PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I am very excited about our plans for 2006. As my staff would tell you I am a committed “planner”. Certainly we need to be an organization that can respond quickly to opportunities and challenges, but with the right plan in place and good knowledge of our membership regarding our mission and priorities we can respond in the right way.

In preparation for updating our long range plan all ILA members have been invited to respond to an electronic survey. By the writing of this piece we have received 427 responses, more than a 25% return rate. Twenty percent of those responding identified themselves as associated with an academic library, 48% public libraries, 20% school libraries, 6% special and 4% LSA or AEAs. Sixty percent were between the ages of 40 and 59, only 5% under 30. Overall, 80% believe the Association is either very or mostly successful in fulfilling our mission and there is general support for the mission.

Survey respondents think the highest priorities for the Association are state and national legislation and promoting libraries, followed by educational development, intellectual freedom issues, and literacy and lifelong learning. The survey results and other information will be studied by the Association leadership prior to a day long strategic planning session the end of February. The session will be facilitated by Sandy Dixon from the State Library.

We hope to have a draft document to share with committees and subdivisions in the spring, collecting feedback and making revisions to the final version to be approved by the membership in the fall. Thanks to all who participated in the survey and we’ll keep you posted on where you can see the results and follow the work of the Strategic Planning Group.

Planning isn’t all we have going on in 2006. We are now accepting applications to the second Iowa Library Association Leadership Institute. The Institute features consultant Maureen Sullivan who also lead the 2004 session. She received rave reviews from the participants. Dates for the Institute are August 1-4, the application can be found on the ILA website and must be returned by March 1. This is a wonderful way to learn about yourself, develop leadership skills, and begin lifelong relationships and networking opportunities with your fellow classmates. Tuition is very reasonable thanks to the support of ILA, the State Library, personal contributions and ILA Subdivisions. The following subdivisions have indicated their financial support: Health Sciences Subdivision, Iowa Small Library Association, ILA/ACRL, LAMA, Special Libraries Roundtable, and Support Personnel.

I hope to see you all at the annual Legislative Day on March 8th in Des Moines. The Governmental Affairs Committee and our lobbyists are already working hard to secure support for our legislative agenda.

Susan Craig
ILA President

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

It’s January! That means ILA is gearing up for another busy legislative session, and we need YOUR help! The Legislature began work on January 9, 2006 and our governmental affairs analysts were on Capitol Hill that day laying the groundwork for ILA and for you to show the lawmakers how important Iowa libraries are for the citizens of Iowa.

The ILA 2006 Legislative Agenda is on the ILA website www.iowalibraryassociation.org. There will be Talking Points, and a link to help you find contact information for your legislators. A short note, an email, or a phone call from YOU, combined with Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) Talking Points or a sentence from the ILA 2006 Legislative Agenda, will remind your legislators “Libraries Matter.”

Last year the ILA/GAC organized the first Lobby from Home Day and your legislators certainly heard

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from library advocates. Libraries, large and small, from every corner of the state added their own information to GAC’s suggested talking points and citizens called, emailed, and wrote to their local legislators.

This year, Lobby from Home Day is scheduled for February 22. Now is the time to start looking for stories to illustrate your library’s importance, to identify patrons, trustees, friends, librarians and others who will share the message “Libraries Matter”. The cost to library advocates is a bit of time to send an email, to call their legislators, or write a short note. Amy Campbell and Craig Patterson, our lobbyists in Des Moines, reported that in the last legislative session Iowa legislators were suitably impressed by the volume and quality of mail from Iowa library advocates. In your note please invite your legislators to attend ILA’s Annual Legislative Reception. Remember, YOU are the Iowa Library Association. Your stories, your emails, your phone calls, your notes are the best way to advocate for Iowa libraries and the Legislative Agenda of the Iowa Library Association. Our annual Legislative Reception is a great way for library advocates to come to Des Moines and talk directly with their legislators about Iowa’s libraries. This year the Reception is March 8, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Law Library at the Capitol. There is a legislative briefing at the State Library of Iowa from 2:30-3:45 before the reception. At the Reception you can follow up on your Lobby from Home contact, share the ILA Legislative Agenda (a note pad that you can give to your legislator), and you can answer any questions the legislators might have about your library. Again, Craig and Amy report that this is a great way to push ILA’s Legislative Agenda and to show lawmakers Iowa “Libraries Matter”.

Duncan Stewart
Chair, ILA Governmental Affairs Committee
duncan-stewart@iowalibraryassociation.org

IT’S TIME TO RENEW YOUR ILA MEMBERSHIP
(insert hand with string wrapped around finger - reminder graphic)
The subdivision, Iowa Library Friends Association (ILFA), held a pre-conference workshop in Dubuque. Thirty-seven individuals representing various friends groups heard featured speakers and shared success as well as “needs improvement” stories from their local friends organizations. Special thanks to our speakers who took the time to share their enthusiasm and knowledge with the group.

Evaluations for the day were positive. The need for additional information on grant sources and funding for friends groups was indicated. Another suggestion was to have friends groups bring samples of their materials/projects to share with other members.

The ILFA executive board is planning to provide opportunities for Friends groups to convene again in 2006. ILFA now sponsors the Iowa Friends Electronic List (IFEL). Use it to:

1. Make general announcements regarding ILFA activities
2. Announce individual Friends Groups activities (book sales, programs, etc.)
3. Post questions and ask other ILFA members for suggestions (how to…? how do I…?)

To send a message: friends@iowalibraryassociation.org
The message goes to all ILFA members and not a partial list
Include the following message in every email:

You have received this message as a benefit of your Iowa Library Association membership. In accordance with recent Federal Trade Commission requirements (CAN SPAM Act of 2003), please be advised that this correspondence may occasionally contain information about events that have fees attached to them. If you would like to be removed from this list, please contact executivedirector@iowalibraryassociation.org.

Guidelines:
Participants agree to seek and share information regarding the best practices for friends as they work in partnership with libraries, have proper respect for all participants and engage in no commercial solicitation. Any individual email change must be sent to executivedirector@iowalibraryassociation.org.
ILA MEMBERSHIP FORM - DROP IN FROM YOUR FILES - JUST THE RIGHT 3 COLUMNS - NOT THE RECEIPT PORTION
LEGISLATIVE DAY ACTIVITIES

MARCH 8, 2006

Legislative Briefing
2:30 - 3:45 p.m.
State Library

Legislative Reception
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
State Law Library
Capitol Building

Your online registration allows the Governmental Affairs Committee
to plan effectively based upon the number of pre-registrations.
Please visit the calendar section of www.iowalibraryassociation.org to pre-register.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Now is the time to apply for the ILA Leadership Institute August 1-4, 2006 at Central College in Pella, Iowa. Twenty-five Iowa librarians will be selected to work with Maureen Sullivan to enhance their leadership skills. Maureen has more than twenty years of experience as a consultant on organizational development and work redesign, strategic planning, leadership, managing change and establishing learning programs.

At the Institute you will participate in activities designed to help you:
• Recognize yourself as a leader and develop the confidence to become a change agent in your library as well as the larger community;
• Assess your personal leadership style and develop the skills to use that style for effective decision making;
• Seek creative solutions to shape the future of the Iowa Library Association and library service in Iowa;
• Connect to a supportive network of successful library leaders.

For more information and for the application form see the Nov/Dec 2005 issue of the Catalyst, or the Association’s website at www.iowalibraryassociation.org. Applications are due March 1, 2006.

THANK YOU NOTES

Please thank all of my friends and colleagues for their very generous donation to the Rebuild Mississippi Libraries Fund.

Iowa will always be my second home and will always be very special to me. Your concern and caring in this time of crisis just reinforces these feelings.

Sharman Smith
Mississippi State Librarian

Thank you so much for your kindness and support of libraries. We appreciate your donation to the Louisiana Library Association Disaster Relief Fund. One hundred percent of the donations will be distributed to school, public and academic libraries affected by the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

With much gratitude,
Beverly E. Laughlin
Executive Director
Louisiana Library Association
2006 ILA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

AWARDS
Kate Martin, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls ’08; Chair ’06
Kay Weiss, Burlington Public Library ’07
Betty Rogers, Coe College, Cedar Rapids ’06

JOHNSON BRIGHAM PLAQUE:
Roy Kenagy, Central IA Library Service Area, Ankeny ’08; Chair ’06
Ed Goedeiken, Iowa State University Library ’07
Nancy Medema, Bettendorf Public Library ’07

CONFERENCE PLANNING
Susan Craig, Iowa City Public Library ’06; Chair ’06
Laurie Hews, ILA Office – Conference Coordinator
Lois Blythe, Burlington Public Library ’06
Susan Henricks, Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Dubuque ’08
Heidi Lauritzen, Iowa City Public Library ’08
Karen Lampe, Green Valley AEA, Creston ’07
Michele Leininger, State Library, Des Moines ’08
Kathy Parsons, Iowa State University, Ames ’08
Jan Peterson, 3M, St. Paul, MN, (exhibitor rep) ’06
Amy Fuls Paulus, University of Iowa Library, Iowa City ’07
Paul Seelau, Council Bluffs Public Library ’07
Jennifer Wolfe, University of Iowa Library, Iowa City ’07
Barbara Peterson, Council Bluffs Public Library, Local Arrangements Chair ’06

BYLAWS AND ORGANIZATION MANUAL
Karen Davidson, Northeast IA Community College, Calmar ’06; Chair ’06
Sandra Ballasch, University of Iowa, Iowa City ’07
John Goodin, Luther College, Decorah ’06
Susan Kling, Marion Public Library ’08
Dottie Persson, University of Iowa, Iowa City ’07
Kay Elliott, Clive Public Library (advisor)

EDITORIAL
Jennifer Garner, North Liberty Community Library ’06; Chair ’06
Emily Weaver, Southeastern Library Services, Davenport ’06
Scott Marron, Iowa State University, Ames ’08
Karen Burns, Southwest Iowa Library Service Area (advisor)

FINANCE
Kate Martin, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls ’08; Chair ’06
Sheryl Bissen, Grinnell College Library, Grinnell ’06
Liz Nichols, Consultant, Iowa City ’06
Lorna Truck, Des Moines Public Library ’08
Laurie Hews, ILA Office
Susan Craig, Iowa City Public Library, ex-officio

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
Duncan Stewart, University of Iowa, Iowa City ’08; Chair ’06
Mike Dargan, Cedar Falls & Waterloo Public Libraries ’08
Linda Fox, Oskaloosa Public Library ’08
Dawn Hayslett, Ames Public Library ’06
Emily Navarre, Southeastern Library Services, Davenport ’06
Darlene Richardson, Leon Public Library ’08
Dale Vande Haar, Des Moines Public Schools Libraries ’07
Carlette Washington-Hoagland, University of Iowa Library, Iowa City ’08
Mary Wegner, State Library (liaison)
Susan Craig, Iowa City Public Library, ex-officio

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM
Mike Wright, University of Iowa Library, Iowa City ’08; Chair ’06
Jan Behrens, Knoxville Public Library ’06
Eileen Chang-Matus, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon ’08
Suzann Holland, Oskaloosa Public Library ’07
Jim Mefferd, Southwest Iowa Library Services Area, Chariton ’07
Vicki Myron, Spencer Public Library ’06
Dale H. Ross, Commissioner, State Library, Ames ’07
Jean Weeks, Hiawatha Public Library ’08

MEMBERSHIP
LaWanda Roudebrush, Davenport Public Library ’08; Chair ’06
Mary Cameron, State Library, Des Moines ’08
Pamela Collins, Scott County Library System, Eldridge ’07
Rachel Crowley, Morningside College Library, Sioux City ’08
Duncan Stewart, University of Iowa Library ’06
Dale Vande Haar, Des Moines Public Schools Libraries ’06
Christina Vos, Sioux City Public Library ’07
Susan Craig, Iowa City Public Library, ex-officio

NOMINATING
Lisa Stock, Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny ’07; Chair ’08
Jean Donham, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon ’08
Robin Martin, Central College Library, Pella ’08
Kay Runge, Des Moines Public Library ’08

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Mary Melroy, University of Iowa Library, Iowa City ’06; Chair ’08
Linda Adams, Fayette and Arlington Public Libraries ’06
Jill Hofmockel, Prairie High School, Cedar Rapids ’06
Kim Kietzmann, LeClaire Public Library ’06
Ricardo Sauro, Tipton ’06
Annette Wetteland, State Library (liaison)

STRATEGIC PLANNING
Betsy Thompson, Sioux City Public Library ’08; Chair ’06
Lori Barkema, Cedar Rapids Public Library ’08
Cynthia Dyer, Simpson College Library ’06
Carrie Falk, Shenandoah Public Library ’07
Kate Martin, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls ’06
John Teget, Shenandoah Public Library ’06
Laurie Hews, ILA Office
Susan Craig, Iowa City Public Library, ex-officio

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (ad hoc)
Karen Burns, Southwest IA Library Service Area, Council Bluffs, Co-Chair
Carlette Washington-Hoagland, University of Iowa Library, Iowa City, Co-Chair
Lynne Carey, Ames Public Library
Elisabeth Grimsbo, Simpson College, Indiana
Anne Skaden, Kalona Public Library
Sarah Willeford, Clarinda Public Library
Sandy Dixon, State Library, Des Moines (liaison)
CALL TO ORDER
The 2005 Iowa Library Association business meeting was called to order by President Kate Martin on Thursday, October 20, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. at the Grand River Center in Dubuque. President Martin introduced Parliamentarian Paul Seelau, Secretary Marilyn Murphy, and Timekeeper Tom Kessler. Martin stated that each speaker would be limited to two minutes per term at the microphone.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
Chairperson Ken Davenport, Northeast Library Service Area, reported that a quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES
President Martin pointed out the rules of order and the voting flags. Dee Crowner, North Liberty Community Library, moved that the rules be adopted, as distributed. Motion carried.

AMENDMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Martin stated that the agenda, which was distributed at the meeting, had been printed in the September/October Catalyst and that no amendments had been proposed. Susan Moore, University of Northern Iowa, moved approval of the agenda, as published. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE 2004 BUSINESS MEETING
Secretary Marilyn Murphy announced that the Executive Board had approved the minutes at their December, 2004, meeting and that the minutes had been published in Catalyst. No questions were raised.

FINANCIAL REPORT
Martin announced that the Financial Report had been published in the annual reports packet. No questions were raised.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS
2006 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA – Patricia Coffie, Waverly PL (retired), presented the 2006 legislative agenda and introduced incoming GAC chair, Duncan Stewart, University of Iowa. Coffie moved adoption of the 2006 legislative agenda, as recommended by GAC and published in the annual reports booklet. Motion carried. Stewart asked members to pay heed to the 2006 Legislative Action Essential Now handout in their packets. Coffie drew the name of one library advocate (Sheryl Bissen) to receive a prize.

ELECTION OF ILA FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER – On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Kay Runge, Des Moines PL, nominated Marilyn Raska-Engelson, Radcliffe PL. Hearing no other nominations, Martin declared that Raska-Engelson had been elected by acclamation.

DUES REVISION – Dale Vande Haar, Des Moines Public Schools, introduced a proposed bylaws change which had been published in Catalyst. Vande Haar moved that the personal dues schedule be amended to make the dues $85.00 for those earning $50,000 – $59,999 and the dues $95.00 for those earning 60,000 and above. Dee Crowner, North Liberty CL, asked if the Board had considered that library budgets are not increasing. Susan Craig, Iowa City PL, responded, saying that the Finance Committee had recommended the increase because dues had not changed in a long time and they hoped to achieve dues equity, while slightly increasing the Association’s income.

OPEN FORUM – There were no remarks.

REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT
President Martin thanked everyone for their support for both the Association and its president. She stated that she had found the town meetings to be very fulfilling. She remarked that the membership should be very proud of their Association, which is the second oldest library association in the country and now includes more than 1,400 members. Martin concluded by saying that it had been an honor to serve as president.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were no announcements.

RESOLUTIONS OF COURTESY
Jerri Heid, Ames PL, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its respect and deep appreciation to each and every member of the Iowa Library Association who has supported and who continues to support the work of this organization with participation and monies for the benefit of all Iowa libraries and Iowa citizens so that we might celebrate the wisdom of establishing and continuing ILA for 115 years. Motion carried.

John Lerdal, Pleasant Hill PL, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to the 2005 Conference Planning and Local Arrangements Committees for their dedication to creating a successful conference here in Dubuque. The members of these committees are Kate Martin, Jean Gullickson, Nancy Carroll, Steve Dew, Alison Ames Galstad, Laurie Hews, Tim Jones, Susan Kling, Mary Anne Knefel, Karen Lampe, Amy Paulus, Barbara Peterson, Paul Seelau, Deborah Seiffert, Anne Sushko, and Jennifer Wolfe. Motion carried.

Emily Weaver, Southeastern Library Service Area, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership...
of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Susan Craig and Dale Ross who have represented the interests of Iowa libraries and the Iowa Library Association as Councilors at the American Library Association meetings. Motion carried.

Roy Kenagy, Central Library Service Area, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Past-President Betty Rogers who willingly stepped in mid-year to fill an unexpected vacancy on the Executive Board, thereby sharing her depth of experience with the Association. Motion carried.

Tom Gardner, Southeastern Library Service Area and Keokuk PL, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation and thanks to Jean Donham, Betty Rogers, and Kay Weiss for their dedicated service to the Association as they retire from positions on the Executive Board. Motion carried.

Dale Ross, State Library Commission, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Robin Martin and the other members of the Nominating Committee who have recruited excellent candidates for elected positions within the Iowa Library Association. Motion carried.

Lois Blythe, Burlington PL, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Patricia Coffie, the out-going chair, and all the members of the Governmental Affairs Committee for their hard and effective work in developing advocates for libraries and library services in Iowa. Motion carried.

Dale Vande Haar, Des Moines Public Schools and Central Library Service Area, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Paul Seelau who has ably served as the parliamentarian during this annual meeting. Motion carried.

John Goodin, Luther College, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Marilyn Murphy for assisting the Executive Board and Executive Director by fulfilling the duties of ILA Secretary during the past year. Motion carried.

Anne Skaden, Kalona PL, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Kathy Kelly and Cynthia Dyer for taking time and care to proof-read issues of the Catalyst before publication throughout this past year. Motion carried.

Barbara Peterson, Council Bluffs PL, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its deep appreciation to Kate Martin who has willingly lead us as the Association President and served as a tireless advocate for Iowa and its libraries during this 115th anniversary year. Thank you, Kate. Motion carried.

Pam Collins, Scott County Library System, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to the Iowa Library Association Foundation, the corporate sponsors, and the many vendors whose support of speakers, breaks, and exhibits has helped to make this Annual Conference informative and exciting. Motion carried.

Carrie Falk, Shenandoah PL, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Executive Director, Laurie Hews, and her assistant, Linda Burchfield, for consistently providing professional and responsive service to the members of the Iowa Library Association. Motion carried.

Martin called for a round of applause.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Carol French Johnson, Waterloo PL and Cedar Falls PL, moved adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

### CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES

If you change your email address, your mailing address, phone, fax, or place of employment, please visit the members section of the ILA website to make changes to your membership record. When you make the needed changes to your online record, the ILA office is automatically notified.

### OFFICE CLERICAL ASSISTANT

New ILA office clerical assistant April Flach began working in the office January 16. April recently moved to Des Moines from Jefferson City, Missouri.
The ILA Executive Board met on October 19, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the Grand Harbor Hotel in Dubuque. Members present were: President Kate Martin; Vice President/President-Elect Susan Craig; Directors Jean Donham, John Goodin, Mary Jo Langhorne, Betty Rogers, and Dale Vande Haar; and ALA Councillor Dale Ross. Past-President Kay Weiss and Director Betty Thompson were absent. State Librarian Mary Wegner, Executive Director Laurie Hews, and Secretary Marilyn Murphy were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER
Martin welcomed everyone to Dubuque.

AGENDA
Langhorne asked that “High School to Higher Education Committee” be added under New Business as item 7(g). Donham moved that the agenda be approved, as amended. Motion carried. Rogers later motioned that the agenda be amended to include “ILA Donation to the Louisiana/Mississippi Relief Fund” under Unfinished Business as item 6(e). Motion was unanimously approved.

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2005 BOARD MEETING
Vande Haar moved that the minutes be approved, as distributed. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR /TREASURER’S REPORT
FINANCIAL REPORT - The Balance Sheet for September 30, 2005, the Budget vs. Actual sheet for January through September 2005, and the Subdivision Fund Account sheet for September 30, 2005 were distributed by e-mail. An updated Balance Sheet showing the market value of investments and draft documents as of October 17, 2005 were distributed at the meeting. It was noted that income had covered expenses for all of the pre-conferences, except possibly the one sponsored by the Local History and Genealogy Roundtable.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT -- The membership count for September 1, 2005 was distributed in the conference packet of committee reports. It was noted that there were 53 fewer members than on the same date in 2005.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
CORRESPONDENCE – Martin stated that the office had received a letter soliciting ads for a special issue of the Des Moines Register honoring the sesquicentennial of the University of Iowa Libraries. The cost of an ad was prohibitive, however.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE – Martin recognized the fine work of Jean Gullikson, Local Arrangements Committee chairperson.

PREREGISTRATION FIGURES – The pre-registration statistics, as of October 17, 2005, were distributed. Pre-registrations numbered 611, pre-conference registrations numbered 112, and exhibitor booths numbered 80.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
APPOINTMENT OF AN AD HOC CONFERENCE SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE – Martin stated that Susan Kling had agreed to serve as chair and that Kay Weiss had agreed to serve as a substitute for Gina Millsap, who has moved out of the state. Ross moved approval of those appointments. Motion carried.

STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT – Craig stated that she had participated in a conference call with Hews and Cynthia Dyer and had communicated later with Thompson. They had agreed to schedule a retreat for the Executive Board, the Strategic Planning Committee, and perhaps some other members, in late January or early February. They hope to survey the members for input. The goal is to have a new strategic plan by October 2006.

ILA ELECTRONIC MAILING LIST GUIDELINES – This item will be carried over to the December agenda; the Board is waiting on input from the Editorial Committee.

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING UPDATE – Craig stated that the invitations to participate in this meeting had been mailed. The meeting will be held on November 11 at the Iowa City Public Library.

ILA DONATION TO THE LOUISIANA/MISSISSIPPI RELIEF FUND – Craig moved that ILA donate $200 each to the Rebuild Mississippi Libraries Fund and the LLA Disaster Relief Fund, with the money to be taken from ILA’s Miscellaneous Expense fund. Motion carried. Martin will send letters with the checks. It was suggested that Martin and Langhorne might want to discuss the future of the poster fund account.

NEW BUSINESS

GAC – STRATEGY UPDATE – Martin stated that a meeting had been held on October 5, 2005 with representatives from the governor’s office, the State Library, GAC, and ILA lobbyists. The meeting focused on the financial needs of Iowa’s libraries. After this meeting, GAC developed a proposal to encourage the membership to immediately contact the governor’s office and their state legislators. Martin and Craig have endorsed this proposal and a handout titled “2006 Legislative Action Essential Now” has been placed in conference packets. Martin stated that GAC will follow up with items in Catalyst and on the e-mail list. She has asked GAC to evaluate this strategy for next year.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Craig presented the following committee appointments: Michele Leininger (State Library) and Susan Henricks (Carnegie-Stout PL, Dubuque) to the Conference Planning Committee; Scott Marron (Iowa State University) to the Editorial Committee; Linda Fox (Oskaaloosa PL) to the Governmental Affairs Committee. Donham moved approval of the committee appointments. Motion carried. After considerable discussion, the Board agreed to explore the ways in which the connections between committees and various subdivisions might be strengthened.

REVISED FINANCE FORMS – Four forms (Detail Form for ILA Committee Activity, Summary for ILA Committee Activities, Subdivision Activity Detail, and Subdi-
vision Summary) were revised by the Finance Committee and distributed to Board members by e-mail. Vande Haar moved approval of the revised forms. Motion carried.

2006 REIMBURSEMENT RATES – The Finance Committee recommended that the mileage reimbursement be increased to 27 cents per mile for 2006 and that additional mileage reimbursement for the Executive Director be discussed at her annual review. Vande Haar moved that the 2006 hotel reimbursement rate remain unchanged and that the 2006 mileage reimbursement rate be increased to 27 cents per mile. Motion carried.

APPOINT CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE – Martin announced that Ken Davenport has agreed to chair this committee and has submitted a list of members. Craig moved approval of the membership of the Credentials Committee. Motion carried.

RECRUITMENT PROPOSAL – Martin received a proposal for recruiting teens to the library profession and distributed that proposal to the Board. The Board suggested that this proposal should be attached to one of the existing subdivisions. The Board also suggested considering internships in local libraries, in lieu of conference participation.

HIGH SCHOOL TO HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Langhorne discussed the work of this group which has been meeting in eastern Iowa. She stated that the group would like to broaden its base. Martin encouraged subdivisions to work together on this topic and suggested that an ad hoc committee might be appropriate in the future.

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT

IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION – The minutes of the September 16, 2005 ILAF meeting were distributed via e-mail. Craig stated that they hoped to have 200 items for the silent auction and encouraged everyone to support ILAF at the conference.

AD HOC LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Craig reported that they will be meeting during the conference. She stated that they sent an e-mail to subdivisions asking for support for the leadership institute.

BYLAWS AND ORGANIZATION MANUAL COMMITTEE -- Craig stated that they haven’t met since the last Board meeting.

ALL-IOWA READS – Craig reported that the 2006 book will be announced during the Friday luncheon and reminded Board members that Louise Erdrich would be speaking at the luncheon.

PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT

AWARDS COMMITTEE – Hews reported for Weiss, stating that the committee had completed its work for the conference.

ALA COUNCILOR’S REPORT

IOWA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION – Ross reported that the change in collecting dues for ILTA has proven to be problematic. ILTA has only 147 paid members and their treasury is down significantly.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE – The committee has been informed that Tim O’Brien’s book, *Things They Carried*, had been removed from the language arts curriculum in one Iowa school.

ALA – Ross stated that the decision about the location of the 2006 conference still has not been made. Some councilors are encouraging ALA to develop a position statement regarding the employment of library directors who do not have the MLS degree.

STATE LIBRARY REPORT – Wegner distributed information regarding the funding of the State Library and the LSAs. Martin asked Wegner to share some of this information in her report during Thursday’s luncheon. The State Library has made a formal proposal suggesting a change in the teaching endorsement language; they have spoken with the Board of Educational Examiners and the directors of both library schools in the state. The State Library has also informed the AEA media directors about the proposal. The State Library is attempting to raise awareness of the differing levels of public library funding in the state. Wegner also reported that they are continuing to monitor the needs of Mississippi’s libraries and hope to be able to help with the hurricane recovery.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Donham reported that they have been working with Craig on updating the action plan.

HEALTH SCIENCES SUBDIVISION – Goodin reported that they are discussing a new award.

IOWA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS – Langhorne reported that they enthusiastically support the proposal to change the language in the teaching endorsement.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FORUM – Langhorne reported that they have increased membership.

SUPPORT PERSONNEL – Langhorne reported that they have awarded scholarships to send two members to the conference.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S FORUM – Vande Haar reported that they are sponsoring several sessions at the conference.

IOWA LIBRARY FRIENDS ASSOCIATION – Vande Haar reported that they are sponsoring a pre-conference.

STORYTELLERS ROUNDTABLE – Vande Haar reported that they are sponsoring several sessions at the conference.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Their recent work had already been discussed.

ADJOURNMENT – Rogers moved adjournment at 3:00 p.m.
IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 2006 CALENDAR

FEbruary
9  Conference Planning Committee
   Iowa City Public Library
15  Catalyst deadline for March issue
22  Lobby from Home Day
24  Strategic Planning Retreat
   Urbandale Public Library

March
3  Iowa Library Association Foundation
   Pleasant Hill Public Library
8  Legislative Day
8  Conference Planning Committee
   ILA Office
10  Finance Committee
21-25 PLA National Conference - Boston, MA
31  Executive Board Meeting - ILA Office
31  Community College Librarians Roundtable Meeting

April
13  Conference Planning Committee
   Iowa City Public Library
2-8  National Library Week
4  National Library Workers Day
17  Catalyst deadline for May issue
21  ACRL Spring Meeting - Iowa City

May
2  National Legislative Day
   Washington D.C.
9  Finance Committee
11  Conference Planning Committee
   ILA Office

June
1  Conference Planning Committee
   Iowa City Public Library
2  Iowa Library Association Foundation
   Iowa City Public Library
9  Executive Board Meeting - ILA Office
16  Catalyst deadline for July issue
22-28 ALA Annual Conference - New Orleans, LA

July
14  GODORT Meeting

August
17  Conference Planning Committee
   ILA Office
18  Catalyst deadline for September issue
25  Executive Board Meeting - ILA Office

September
6  Finance Committee
15  Iowa Library Association Foundation
   Marion
18-22 Town Meetings
   Banned Books Week
22  Executive Board Meeting - ILA Office
25-29 Town Meetings

October
11-13 Annual Conference
   Council Bluffs
   Libraries, Literacy & Learning in the 21st Century
15-21 Teen Read Week
18  Catalyst deadline for November issue

November
3  Annual Planning Meeting
13-19 Childrens Book Week
14  Finance Committee
17  Iowa Library Association Foundation
   Pleasant Hill Public Library

December
1  Executive Board Meeting - ILA Office
18  Catalyst deadline for January issue

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