President Emily Weaver called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.


Absent: Sue Lerdal, Amy Paulus, and John Teget

Weaver declared agenda approved.

Introductions were made and welcome extended to new members.

Weaver introduced Vande Haar as the ILA representative and new ILA president. The ILA executive board will appoint a new vice president who will join our Board.

Minutes of the November meeting were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Runge was added to list of those absent. Rardin moved to approve the minutes; Corson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Correspondence: Weaver read aloud a letter from Dale Vande Haar about the Leadership Institute. In the letter, ILA requests a $5,000 contribution from ILAF to support the 2010 Leadership Institute. This request will be discussed during the budget portion of the agenda.

Runge suggested ILAF send a letter to Dale Ross thanking him for his service. Weaver agreed to draft such a letter, and will also send a certificate of appreciation.

ILA report (Vande Haar)

- Vande Haar thanked ILAF for their work.
- Vande Haar discussed the change in ILA leadership due to Ross’ resignation as President, and apologized for the leadership vacuum.
- Vande Haar described the controversy arising from the Legislature’s consideration of eliminating the LSAs during budget discussions. He reported on a meeting with legislators that allowed stakeholders to air concerns and resulted in a $360,000 budget cut instead of the proposed $600,000 cut. Vande Haar praised the job done by ILA lobbyists and expressed appreciation for Mike Dargan, who stepped in as chair of GAC. Vande Haar reported that there was a great turnout for legislative day. He stressed the need to come up with a plan to provide efficient effective transparent library service at new funding levels, and the need for a unified voice from the library community before next legislative session. He announced that a committee will be formed to represent all sizes and types of libraries to come up with a plan (called Phase II). The plan needs to be creative, transparent, and workable for all sides within the expected financial parameters, and must have no perceived duplication of services.
- Weaver expressed hope that current issues will cause ILA to evolve into a better and more relevant association.
- Corson suggested ILA should post to the iowalib listserv an acknowledgement of the role played by the ILA lobbyists and note that even non-members benefit from the lobbyists.
Vande Haar praised the Leadership Institute and noted the need to encourage new librarians to be involved in ILA.

The ILA Executive Board will announce a new Vice President of the association on April 2.

Hews reported that the ILA membership count is higher by 147 members than it was at this time last year.

Distribution (Ken Jones)
- Jones described to new members the function of the Distribution Committee and described the scholarships awarded by ILAF.
- Weaver will prepare the 2009 annual report for the Distribution Committee.
- The name of this committee might be changed to the Scholarship Committee.

Continuity (Rardin)
- Manual pages were distributed; corrections will be made before the next meeting.
- Weaver made note of committee appointments.
- The State Library Commission appointment was previously filled by Ross. When asked to make a new appointment, the Commission questioned why they have an appointment to ILAF and suggested they would rather have a State Library representative and suggested Corson could fill this role. Such a change would require a change to the ILAF bylaws. After discussion, no action was taken. The Continuity Committee is charged with review of our bylaws.

Budget & Finance (Kessler)
- Kessler distributed the annual report and quarterly financial reports, and explained the reports.
- He expressed concern about the loss of Ross' investment expertise.
- There was discussion of the need to follow up on pledges to the Naomi Stovall fund and the continuation of that campaign. There are outstanding pledges of $4,648.02. The campaign has taken in cash or pledges of $27,768.33. The original goal was $30,000.
- ILAF’s cash position remains strong.
- There has been some rebound on investments, although they are not back to 2007 figures.
- Kessler explained the new report “Re-allocation of percentages of ILAF funds in investment accounts” and asked for feedback.
- Kessler noted that an audit is normally done every 3 years but ILAF bylaws require an audit when the treasurer changes so we will also need an audit when his term ends.
- The proposed 2010 budget was distributed and discussed:
  1. New expenditure request: $5,000 for Leadership Institute (ILAF’s 2008 contribution was $1,000)
  2. No money is encumbered for audits (Ken Jones suggested $1,500 per year)
  3. Discussion of proposed expenditures being higher than estimated income
  Tim Jones made a motion to approve the budget as proposed; Clendineng seconded the motion. The budget was approved unanimously.

Auction (Corson)
- Corson welcomed any ideas for the 2010 auction.
- At our June meeting, Corson will distribute a list of exhibitors and ILAF will begin soliciting auction donations from exhibitors and members.
- An online pledge form for auction contributors is available.
Fundraising (Knippel)

- Knippel reported on a joint committee meeting with the ILAF Executive Board, at which the following topics were discussed:
  1. Why does ILAF raise money and how do we get the word out to membership?
  2. The need to revise/update the ILAF mission statement.
  3. ILAF’s 30th anniversary is an opportunity for a new fundraiser (launch in 2011, celebrate in 2013)
  4. The idea of offering scholarships to first year members to attend the ILA conference
  5. The idea of creating a fund to help first year members with ILA membership and conference registration.
  6. The 30th anniversary is an opportunity to recognize original ILAF members and do some sort of a challenge with new members.
  7. The fundraising strategic plan needs to be reviewed annually.
  8. We need more help at the auction and might consider ending it sooner.

- This may not be the time for new fundraisers.
- Raffle ideas: Weaver will ask Karen Burns for a quilt. We will need a second raffle item, maybe a gadget such as an ipad or netbook. Clendineng volunteered to make some contacts to solicit a donation.

Other

- Annual committee reports were distributed by the Continuity and Fundraising committees. Weaver announced she will have the ILAF annual report for the next meeting.
- Dates for future meetings: June 18, September 17, November 12.

Weaver declared the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.