CALL TO ACTION FOR IOWANS AND THEIR LIBRARIES

Take time now to go to the ILA webpage for the Advocacy Hotline at www.iowalibraryassociation.org. This will give you an update tailored to library interests and the means to identify your legislators.

Click the find your legislator link and follow-up with a telephone call, an email message or an in-person visit at their home or in Des Moines at the ILA Legislative reception on Tuesday, March 9.

Invite your legislators to this reception. Tell them you'll look forward to their visit. Take something from your own library. Take a bookmark, a flyer, a report, a thank you...

Talking to your legislator is simple and your input will be appreciated. One key issue is the sale of ICN assets and fiber optic equipment to a single buyer while retaining service to users through long-term indefensible rights-of-use agreements (at least 25 years with two optional ten-year renewals) along with the ability to set rates.

When meeting with your legislators, use these suggested talking points:

• The ICN is good for Iowans and their libraries; please support the Governor’s bill.

• Iowans and their libraries need to have the State Library of Iowa funded at no less than the flat dollar amount shown in the Governor’s budget.

• Iowans and their libraries need to have the Library Service Areas funded at no less than the flat dollar amount shown in the Governor’s budget.

• Libraries are essential to education and must be part of spending to maintain and improve education in Iowa. Keep library funding in place for state reimbursement programs and for direct state aid.

• Mention the importance of funding cities and counties so that they may continue to support Iowans and their libraries locally.

If asked to choose among support places or library “stuff”, say it is part of a system meant to deliver the best possible service to Iowans through their libraries. Every part from State Library to Library Service Area to local libraries is essential.

Speak up to keep Iowans and their libraries viable. You can do it!

Patricia Coffie,
Chair, ILA-GAC

LEGISLATIVE DAY
MARCH 9

2:30 p.m
Legislative Update at the State Library

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Reception in the State Law Library at the State Capitol

Legislative updates are being added to the ILA website on a regular basis. Please continue to visit the site for the latest information.

www.iowalibraryassociation.org

The 2004 ILA Executive Board met at the ILA office on February 12. standing left to right: John Pollitz, Kate Martin, Kay Weiss, Dee Crowner, Nancy Medema, Susan Craig and Dale Vande Haar. seated left to right: Jean Donham, Betsy Thompson, Betty Rogers and Marilyn Murphy.
SUPPORT PERSONNEL SUBDIVISION
SPRING MINI-CONFERENCE

Grinnell College will be the venue for Strengthening Libraries Through Support Personnel VII, a mini-conference designed for support personnel from Iowa’s public, academic, and school libraries. The event will take place on April 14, 2004 and will feature Debra Wilcox-Johnson presenting morning sessions on Being Successful – You Have the Power and Getting Things Done. Lunchtime will include networking sessions centered on job categories. After lunch, participants may attend either a technology-based session led by Greg Cotton, Technical Services Librarian, Cole Library, Cornell College or view a video followed by a facilitated discussion led by Janet Carl, Assistant in the Writing Laboratory and Lecturer at Grinnell College.

Details and registration information are available via the SPS web page www.lib.iastate.edu/other/ila/spindex.html and from the Continuing Education Catalog www.silo.lib.ia.us/for-ia-libraries/continuing-ed/cecat.htm.

Contact person is Marilyn Kennett, 641-236-2661 or mkennett@iowatelecom.net

Please encourage your support personnel to attend!

NATIONAL LIBRARY WORKERS DAY
APRIL 20, 2004

The ALA-APA Council voted last summer to designate the Tuesday of National Library Week, "National Library Workers Day".

The National Library Worker’s Day Working Group, ALA, and ALA-APA staff are busily creating promotional materials, strategy recommendations, and celebration ideas for individual libraries wishing to commemorate the first-ever National Library Workers Day Tuesday, April 20.

How will you or how have you recognized library workers at your institution? How has your community celebrated you in the past?

Please help us brainstorm ideas to publish on the National Library Workers Day website (to be launched soon).

Please send what you have done or will do to:

Jenifer Grady, MSLS, MBA
Director, ALA-Allied Professional Association
American Library Association
50 E. Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611
312-280-2424
800-545-2433, ext 2424
jgrady@ala-apa.org
www.ala-apa.org

Prompt and personalized service in the handling of your periodical needs!
ILACR SPRING CONFERENCE HELD ON APRIL 16

The 2004 ILACR Spring Conference “Scanning the Past, Digitizing the Future” will be held on Friday, April 16 at Central College, Pella, Iowa. Liz Bishoff, most recently Executive Director of the Colorado Digitization Program, and currently Vice President, OCLC Digital Collection and Preservation Services, is the keynote speaker. She will address how all types of libraries can collaboratively initiate, establish and nurture successful digital projects. Paper sessions on a variety of topics round out the day.

Although there will be a day-long conference track on digital initiatives, special guest speakers offer sessions on mentorship/leadership and another session on school library/academic library collaborations by special guest speakers. A call for presentations can be found at www.iren.net/acrl/conference/2004/call.html and the deadline has been extended to March 8.

Conference attendees who arrive on Thursday can enjoy the company of their colleagues at a pre-conference dinner at J. Benjamin’s in the Royal Amsterdam Hotel in downtown Pella.

Registration for the conference is from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. with the program running from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fee is $40 for ILACR members, $50 for nonmembers and $20 for students. The registration deadline is April 2nd.

For a registration form and forthcoming additional information about the conference, see the ILACR Web site at www.iren.net/acrl/ or contact Claudia Frazer, Spring Conference Program Committee Chair (email: Claudia.frazer@drake.edu). Registration form is also available on page 4 of the Catalyst.

FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO HIGHER ED: WHAT FIRST YEAR STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW

High school, college and university librarians have been meeting for the past year at the University of Iowa to discuss how to work together to assure that students have the information literacy skills they need to function successfully at the college level. The initial meeting last spring centered on the issue of “What do first year students need to know?” Printed along with this article is a list of Information Literacy Skills for First-Year College Students, developed by Kathy Magarrell and Ericka Raber of The University of Iowa Libraries.

The second meeting of the group was held in November at Grant Wood AEA in Cedar Rapids. This meeting focused on the topic of collaboration and featured a panel discussion by College Community High School teacher Debbie Erenberger; Cedar Rapids Prairie librarian Jill Hofmockel; Cornell College professor Ellen Whale; and Cornell College librarian Jean Donham. A number of challenges—remarkably similar between the high school and college/university levels—identified at this meeting include:

• Convincing faculty to value collaborative efforts.
• Class instructors often feel that their courses are driven by content (they only have X days to cover material), and that there isn’t time for librarian or library presentation.
• Misconceptions of roles of both teacher and librarian
• The need to recognize the best source of information (regardless of format) for a given project
• Working with students who have varying levels of reading comprehension

The next meeting of the group will be held at The University of Iowa in April and will focus on the topic of academic integrity. Librarians from around the state continued on page 5

ILA/ACRL CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Awards Committee of ILACR announces the availability of a scholarship to attend the ILACR Spring Conference, April 16, 2004 at Central College in Pella, Iowa. The scholarship will cover the $40 registration fee and up to $60 in travel, hotel and meal expenses.

Applicants must be paid members of ILACR, working fulltime in an Iowa academic or research library, and either:

a) be attending their first ILACR Spring Conference OR
b) have worked in Iowa for less than three years.

March 29, is the deadline for applications and conference registration. The winner will be announced April 7. Application forms are on our web site at www.iren.net/acrl/conference/2004/scholarship.html. For more information you may contact the Scholarship Committee Chair, John Pollitz (email pollitzjohnh@sau.edu or FAX:563/333-6248).
ILA/ACRL SPRING CONFERENCE
Scanning the Past, Digitizing the Future
Friday, April 16, 2004  - Central College, Pella

Conference Registration Form

Name: _____________________________________________________________

Library: ___________________________________________________________

Institution: ________________________________________________________

Address for receipt:____________________________________________________________________

E-Mail Address: ___________________________________________________

Conference registration fee, includes lunch and refreshments during breaks:

____ $40.00 ILA/ACRL Member _____ $50.00 Non-Member _____ $20.00 Student

Pre-Conference Social (Dinner at J. Benjamin’s)    Fee: _____ $25

Upon receipt of your registration, an acknowledgement will be e-mailed to you. You will receive a printed receipt at the conference. PLEASE NOTE: Registrations will be accepted as late as the day of the conference, (checks only) but lunch will not be guaranteed for those registering after the deadline. No refunds will be issued for cancellations after Monday, April 12, 2004.

Make check payable to ILA/ACRL.  Mail completed registration form and check to:

Margaret Noon
ILA/ACRL Conference Registration
State Library of Iowa
E. 12th & Grand
Des Moines, IA  50319
Phone: 515-281-4315 — Fax: 515-281-4118
Email: margaret.noon@lib.state.ia.us

FUTURE ILA ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Oct 13-15, 2004  Sioux City
Oct 19-21, 2005 Dubuque
October, 2006 Council Bluffs
October, 2007 Coralville

The ILA office has changed its email to ialibrary@mcleodusa.net
Fax is 515-309-4576

4 - March/April 2004 Catalyst
When I was President of ILA in 1998, the Endowed Speakers Fund helped us bring in a futurist, B. Gentry Lee, to speak at our conference. I chose to work with the Foundation to help build this endowment fund so that we can continue to provide this valuable assistance at future annual conferences. Please consider a gift to the Endowed Speakers Fund.

Your support will keep the Endowed Speakers Fund healthy. Take time today to contribute to the ILAF with a one-time gift or pledge.

Susan Kling, ILAF President

I/we wish to support the ILAF Endowed Speakers Fund with a total gift of $________made payable:

- [ ] in 3 annual gifts of $________each,
- [ ] as a one-time donation, or
- [ ] other ______________________

Name ____________________________________________
(Please print)
Address ____________________________________________
City _______________________ State _____ Zip _______
Telephone ________________________

If you prefer, your contribution may be a designated gift. Please mark your preference:

- [ ] “in Honor of”
- [ ] “in Memory of”

Designee ____________________________________________

---

Leadership Institute Applications
Due April 1, 2004

Information Literacy Skills for First-Year College Students
Developed by Kathy Magarrell and Ericka Raber
The University of Iowa Libraries

Ideally, first-year college students should:

1. Be aware that research is a process (non-linear)
   • How to use general reference sources to explore a topic
   • Reflection is needed to interpret and assimilate information

2. Think critically about a resource
   • Scope of the resource
   • Differences between subscription databases and free resources
   • When to use the library catalog vs. an index

3. Be aware of basic search strategies
   • Identify key words
   • Locate subject headings
   • Understand the concept of Boolean operators

4. Be able to interpret citations and find articles

5. Understand the differences between scholarly and popular resources

6. Know some criteria to evaluate electronic and print resources

7. Understand issues related to censorship and freedom of speech

8. Understand some concepts of the ethical use of information
   • Plagiarism
   • Copyright

ILAF Iowa Library Association Foundation

When I was President of ILA in 1998, the Endowed Speakers Fund helped us bring in a futurist, B. Gentry Lee, to speak at our conference. I chose to work with the Foundation to help build this endowment fund so that we can continue to provide this valuable assistance at future annual conferences. Please consider a gift to the Endowed Speakers Fund.

Your support will keep the Endowed Speakers Fund healthy. Take time today to contribute to the ILAF with a one-time gift or pledge.

Susan Kling, ILAF President

Levels of Giving Total Over 3 Years
Palladium $1500+
Titanium $1,500
Diamond $1,200
Platinum $900
Gold $600
Silver $300
Bronze $150
Pewter One-time donations

Checks should be made payable to:
ILAF Endowed Speakers Fund
3636 Westown Pkwy, Suite 202
West Des Moines, IA 50266

The Iowa Library Association Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent provided by current law.
Polk County Convention Complex and Renaissance Savery Hotel, Des Moines are the sites for this conference. Please join us! ILA members can register at the ILA/IASL member rate.

Check the conference Web page for more information, registration form, and updates, www.aea11.k12.ia.us/2004conference/homepage.html.

In keeping with the conference theme of research-based strategies, you’ll find nationally recognized experts in the areas of reading and information literacy. Speakers include: Joanne Carlisle, Nell Duke, Salli Forbes, Karen Lowe, Nancy Miller, Scott Paris, Tim Rasinski, David Sousa, Elizabeth Claire Venn and Monica Dacy Jahn

Featured Authors include James Bennett, Sneed B. Collard III, Susan Kirby, Jane Kurtz, Joanne Seymour, and Sally Walker.

Concurrent session topics (more to come)
- How high schools can prepare students by teaching the information literacy skills needed by college freshmen, “my senior is your freshman”
- Supporting struggling readers in high school
- Best new children’s books
- School library media specialists and teachers working to build information seeking skills
- School library data collection and reporting (how to do it locally)
- E-books for a PDA and desktop computers
- Children’s literature/authors/integrated activities
- Online database research
- Research-based teaching strategies
- What’s new in cataloging standards
- Information literacy standards
- How to increase library circulation
- New technology
- Collection development
- Reading First and Every Child Reads

Conference participants will be able to watch the teaching, interaction, and follow-up between teachers and students as various reading and information literacy strategies are used in the classroom. Elementary students from Nevada will be our special guests on Thursday in these real classrooms. Details are still being finalized (as of this printing) but we invite you to attend one of the classroom sessions. Please check the registration form if you are interested in viewing a 1st-2nd grade class or a 3rd-4th grade class. Pre-registration is required and assignments are made on a first-come basis. You will receive a written or e-mail confirmation of your acceptance.

Friday will feature special presentations by various vendors and publishers. Presentation will be every hour for 45 minutes. This will be your opportunity to learn more about some products and instructional materials that may meet your students’ learning needs.

David Sousa will present a daylong workshop on Saturday on the effective strategies from brain research as applied to reading. The workshop will update the participants’ awareness of brain research into learning so that they can consider which classroom strategies and techniques are more likely to result in successful learning. Some of the common and persistent myths about learners and learning will be debunked. Cost includes lunch.

The conference will feature over 80 booths offering conference participants a choice of products and services in literacy, reading, technology integration, library media center management, online services, and more. Check the conference Web site for a list of exhibitors.

Register for staff development or Drake graduate credit at the conference on Thursday morning. Pay at the conference (1 hr. Drake credit is $90, 1 hr. staff development credit is $20). Credit requirements are on the conference Web site.

Contact the Renaissance Savery Hotel to make your reservations. Room rates, maps, and directions are on the conference Web site.

**SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday evening, March 31**
7:30-9:30  Registration at the Renaissance Savery Hotel (2nd floor Mezzanine)
8:00     IASL board meeting
8:00     Iowa Reading board meeting

**Thursday, April 1** (Please note that the times for K-6 classrooms were not set as of this printing.)
7:30-4:00  Registration at the Polk County Convention Complex
8:00-10:00 Register for staff development or Drake credit
8:00-10:15 Concurrent sessions
10:00-5:00 Exhibits
10:30-11:45 General session – Tim Rasinski
12:00-1:30 IASL lunch and awards at Renaissance Savery
12:00-1:30 Iowa Reading lunch at Renaissance Savery
1:00-1:30 Exhibits only
1:30-3:15 Concurrent sessions
3:30-4:45 General session – Joanne Carlisle
5:00-6:30 Iowa Reading President’s Reception and Orphan Train presentation, cash bar
6:00-7:30 IASL banquet and awards
Friday, April 2
7:30-4:00 Registration at the Polk County Convention Complex
8:00-10:00 Register for staff development or Drake credit
7:30-8:15 IASL membership meeting and continental breakfast
8:00-3:30 Exhibits
8:30-10:15 Concurrent sessions
10:30-11:45 General session – Scott Paris
12:00-1:30 IASL lunch
12:00-1:30 IRA lunch
1:30-2:00 Exhibits only
2:00-3:15 Concurrent sessions
3:30-4:45 General session – Nell Duke
6:00-8:00 IRA awards banquet

Saturday, April 3
7:30-9:00 Registration at the Renaissance Savery Hotel
9:00-3:00 Workshop with Dr. David Sousa (includes lunch)

For more information about the conference:
Susan Schrader, Co-chair
Iowa Association of School Librarians
800-362-2720 or 515-270-9030
sschrader@aea11.k12.ia.us

Carol Webb, Co-chair
Iowa Reading Association
563-359-3681
cwebb@bettendorf.k12.ia.us

GAC – Vande Haar reported that they had met to make preparations for Legislative Day on March 9.
SUPPORT PERSONNEL FORUM – Medema reported that they would have a spring meeting on April 14 at Grinnell.
ADJOURNMENT – Medema moved adjournment at 2:00 p.m.

Board Minutes continued from page 11

IOWA SMALL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Spring meeting to be held in late May. Please watch for details - available soon over your listserv.
At the ALA Midwinter meeting I attended three ALA Council sessions, one session of the ALA/APA Council, and information session and several forums for both Council members and Chapter Councilors. Summaries of information I received and actions taken that I feel are most of interest to the Iowa library community are included in this report.

**MEMBERSHIP ISSUES**

The issue of a health insurance package has continued to be explored and a program provided by Marsh & McLennan Companies has been endorsed. More information should be available in Spring 2004.

Council also took action that begins the process to sending a bylaws change to membership that adds a new member classification and dues rate structure for support staff at an annual rate of $35. There was much interest in changing the overall dues structure to be salary based rather than job-title based and the Membership Committee will revisit this issue. In the meantime the change is felt to be important because it sends the message that ALA is interested in recruiting support staff as members.

The ALA Taskforce on Rural, School, Tribal and Public Libraries has received over 1100 responses to a survey they have distributed, well beyond the initial expectations. The data is being analyzed and a report will be available at the annual conference.

Electronic balloting will be initiated in Spring 2004. Email addresses that do not work will receive a paper ballot. If you are an ALA member watch for notice to request a ballot (either electronic or paper) on March 15.

**CORE VALUES**

The Core Values Task Force has identified ten core values: access, collaboration, diversity, education, intellectual freedom, preservation, privacy, professionalism, public good, and service (in alphabetical order). There was a good session providing input on these values and suggestion modifications, additions, deletions. A final core values statement will be presented at annual conference.

**FINANCES**

Highlights for FY03 (ended July 31) include successful conferences (despite SARS the Toronto Conference netted $1.3 million), a gift from Wells Fargo that provided funding for year three of the Campaign for America's Libraries, and sale of the Chicago Huron Plaza building for $10.6 million.

Both revenue and expenses decreased in FY03. The largest income sources remain publications (39.2%), followed by conferences (23.7%), and dues (19.8%). Total revenues were $38,537,000. Largest expense categories are publishing (30.0%), meetings and conferences (20.0%) and office activities (12.2%). Total expenses were $39,576,000.

Overall trends are mixed. Although the economy is improving and budget cuts to libraries seem to be slowing, it doesn't appear that budget levels will return to pre-recession levels anytime soon. ALA remains financially strong but needs to continue to evaluate ongoing initiatives, move to more technology products and cultivate new members.

**LEGISLATION**

LSTA reauthorization passed Congress and was signed by the President in September, however, the 2004 federal budget has not yet been approved. National Library Legislative Day will be held May 3 & 4 in Washington, D.C. Council passed a resolution in opposition to HR3261 Database and Collection of Information Appropriation Act. The bill provides copyright-like protection to databases and, if passed, would reduce competition in the database market—raising costs and limiting access.

Council also passed a resolution calling for support of legislation amending section of the USA PATRIOT Act and opposing any further initiatives that threaten or further abridge the rights of inquiry and free expression.

Other Council resolutions commended the Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) Clearinghouse and the Government Printing Office and the National Archives and Records Administration for the preservation and provision of permanent public access to government archives.

**CUBA ISSUE**

One of the most discussed and debated issues before Council this year was a carryover from the Toronto Conference. Concerns were raised last summer that “librarians” in Cuba were imprisoned for providing access to “library materials.” There seems to be no dispute that people have been jailed, but there also seems to be general acceptance that they were not librarians and the reason they were imprisoned was not for providing access to information. Last summer the matter was referred to International Relations Committee and Intellectual Freedom Committee. They appointed a joint task force that extensively reviewed the issue and wrote a report, which the Council officially accepted.

Personally, I believe an inordinate amount of time was spent on this issue that has little impact on most libraries or library workers. But it does reflect the serious political agendas of both sides of the issue, the concerns that ALA has about infringements to anyone’s right to read, and the “bad” press that ALA has received in the past.

**INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM/PATRIOT ACT**

The IFC reports it is completing the Privacy Tool Kit resource, which is available from the web site. They are beginning a study of the privacy issues related to radio frequency identification technology and continue to monitor the post-CIPA era and establish a subcom-
mittee on the impact of media concentration on libraries. The Freedom to Read Foundation reports that they have joined the American Booksellers’ Foundation for Free Expression and other civil liberties organizations to support a challenge to section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act. They are involved in several other ongoing lawsuits and continue to participate successfully in challenging state laws that criminalize the distribution of materials deemed “harmful to minors.”

ALA WEB SITE

Shortly after conference, changes will be seen to the ALA web site including shorter URLs and a “cite this page” feature. Candidate bios for the 2004 election, the ALA Handbook of Organization, and a continuing education clearinghouse have all been added. The Great Web Sites for Kids site will be reborn as a searchable database and the LIS program director will also become a searchable database. There was a suggestion to add a “take action now” hot button to the homepage to assist people who want to advocate for library issues.

ALA/APA

The ALA Allied Professional Association was established last summer after years of discussion. It’s first executive director, Jennifer Grady, was hired in December. The first issue of Library Worklife: HR E-News for Today’s Leaders has been released and the first ALA/APA Committee on Salaries and Status of Library workers has been appointed. A toolkit on advocating for better salaries is being prepared and an advocacy video message is being developed.

MISCELLANEOUS

A resolution to codify current election, campaign, and endorsement practices was defeated and the Executive Board will take up the matter. A resolution opposing the closing of the Clark Atlanta University School of Library and Information Studies and establishing a task force to determine strategies and procedures necessary to ensure that ALA is better positioned to predict and respond to any similar closures was passed. Members expressed concern that Jenner & Block, ALA’s legal firm, has accepted divine, Inc. as a client. A resolution was referred to the budget committee, and the Executive Board will also look into the matter.

Susan Craig
ALA Iowa Chapter Councilor
The ILA Executive Board met on February 12, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the ILA office in West Des Moines. Members present were: President Kay Weiss; Vice President/President-Elect Kate Martin; Past-President Betty Rogers; Executive Director Laurie Hews; Directors Jean Donham, Dee Crowner, Nancy Medema, John Politz, Betsy Thompson, and Dale Vande Haar; ALA Councilor Susan Craig; and Secretary Marilyn Murphy. Kay Elliott was also present.

**AGENDA**

Weiss asked that the agenda be amended to include “Memo from Ken Davenport,” “Subcommittee to write an RFP,” and “ALA Petitions,” all under New Business. She also asked that New Business item (c) be broadened to include the Friends and ISLA Bylaws. Crowner moved approval of the agenda, as amended. Motion carried.

**BOARD ORIENTATION**

Rogers led an orientation for new Board members. The Board reviewed the history of ILA, the status of ILA today, and ILA’s missions and goals. The Board also discussed what ILA means to them, the duties and responsibilities of a Board member, information Board members need to know, and issues facing ILA. Board members also shared their goals for the organization, which included (a) a successful beginning for the Leadership Institute, (b) full utilization of the new ILA website, (c) stronger relationships with the University of Iowa’s School of Library and Information Science and the University of Northern Iowa’s School Library Media Studies Program, (d) cooperation with the LSAs to work on core curriculum, and (e) enhanced efforts to increase membership.

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2003 BOARD MEETING**

Crowner moved that the minutes be approved, as written. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR /TREASURER’S REPORT**

**FINANCIAL REPORT** - The Balance Sheet for December 31, 2003, the Budget vs. Actual sheet for January through December 2003, the Profit & Loss sheet for December 2003, the Subdivision Fund Account sheet for December 2003, and the Poster Account sheet for December 2003 were distributed. Also distributed at the meeting were the Balance Sheet for Jan. 31, 2004, the Budget vs. Actual sheet for January 2004, the Profit & Loss sheet for January 2004, the Subdivision Fund Account sheet for January 2004, and the Poster Account sheet for January 2004. Hews stated that no money was withdrawn from the Association’s investments in 2003. She also pointed out that the money in the ILA/IASL account #2 will be used to help subsidize dues for former IEMA members for the next two years.

**CALENDARS** - Distributed in the Board packets were yearly calendars for Board Meetings, Catalyst material, Office activities, and Conference planning. Also distributed was the Executive Board contact list; several changes were noted.

**MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS** – The membership count as of February 10, 2004 was distributed. (855 Total)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COPY MACHINE CONTRACT** - Hews stated that current office copier model is being withdrawn from service. A contract for a new Konica copier model was distributed. Hews noted that the monthly cost would be $109.50. Craig moved that the copier contract be approved, at $109.50 per month. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS** - Weiss stated that she was recommending that Merideth Wilcox be added to the Conference Planning Committee and that Jill Hofmockel be added to the Public Relations Committee. Donham moved that the two appointments be accepted. Motion carried.

**BYLAWS** - Proposed ILA/IASL bylaws were distributed. Politz moved that the ILA/IASL bylaws be approved, as distributed. Motion carried. Weiss thanked everyone for their work with this new subdivision. Craig and Elliott explained that the copies of the bylaws of the Friends subdivision and the ISLA subdivision which were approved at the October Board meeting were uncorrected copies. They stated that the subdivisions are still working on revisions. Craig moved that the Board revoke the approval of the Friends and ISLA bylaws until revised copies are submitted. Motion carried.

**BOARD LIAISONS** — The Board agreed upon the following liaison appointments: Kay Weiss - Conference Planning Committee; Betty Rogers - Finance Committee, Awards Committee; Kate Martin - Intellectual Freedom Committee, Iowa Library Association Foundation; Susan Craig - Resources and Technical Services Forum, Special Libraries Roundtable, All-Iowa Reads, Bylaws Committee; Dee Crowner - Health Sciences Subdivision, Public Library Forum, Iowa Small Library Association; Jean Donham - Strategic Planning Committee, Community College Librarians, Nominating Committee, ILA/IASL; Betsy Thompson - Editorial Committee, Government Documents Roundtable, Membership Committee; John Politz - ILA/ACRL, LAMA, Local History and Genealogy; Dale Vande Haar - Governmental Affairs Committee, Storytellers Roundtable, Children and Young People’s Forum, Friends Subdivision; Nancy Medema - Iowa Library Trustees Association, Support Personnel Forum, Information Technology Forum.

**LEAGUE OF CITIES BOOTH** - Weiss reported that the Iowa League of Cities is meeting in Sioux City next fall and has invited ILA to participate in their conference. Craig moved that ILA have a presence at the League of Cities conference (at a minimum ILA should provide a speaker, a brochure detailing libraries’ role in economic development, and the ILA legislative agenda) and continue to explore the options for having a booth at the conference. Motion carried. Weiss will ask the Public Relations Committee and GAC to work on the brochure and will talk to Alison Ames Galstad about speaking.

**WEBSITE** - Board members were enthusiastic about
the new website. The Board agreed that only active members should be able to get into ‘members only’ portion of the site. It was decided that the organization manual should be put on the site as a pdf document and eventually converted to HTML, as well.

TRUSTEES - The Board considered the question of whether a trustee can become a lifetime ILA member, upon retirement. It was the consensus of the Board that trustees can be awarded lifetime memberships if they are retiring from an appointed or paid library position after 25 years. The Board further agreed that a lifetime member must have been a member of ILA for 25 years. Medema moved that this issue be referred to the Bylaws Committee. Motion carried.

MEMO FROM KEN DAVENPORT - The Board considered a memo from Ken Davenport regarding county contracts and the need for equal and consistent public library funding in the state. Craig moved that ILA release a statement saying that the Iowa Library Association recognizes that the need for consistent funding of public library service is an important issue and that the Association recommends that ILA, the State Library, and the Library Services Areas cooperate to create a task force to study this issue. Motion carried. Weiss will disseminate this statement. Hews will thank Ken Davenport for raising this important issue.

SUBCOMMITTEE TO WRITE AN RFP - The Board discussed the necessity of writing an RFP for a lobbyist. Crowner moved that the ILA president appoint an ad hoc task force (to consist of members of the ILA Board and GAC) to write an RFP for lobbying services which will be presented to the Board at their April 29, 2004 meeting. Motion carried. Suggested task force members were Dee Crowner, John Pollitz, Dale Vande Haar, Pat Coffie, and Laurie Hews.

ALA PETITIONS - The Board considered a petition from the Campaign for Reader Privacy concerning the Patriot Act. The consensus of the Board was that the Intellectual Freedom Committee should be asked to use various e-mail discussion lists to bring this petition to the attention of Iowa’s libraries. Martin will contact the Intellectual Freedom Committee. The Board also confirmed that it had endorsed the Freedom to Read Protection Act.

PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT

LEADERSHIP TASK FORCE – Rogers reported that the task force is developing an evaluation process for applicants and she encouraged applications.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Rogers reported that they would be meeting February 27.

ALA COUNCILOR’S REPORT

ALL IOWA READS – Craig reported that year two is off to a good start, with more than a hundred people participating in the January ICN session. She stated that the program is growing.

MID-WINTER REPORT – Craig submitted her report in writing. Highlights of her report include the following: (1) ALA hopes to make information about health insurance available by fall, (2) ALA is using electronic balloting, (3) the discussion about core values was the most interesting part of the council meetings, and (4) ALA is beginning the process of adding a new member classification for support staff.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

HEALTH SCIENCES SUBDIVISION – Crowner reported that they will be meeting on April 22-23 at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids. The program will include instruction on searching CINAHL through EBSCO. Hews reminded liaisons that the Finance Committee wants subdivisions to turn in event budgets two months in advance of the events. Liaisons were also reminded to inform Hews of subdivision events, so that the events can be placed on the Association’s calendar.

IOWA SMALL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION – Crowner reported that their spring meeting would be held in May.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Donham reminded the Board that the committee is soliciting nominees.

ILA/IASL – Donham reported that they would be having a joint conference with the International Reading Association in April.

ILA/ACRL – Pollitz distributed copies of the budget for the ILA/ACRL conference, which will be held April 16. He stated that the subdivision would soon be making their strategic plan available to members. ACRL has established three ad hoc committees: (1) Education, (2) Advocacy, and (3) Research.

LAMA – Pollitz reported that they are working on their bylaws.

LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY – Pollitz reported that their annual report has been submitted.

STORYTELLERS ROUNDTABLE – Vande Haar reported that their annual report has been submitted. They are planning on publishing two issues of their newsletter this year and planning on sponsoring sessions at the Annual Conference.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE – Martin reported that they are talking with CYP about presenting a pre-conference session on book challenges, from the author’s viewpoint.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S FORUM – Vande Haar reported that Jim Trelease is scheduled to be at the Annual Conference and they will also offer a pre-conference.
IOWANS READ POSTER

Join astronaut Peggy Whitson in supporting literacy in Iowa when you order and display this new poster. Simply fill out this form and mail it, along with payment, to the Iowa Library Association. Our previous posters, featuring Governor and Mrs. Vilsack, Kurt Warner and his family, and Tim Dwight are also still available for order. Posters are sponsored by ILA and the Iowa Association of School Librarians.

Shipping Information (please print)

Name ______________________________

Address ______________________________

____________________________________

Phone __________________________________

Peggy Whitson quantity: __________
Tim Dwight quantity: __________
Warner Family quantity: __________
Vilsack quantity: __________
Price each: $6.00
Total Amount Enclosed: $__________

Please enclose payment and mail order form with check payable to:
Iowa Library Association
3636 Westown Pkwy, Suite 202
West Des Moines, IA 50266-6713