Minutes of the
Iowa Library Association Foundation Board Meeting
November 8, 2019

Present: Helen Ridgon, Marlys Lien, Tara Painter, Mara Strickler, Susan Moore, Karen Davidson, Allie Paarsmith, Mary Bucy, Sarah Clendineng, Kay Runge, Darryl Eschete, Amanda Brewer, Mary Heinzman

Agenda
Runge moved, Painter seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Minutes
Lien moved and Runge seconded to approve the minutes of the May 23rd meeting. Some corrections were made:

Under “Committee and Other Reports”, in the Budget/Finance report, the sentence was corrected to read “ILAF pays DMS about $500 a month for on-going support.” Under “Fundraising”, the approximate number of members from both NLS and ILA is “935 members in all groups to possible attend the conference.”

Minutes approved as corrected.

ILA Report
Mara Strickler reported that ILA received good feedback about the conference so far, and that ILA would be having a debriefing session with NLA within the next 2 weeks. There is some interest in doing another joint conference in the future. New officers have been elected to the Executive Board – Stacy Goodhue was elected President Elect. ILA Planning Day will be November 15th.

Committee & Other Reports
Treasurer’s Report – Moore reported that ILAF took in $2,600 for silent auction items and Vision 2020. There is currently about $10,000 in the checking account. She asked if we want to take out the additional $3,000 from the Community Fund. Moore asked if she could purchase a new cash box for use at the next conference. There is one available at Staples for $50. Consensus was to buy it.

Tillson Scholarship funds – Moore reported that DMS indicated we are in violation of the MOU. She will investigate further.

Continuity – Painter indicated she is updating the files.

Fundraising – Davidson reported that she has some money from the Vision 2020 campaign that do not have donation forms attached. She is not sure who the money is from. She also has $485 from the conference with forms indicating the donors. She wondered how we should recognize the donors?
Lien said she could send out a letter or email to all of those that we have names for.

Auction – Lien was thanked for all her work organizing the silent auction. Lien reported that visibility was an issue this year with the auction room away from the exhibit hall. There was no mic in the silent auction area either. She thought overall that the auction went well. We raised $3153 this year. Last year we raised $3772. We were not allowed to have the raffle this year due to gambling laws in Nebraska.

Scholarships – We received thank you letters from Anna Westemeyer and Ruth Mahaffey. Clendineng asked if all three letters of recommendation for the scholarships have to be from people in the library profession. In addition do we want to extend scholarships to online students who may live out-of-state? Clendineng moved and Lien seconded that it be a policy that three letters of recommendation are required, but only one needs to be from the library profession that can attest to the desire to work in the library field, and what their qualifications are. Motion passed.

Clendineng moved and Paarsmith seconded that online students at UNI or University of Iowa are eligible for both scholarships. Discussion followed. It was amended to be that online students are eligible for the scholarships, regardless of residency, however, preference is given to Iowa residents. In addition, students applying for the scholarships must be members of ILA (membership is free to library science students).

Officers for next year

Officers for next year will be Mary Heinzman – President; Lois Blythe – Vice President; Mara Egheeran – Secretary; Sarah Clendineng – Treasurer; Allie Paarsmith – Assistant Treasurer; Darryl Eschete – Assistant Secretary.

New members of ILAF Board

Moore moved and Paarsmith seconded to invite Laura Sauser (Urbandale Public Library) to join the Board. In addition, Heinzman will contact Cassie Elton from Solon Public Library to determine if she is interested in being on the Board.

Meeting date for next year

Meetings for 2020 will be: March 6, June 5, September 11, and November 6. They will be held at the DMS office in Des Moines, with Zoom available for those who can’t attend in person.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.