Iowa Library Association Foundation Board minutes
November 14, 2008
ILA Office, West Des Moines

President Emily Weaver called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.


Absent: Larry Koeninger, Marilyn Raska-Engleson.

Weaver distributed an agenda and declared it approved.

Introductions were made and Corson was welcomed.

Minutes: Two corrections were made and the minutes were approved as amended. Corrections: Under ILA report, first bullet “sheet for donations” was changed to “sheet to facilitate donations” and in the last bullet $700 was changed to $750.

Correspondence: None was received.

ILA Report
Neuhaus reported:
• Barb Corson will join the ILAF board subject to Executive Board approval.
• The 2008 ILA conference was a success with 627 attendees and 89 exhibitors. Total income was $114,917, with $29,457 income over expenses. For the first time, attendees were asked to report their type of library. There were 120 academic, 291 public, 57 school, 20 special, and 30 other responses. Teget requested that Trustees be added as a category next year.
• The 2009 Legislative Agenda was adopted at the conference
• The 2009 ILA conference will be in Des Moines. The theme is “Deciphering Our Future: Transforming Iowa Libraries”
• ILA thanks ILAF for supporting the endowed speakers at the 2008 conference.
• The ILA Planning meeting was held Nov. 7 in Johnston. 80 people attended.

Distribution
Neuhaus passed out the Distribution Committee annual report. Koeninger will chair the Distribution Committee next year.

Continuity
Rardin reported:
• New ILAF board members are Kay Runge and Barb Corson. There is one at-large position to fill. Elliott moved and Ross seconded that Weaver invite Amy Paulus from the University of Iowa to serve in the at-large position, to be effective at the next meeting. Approved unanimously.
• Kessler has agreed to continue as Treasurer. He was elected by acclamation.
• Weaver is working on committee assignments and will report at the next meeting.

Budget
• Kessler distributed the financial reports for the quarter ending September 30. Kessler reported that ILAF’s cash balance is sufficient to cover expenses for the coming year, although we can expect less income from investments. The finance committee will meet following the board meeting to discuss investment strategy.
• Kessler noted that ILAF policy is to annually contribute 3% of the Endowed Speaker’s Fund to ILA for conference speakers. There was discussion about whether to continue this policy in light of recent market downturns. T. Jones moved and K. Jones seconded to give ILA $5,000 (roughly 3%) from the ESF for 2009 speakers. Passed unanimously.

Auction
Clark reported:
• The ILAF raffle netted $2,929.
• The ILAF silent auction netted $7,277.50. There were 206 auction items.
• Clark will send out a report comparing these totals to those of previous years.
Clark was thanked for her contributions to ILAF, and the Silent Auction in particular. Weaver noted that she sent a thank you to Karen Burns for making the raffle quilt.

Fundraising
• Knippel asked for discussion regarding pledge reminders. It was decided that it was effective for the President to send out reminders shortly before the annual conference. Rardin will add this item to the ILAF calendar.
• Knippel initiated discussion regarding sending thank you letters to those who donate silent auction items. It was agreed that ILAF could do a better job of expressing appreciation to donors, and several methods were discussed. This item will merit further discussion.
• Knippel noted that the Naomi Stovall fund drive will close in 2009 and asked for suggestions for a 2010 fund drive. Hews noted that 2013 will be the 30th anniversary of ILAF and suggested that a three-year drive could begin in 2010 that would have the goal of raising a certain dollar figure by 2010. K. Jones suggested getting all former ILAF board members together for a photo.

Other
• 2009 meeting dates were set. The location for all meetings will be the ILA office.
• Committee chairs were reminded to do their annual reports.
• Certificates of appreciation were awarded to retiring board members Maeve Clark, Kay Elliott, and Ellen Neuhaus. Marilyn Raska-Engelson was not present to receive her certificate.

Weaver declared the meeting adjourned at 12:00.