for fewer than three years. Biblionix was also, once again, able to donate $500, for grants to help librarians attend the annual conference. The winners of the Susan Lerdal Grants were Heidi Ouwinga (Sioux Center Public
Library), Ruth Mahaffy (Sioux Center Public Library), Joan Grothoff (Eldora Public Library) and Bethany Schaefer (Carlisle Public Library). The winners of the Biblionix grants were Rachel Thompson, Hubbard Public Library and Laura Koons, Manson Public Library.

There were several issues that came up during the scholarship process this year that were discussed at the November meeting, including offering scholarships to on-line only students, requiring references all be from someone working in the library science/information science field and requiring scholarship recipients to be members of ILA. The ILAF Board decided that online students are eligible for the Tillson and ILAF scholarships, regardless of residency. However, preference will be given to students residing in Iowa at the discretion of the committee. It was also decided that students must be members of ILA to be eligible for the scholarship, as ILA membership is currently free for library science students. Finally, the scholarship will still require three letters of recommendation that attest to the candidates desire and potential qualifications in the library science/information science field but only one is required to come from someone working in the library science/information science field.

Submitted by, Sarah Clendineng, Chair

**Continuity Committee report:**

Updates were made to following Handbook documents:

- 10.1 Meeting dates
- 20.1 Directory
- 20.2 Committees
- 20.3 Terms
- 60.1 Past officers
- 60.4 Distribution of Funds
- 10.2 Calendar was partially revised to reflect current practices

Submitted by Tara Anderson Painter, committee chair

**President’s Report:**

This year the ILA Executive Board asked the Foundation to provide a yearly summary of what kinds of support the Board can provide to ILA. This will help with expectations of the ILA Board and help the ILAF Board in planning. This year we paid for the ILA website, and contributed an additional amount for the Leadership Institute.
The combined Nebraska and Iowa annual conference presented some challenges. We were not allowed to have a raffle due to gambling laws. In addition, even though Nebraska had agreed to conduct only a raffle, we found out at the last minute that they were going to have a silent auction as well. I feel that this cut into the amount of money we raised.

Although I have indicated that I am retiring in June 2020, I will continue on the Board as long as I can.

Officers for the next year are: Mary Heinzman, President; Lois Blythe, Vice President; Sarah Clendineng, Treasurer; Mara Egherman, Secretary; Allie Paarsmith, Assistant Treasurer; Darryl Eschete, Assistant Secretary.

Submitted by Mary Heinzman