I am truly excited about our opening session keynote speaker at the Annual Conference (October 11 – 13 in Council Bluffs). I enjoy conference sessions that make me question the status quo. I think Michael Stephens is just the guy to get us all asking questions about what libraries are and how they should operate today and in the future.

The topic of the kick-off address will be Library 2.0, something I had never heard of before I started planning this conference. But, with the theme of Libraries, Learning and Literacy in the 21st century, I wanted to bring you someone who has interesting ideas about what libraries should be in the 21st century. And Library 2.0 is very intriguing. As one person described it, “The concept of Library 2.0 builds upon all that has been best about libraries to date, harnesses technological potential and community capability in order to deliver valuable, valued and world-class services directly to those who stand to benefit from them.”

We are planning to have Michael present a Wednesday afternoon pre-conference on new technologies and he will also lead a Thursday concurrent session on blogging. I look forward to questioning my status quo and I hope you are too.

Michael was one of Library Journal’s Movers and Shakers 2005. He is interested in virtual communities, social software, online information behavior, IM referencing, and library web logs. You can check out his web log at www.tametheweb.com. He is currently working with others to develop a prototype interactive learning environment for ALA. He published The Library Internet Trainer’s Toolkit, a series of technology training modules on CD-ROM with Neal Schuman Inc. Michael received his undergraduate and Masters Degrees from Indiana University. His PhD in Interdisciplinary Information Science will be conferred in May. Michael is currently an associate faculty member at Indiana University and will be an Instructor in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University in August. He is the former Special Projects Librarian at St. Joseph County Public Library in South Bend, IN (the first U.S. public library to offer public internet access). Michael has presented at local, national, and international library conferences, and at workshops for libraries and library associations. Recently he was a blogger at the Public Library Association Conference.

We are planning a great conference – watch for more information in the next issue of the Catalyst. Many thanks to all the people who supported the ILA Foundation’s special fundraising efforts last year. Your contributions allowed the Foundation to increase its support for conference speakers.

Susan Craig, ILA President

Iowa Library Association
October 11-13, 2006

Plan now to be in Council Bluffs in October!
ILA 2005 FINANCIAL REPORT AND 2006 BUDGET

Cash Balance General Fund 1/1/04  108,349.07

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Cash Balance General Fund 12/31/05  112,838.14
Cash Balance Subdivision Funds 12/31/05  65,813.43
Cash Balance Poster Fund 12/31/05  1842.40
You have demonstrated your commitment and tenacity this legislative session! You responded to repeated requests from the ILA Governmental Affairs Committee to contact your legislators, you came to Des Moines in record numbers for the ILA Legislative Reception, and you kept the pressure on until the last day of the session.

Your voices, the resolute support of Governor Vilsack and First Lady Christie Vilsack, and the hard work of our friends in both houses of the Legislature combined to make this a very successful session for Iowa libraries.

**Increased funding for Enrich Iowa, State Library of Iowa, and the Library Service Areas**

Governor Vilsack recommended an increase of $315,000 for Enrich Iowa, and $200,000 for the materials budget of the State Library of Iowa. ILA supported these requests to the Legislature and asked that $50,000 be added to the budget for Iowa’s seven Library Service Areas. On Thursday May 4, the governor signed into law the Infrastructure appropriations bill that allocates $1.2 million from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) to libraries. $300,000 of this amount is “new” money: $200,000 to the State Library, $50,000 to the Library Service Areas and $50,000 to Enrich Iowa. The remaining $900,000 is allocated to Enrich Iowa and was also in last year’s appropriation. While these increases are not as large as the Governor recommended or ILA advocated, it is an increase for Enrich Iowa, and the additional money for the SLI and LSAs meets the targets that ILA lobbied for during the session.

**Restoration of Teacher Librarian Requirement for Each School District in Iowa**

After 12 years of fighting to restore the requirement that each school district in Iowa employ at least one teacher librarian, ILA and its subdivision, the Iowa Association of School Librarians (IASL) won an amazing legislative victory. Beginning with the 2006 school year each school district in Iowa will be required to employ a teacher librarian to oversee its school libraries. Opponents of this law managed to include an opt out clause, but the important thing is that you finally got the Legislature to recognize the vital role that teacher librarians play in the education of Iowa’s students.

**Defeat of Internet Filtering and Obscenity Statute Revisions**

ILA’s Legislative Agenda reminded legislators that Iowa’s local library boards are best suited to make decisions about local library policy. Despite this, there were several attempts to impose a state requirement that any library receiving Enrich Iowa funds would have to impose Internet filters on its library computers. The last effort to mandate such filtering was defeated in the State Senate on May 3.

In addition to filtering amendments, some legislators proposed bills that would limit libraries to allowing children to check out videos rated G, PG, or PG-13. This ignored the fact that many children’s videos are unrated, and the fact that parents are the best judges of what their children should watch. As with filtering legislation, ILA, with your assistance, lobbied successfully to prevent passage of this idea. Lastly, HF2194 was an effort to rewrite Iowa’s obscenity law to require Iowa schools and libraries to provide only “non-obscene” materials and to mandate that children have written permission before attending art shows, accessing R rated videos, or using the Internet without a filter. In ILA’s view this was a solution in search of a problem and we asked for your help to defeat this bill. Representative George Eichorn of Hamilton deserves special credit for refusing to sign off on this bill, thus killing it in subcommittee. Rep. Eichorn understood the burden this would place on Iowa libraries and courageously stood up to his own caucus on this hot-button issue. Representative Cindy Winkler of Davenport also helped kill this bill.

**Defeat of Property Tax Reform**

Once again, legislation was proposed (HSB766) to define what local services city and county governments would have to fund first in economically troubled times. Last year these were called “essential services”, and libraries were not included on the list. This session the name was changed to “real property-related services” and once again libraries were not included in the list of vital public services. This bill would also have rolled back taxes on commercial and industrial property in the same way that taxes are now reduced for residential and agricultural property. This would have reduced county and city tax revenue significantly and directly affected Iowa public libraries. With your help, ILA was able to stop passage of this bill.

In short, ILA achieved the goals set out in our Legislative Agenda: More money for Enrich Iowa, the State Library, and the LSAs; restoration of the teacher librarian requirement; and defeat of filtering, obscenity, and property tax bills that would have undermined local library decision making.

You, ILA members, won these victories by emailing, calling, and meeting in person with your legislators. ILA also owes a huge debt of gratitude to Governor and Christie Vilsack for their insistence on funding raises and teacher librarian restoration in the 2006 session. State Department of Education Director Judy Jeffrey and Department of Education Legislative Liaison Jeff Berger also were instrumental in the achievement of the teacher librarian restoration.

ILA President Susan Craig and State Librarian Mary Wegner played a large role in keeping library issues in front of the Legislature. ILA President-elect Sheryl Bissen testified against filtering and obscenity at the Legislature and IASL President Kristin Stein greaber mobilized teacher librarians to lobby the Legislature.

*Legislative Recap continued on page 9*
ILA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Deborah Albee .............................. Fort Madison
Christina Amador-Perez ....................... Davenport
Dennis Bartz ........................................ Villisca
Sarah Beckman ................................ Cedar Rapids
Marci Behm ........................................ Des Moines
Jane Behrens ...................................... Johnston
Elizabeth Belding .............................. Iowa City
Cindy Berns ......................................... Postville
Mirdza E. Berzins ................................ Dubuque
Suzanne Bork ....................................... Coralville
Christi Breach ....................................... Sharpsburg
Julie L. Brown ................................ ........ Cumberland
Claire Byl .............................................. Centerville
Michelle Carter .................................... Winterset
Kristen Clark ........................................ Clarksville
Shannon Cody ....................................... North Liberty
Dr. Richard Collins ............................... Eldridge
Ann Dea ................................................. Minden
Brenda Deboer ..................................... Sanborn
Sharon Dixon ........................................ Moline
Kim Earnest ............................................. Mediapolis
Mara Egherman ..................................... Des Moines
Deann Figgins ....................................... Villisca
Karen Franker ....................................... North Liberty
Bill Fuhr ................................................. Davenport
Rebecca Gelman .................................... Coralville
Sarah Giffen-Hunter ............................. West Branch
John Gillette ......................................... Iowa City
Neill Goltz ............................................. Grinnell
Gretchen Gould ................................. Cedar Falls
Steve Hart ............................................. Davenport
Patricia Hartley ..................................... Carroll
Cheryl Heid ............................................. Johnston
Barbara Hildebrandt ............................. Des Moines
Jodi Hilleshiem ...................................... Fayette
Gail Holmes ............................................. Fredericksburg
Ruth Holst ............................................. Chicago
Ann Holton ............................................. Coralville
Ted Hovda .............................................. Garner
Martha Hueser ....................................... Marcus
Sue Inhelder ......................................... Marshalltown
Angie Jacobs ......................................... Traer
Marilyn G. Jensen ................................. Des Moines
Cynde Kane-Kessler ................................ Solon
Jennifer Kovarik .................................... Decorah
Marty Kraus ............................................. Fayette
William Kreuger ..................................... Cedar Rapids
Kristine Larson .................................... Burnsville, MN
Marlys Lien ............................................ Omaha, NE
Rachel Lowry ........................................ Villisca
Terry Madison ........................................ Creston
Caleb Mathews ..................................... Ames
Ann Matzke ........................................... Sheldon
Barb Mcgee .......................................... Iowa City
Linda McLaury ....................................... Waterloo
Pat Melroy .............................................. Adel
Tiffany Miller ........................................ Marion
Patricia Miles ......................................... Marengo
Mary Ann Moore ..................................... Davenport
Amy Moser ......................................... Morning Sun
Ann Myers ............................................. Corning
Nancy Nicholson ...................................... Donahue
Marilyn Olsen ......................................... Davenport
Timothy Panages .................................... Ames
Patricia Peyton ....................................... Marion
Pamela Pilcher ......................................... Des Moines
Jesse Pringnitz ........................................ Garner
Susan Radosti ......................................... Paulina
Susan Richards ....................................... Coralville
Nicole Saylor ......................................... Davenport
Janie Schomberg ..................................... Iowa City
Judy Schroeder ....................................... Villisca
Frank Segreto ......................................... Fort Dodge
Faye Seidl ............................................. Coon Rapids
Jacqueline Shafar ..................................... Creston
Joan Shultz ............................................. Fredericksburg
Jennifer Smith ....................................... Davenport
Kelly Smith ............................................. Iowa City
Mikki Smith ............................................. Riverside
Oliva Smith ............................................. West Liberty
Myra Spindler ......................................... Creston
Carolyn Steinbrink ................................ Shenandoah
Martha Stephenson ................................. Des Moines
Diane Sutton ......................................... Eddyville
Cressant Swarts ..................................... Marion
Miriam Sweeney ....................................... Waverly
Barbara Tarwater ..................................... Cedar Rapids
Kevin Techau ......................................... Des Moines
Jule Thorsen ......................................... Des Moines
Terry Tikovitsch ..................................... Chicago
Anastasia Tuckness ................................ Ames
Cynthia Tuttle ......................................... Johnston
Noreen Vandeweerd ................................ Orange City
Susan Voss ............................................. Des Moines
Ron Walter ............................................. Creston
Sandy Weldon ......................................... Des Moines
Anna Wilkes ........................................... Harpers Ferry
Delores Wood .......................................... Olin
Hongbo Xie ........................................... Cedar Rapids
Each year during the Annual Conference the Iowa Library Association recognizes individuals who have contributed outstanding service to the Iowa library community. Recipients are nominated by people like you. Please take the opportunity to recommend someone you admire—a friend or a colleague—whose dedication to Iowa libraries is distinguished.

The nomination is easy and it's an important contribution you can make to the Iowa library community. **We are counting on you to advise us about whom you want to recognize for excellence in service.** Fill out the form on the next page, solicit letters of recommendation and support for your nomination, and send all the information to the ILA office at 3636 Westown Pkwy, Suite 202, West Des Moines, IA 50266-6713 before July 1, 2006.

Nominations will be accepted for the following awards:

**Member of the Year**
This award is conferred upon a librarian, trustee, friend or institutional member of the Iowa Library Association. The award shall be based upon such activities or accomplishments as the following:

- Community library betterment through broadened scope and quality of service.
- Contribution to any area of service benefiting library users.
- Distinguished service to libraries: outstanding participation in activities of a professional library association; outstanding service to the Iowa Library Association; notable publications and productions; creative work in interpreting the library to the community.
- Leadership in education and in-service training for librarians or trustees.
- Extension of library services through cooperation.
- Improvement in library techniques or management.
- Development of library facilities.

**Citation of Merit**
This award is conferred upon individuals who have made outstanding contributions to quality library services or who have advanced the principles of quality library service to the community. This award may be given to a group of people or an individual. The recipient(s) will have influence and reputation beyond the local community.

**Citation of Merit Recipients**
2005 Susan Henricks
2004 Hills Bank and Trust
2000 ChristieVilsack
1999 Naomi Stovall
1998 Dreama Deskins
1989 Richard Varn

**Outstanding Trustee Award**
This award is given by the Iowa Library Trustee Association in recognition of outstanding service or long-standing involvement as a trustee.

**Outstanding Trustee**
2004 Voanne Hansen, Marion
2003 Cindy Wells, Waterloo
2002 C. Richard Harrison, Bettendorf
2001 Thomas P. Gardner, Keokuk

**Lifetime Membership Award**
This award is given to ILA members of twenty-five years or more upon their retirement. Please notify the ILA office if you qualify for this award.

**Honorary Member Award**
This lifetime award is given by the Association to a non-ILA member to recognize meritorious achievement. This award will not be presented annually but when merited and at such times as designated by the Awards Committee.

**Ted Anderson Library Advocacy Award**
This award is given to an individual in recognition of outstanding leadership in the Iowa legislature.

**Ted Anderson Library Advocacy Award Recipient**
2001 Senator Kitty Rehberg

**Ernest Hertzberg Award**
This award shall be limited to an individual associated with a firm, or to a firm which has supported the Iowa Library Association through sustained and extraordinary effort. This award will not be presented annually but when merited and at such times as designated by the Awards Committee.

**Ernest Hertzberg Award Recipients**
1999 Steven J. Roy
1998 Paul Rye
1998 Charles Anderson
1993 Ken Jones

**Member of the Year Recipients**
(Last 10 Years)
2005 Patricia Coffie
2004 Karen Burns
2003 Katherine Von Wald
2002 Mary McNroy
2001 Dale H. Ross
2000 Kay K. Runge
1999 Emily Navarre
1998 Julie Huiskamp
1997 Dawn Work
1996 Sharman Smith

**Awards Committee**
Katherine Martin, Kay Weiss, Betty Rogers

The ILA Awards and Honors Nomination Form is on page 12.
The ILA Executive Board met on January 27, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the ILA office in West Des Moines. Members present were: President Susan Craig; Past-President Kate Martin; Vice President/President-Elect Sheryl Bissen; Directors Lorraine Borowski, Jennie Garner, John Goodin, Mary Jo Langhorne, Betsy Thompson, and Dale Vande Haar; and ALA Councilor Dale Ross; also present were State Librarian Mary Wegner, Executive Director Laurie Hews, and Secretary Marilyn Murphy.

CALL TO ORDER
Craig welcomed Bissen, Borowski, and Garner to the Board and extended birthday greetings to Hews.

AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 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 Dec. 31, 2005, the Budget vs. Actual sheet for January through Dec. 2005, the Profit & Loss sheet for Dec. 2005, and the Subdivision Fund Account sheet for Dec. 31, 2005 were distributed in the Board packets. Hews stated that no carryover funds were used in 2005. Hews also reported that the poster account funds had been transferred into the regular budget.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT -- Most membership renewals are still coming in. Ross asked for a report on which libraries had ILA members.

ALA MIDWINTER REPORT – Hews reported that she attended the Midwinter conference, including the meeting of the executive directors and the Chapter Relations Committee meeting. She brought back several handouts for the Board.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
CORRESPONDENCE – Craig reported that correspondence included the following: (1) a thank-you letter from the Freedom to Read Foundation; (2) a thank-you letter from the Louisiana Library Association for the hurricane relief donation; and (3) a thank-you letter from Sharmin Smith for our donation to the Rebuild Mississippi Libraries Fund.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE – Craig reported that the Committee has had their first meeting in Council Bluffs. Assignments were made and there was some discussion of the timeline of the conference. Craig requested suggestions for keynote speakers.

AD HOC LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Craig reported that application forms are available and are due back March 1.

ALL-IOWA READS – Craig reported that the January ICN session was very successful.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT – Invitations have been sent out. Sandy Dixon will act as facilitator. The agenda will be finalized later, but will include the strategic plan, the membership survey results, and information about other state library associations. Packets will be distributed to participants before the meeting. It is expected that the retreat will focus on defining strategic issues, not on writing language.

ILA ELECTRONIC MAILING LIST GUIDELINES – The revised guidelines were distributed via email. Hews noted that she needed to correct some email addresses on them. Vande Haar moved approval of the guidelines, as corrected, and expressed appreciation to those who had worked on them. Motion carried. Hews will put the guidelines in the Organization Manual and Craig will send an email to Association members, encouraging them to use the email distribution list.

NEW BUSINESS
2007 CONFERENCE SITE CONTRACT – The contract with Marriott in Coralville was distributed via email. Hews raised several issues, including the audiovisual equipment fee, Internet access in the hotel rooms, and the room setup. Craig and Langhorne will meet with the Marriott staff. Ross moved that the contract be approved, when it meets with the approval of Craig, Hews, and Bissen. Motion carried.

NEW OFFICE ASSISTANT HIRED – Hews reported that the office assistant she had hired had resigned. Garner moved that the Board authorize Hews to get the work done, within the budget allocated. Motion carried.

REVIEW ACTION PLAN – The 2006 Action Plan was distributed via email. Thompson created the document from the information gathered at the Planning Retreat. The following three changes were suggested: (1) Add “Participate in All Iowa Reads” under A.5, (2) Add “Encourage subdivisions to partner with each other” under A.5, and (3) change all instances of the abbreviation “CYP” to “YSS.” Thompson suggested that subdivisions be asked to fill out two forms at the Planning Retreat – one form with routine plans and another form with new plans. Craig thanked Thompson for her work on this project.

POLICY ON ENDORSING ISSUES – Martin moved that the Board establish a task force to consider the development of a policy statement concerning endorsements of public interests, legislative issues, and commercial products, with the task force to include the Association’s Past-President, a former Past-President, and the ALA Councilor, with the understanding that they will consult with the chairs of GAC, the Editorial Committee, and the Intellectual Freedom Committee, and report back to the Board. Motion carried.

AD HOC SITE SELECTION REPORT – The deadline for proposals for 2008, 2009, and 2010 is March 1, 2006. No proposals have yet been received.

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THE STATE LIBRARY’S BEEN PLONED!

Check out the State Library of Iowa’s new Web site, www.statelibraryofiowa.org. It was created using a new content management system - Plone. Plone allows staff to create, edit, manage and publish a variety of content on the Web. It makes the publishing process faster and finding information on the site easier for customers.

Plone is like a database or online catalog. Every page, file or image has fields for descriptive information that helps to manage and retrieve the information. With Plone, all the pages have a consistent look.

The State Library’s Web site is easy to use and navigate. Take a few minutes to browse around.

IASL board meeting held April 22 in Iowa City. seated left to right: Debra Dorzweiler, West Branch Community Schools; Kristin Steingreaber, Southern Prairie AEA, Ottumwa; and Denise Rehmke, Iowa City West High School. standing left to right: Sarah Latcham, Hills Elementary, ICCSD; Becky Mather, Mississippi Bend AEA, Muscatine; Karen Lampe, Green Valley AEA, Creston; Marcia Jensen, West High School, Bettendorf; Jill Hofmoeckel, Prairie High School, Cedar Rapids; Mary Jo Langhorne, University of Iowa SLIS; and Jim Perkins, Urbandale High School, Urbandale.

SONYA SONES LETTER

full text available at www.iasl-ia.org/awards_teen/2005_06/award_letter_sones_06.pdf

Dear Brilliant Teens of Iowa Who Have Excellent Taste in Books, OMG! I am so excited to have won the Iowa Teen Award. This is the first time that a book of mine has ever been given an award by teens. So I consider it an especially great honor. It’s wonderful to know that there are a whole bunch of kids out there in Iowa who love WHAT MY MOTHER DOESN’T KNOW.

I will put the gleaming golden apple on the mantle in my office. That way, when I’m having a bad day, and my characters can’t think of anything interesting to say, and my plot twists itself into knots I can’t untangle, I’ll be able to look across the room at this beautiful gift from the teens of Iowa, and take heart.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The ad hoc Leadership Development Committee has selected the following participants based upon their applications, essays and letters of recommendation.

Congratulations to:

Louise Alcorn
West Des Moines Public Library

Andi Beckendorf
Luther College, Decorah

Diane Brown
Central Middle School, Muscatine

Angela L. Campbell
Davenport Public Library

Cheryl Carruthers
AEA #267, Clear Lake

Renee M. Choe-Winter
Benton Community Middle/High School, Van Horne

Mike Dargan
Waterloo Public Library

Dorothy A. DeGroot
AEA #8, Fort Dodge

Debra Dorzweiler
West Branch Community Schools

Ellen Hampe
Coralville Public Library

Judy Havlik
Algon Community Schools

Marilyn Kennett
Stewart Library, Grinnell

Kim Kietzman
Southeastern Library Services, Davenport

Nancy Medema
Bettendorf Public Library Information Center

Sarah Meyer-Reyerson
Waverly Public Library

David Muhlena
National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Cedar Rapids

Mary Peterson
Simpson College, Indianola

Rebecca Quinn
Southeast Polk Junior High, Runnells

Denise Rehmke
West High School, Iowa City

Emily D. Rohls
Fort Madison Public Library

Lynn Seline
Davenport Public Library

Kristi Sorensen
Belle Plaine Community Library

Marty Stahl
Kothe Memorial Library, Parkersburg

Kristin Steingreaber
AEA #15, Ottumwa

Duncan Stewart
University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City
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AFFINISCAPE – Hews reported that she had visited the Affiniscape office. The Board discussed the possibility of redesigning the website, but decided to leave this topic under “Unfinished Business,” pending the results of the discussion at the Strategic Planning Retreat.

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT
IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION – Bissen reported that they have not met since the first of the year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Bissen reported that the general call for nominations has gone out and that the Committee has met.

PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT
AWARDS COMMITTEE – Martin reported that she has received the committee files from Kay Weiss and they are in the process of compiling a complete list of awards and their criteria.

ALA COUNCILOR’S REPORT
IOWA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION – Ross reported that they are low on funds and thanked Craig for encouraging libraries to enroll their trustees in the subdivision.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE – Ross reported that Mike Wright will be participating in ALA’s Law for Librarians program. The committee is planning a pre-conference on radio frequency identification and, perhaps, biometrics.ALA – Ross reported that the Council approved a dues increase and endorsed a new five-year plan called “Ahead to 2010.” They also passed a resolution asking the NCES for an instructional classification for school librarians. Ross asked what kind of support the chapters might want from ALA. Web-hosting and low-cost training were suggested. Ross reported that ALA’s Office for Intellectual Freedom is sponsoring a Law for Librarians program in April; intended participants are chairs of Intellectual Freedom committees, as well as Executive Directors and trustees. Ross reported that ALA’s Washington, D.C. office has new headquarters. Ross is suggesting a study of the structure of the ALA Council.

STATE LIBRARY REPORT – Wegner reported that the State Library will be offering classes on Legislative Day. The EBSCOhost contract has been renewed for three years; there were 5.1 million searches in public/academic libraries last year. The Gates Foundation has provided two grants to the State Library. As part of the “Staying Connected” grant, the State Library is providing computer training and web and email hosting for libraries. As part of the “Rural Sustainability” grant, the State Library is providing advocacy training for small public libraries. Wegner also reported that the State Library has an updated list of public library directors and will update their “Quotable Facts” list. The State Library is changing its website and they will meet with AARP to discuss libraries’ role in providing information about prescription drug plans. Wegner reported that the state is proceeding to change its terminology to “teacher librarian.”

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS
ACRL – Goodin reported that they are preparing for their April 21 conference in Iowa City; David Conley is the keynote speaker. Goodin was asked to remind the subdivision that they need to submit a spring conference budget to the Board.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ROUNDTABLE – Goodin reported that their summer workshop will be held July 14.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Langhorne reported that they are interested in the results of the membership survey and in the future role of this committee.

IOWA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS – Langhorne reported that they changed officers on January 14 and are working on their awards. They are talking about the possibility of having a Friday afternoon post-conference session. An electronic newsletter will be published four times a year.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Thompson reported that the Committee was interested in the Board’s ideas on membership. It was suggested that they follow up on ALA’s membership training ideas.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Thompson reported that they are working on the retreat.

HEALTH SCIENCES SUBDIVISION – Thompson reported that Governor Vilsack has signed a letter of recognition for Jean Sayre. The Board reiterated its position that subdivisions could give one-time awards involving no money at their own discretion.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Vande Haar reported that they had met at the State Library after the governor’s budget was released. After this meeting, Craig issued an email asking members to thank the governor and to continue to lobby for the LSAs. Vande Haar stated that Feb. 14 is Action Day, Feb. 22 is Lobby from Home Day, and March 8 is Legislative Day.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Vande Haar reported that they will meet twice this year and have distributed an issue of their newsletter and are doing a membership drive.

IOWA LIBRARY FRIENDS ASSOCIATION – Vande Haar reported that they hope to have workshops with the LSAs to promote friends groups.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARIANS – Borowski reported that they will meet twice this year and have elected Polly Mumma chairperson.

LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY – Borowski reported that they are creating an email distribution list and working on membership and their conference program.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FORUM – Borowski reported that they support the proposal to encourage teens to consider a career in librarianship.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FORUM – Borowski reported that they are planning a pre-conference.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE – Garner reported that they had completed the revisions of the electronic mailing list guidelines. They will be looking at the design of the website and looking at their responsibilities, as outlined in the Organization Manual.
IOWA SMALL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION – Garner reported that they are working on a spring meeting.

SUPPORT PERSONNEL – Garner reported that they are working on a spring meeting.

YOUTH SERVICES SUBDIVISION – Garner reported that they met in January. They are hoping to get new members and do some fundraising. The Board asked their liaison to remind the subdivision that tax-deductible donations need to be made to ILAF. The subdivision is sponsoring a conference program and supporting the Kids First conference.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 2:15.

ILA/ACRL President Rebecca Stuhr welcomes 200 attendees to the April Spring Conference. High School to Higher Ed: Helping Learners Make the Leap was co-sponsored by ILA/IASL.

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ILA could not have achieved any of this without the constant vigilance of our lobbyists Amy Campbell and Craig Patterson at the Capitol or the organizational skills of Executive Director Laurie Hews. Past members of the Governmental Affairs Committee laid the foundation for the successes this year. Special thanks to immediate-past GAC chair Patricia Cofﬁe and the rest of the GAC committee: Mike Dargan, Linda Fox, Dawn Hayslett, Emily Navarre, Darlene Richardson, Dale Vande Haar, Carlette Washington-Hoagland.

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In recognition of the fact that an Association is only as productive as its members and that it takes committed people to make an Association work, I am willing to take my turn and do my part. I realize that I may be asked to help in 2007 or a later year.

I can best help the Association by accepting a 2007 nomination to:

___ The ILA Executive Board
___ The position of Vice President/President-Elect

My interests lie in serving on the following committee(s):

___ Bylaws & Organization Manual
___ Conference Planning
___ Editorial
___ Finance
___ Governmental Affairs
___ Intellectual Freedom
___ Johnson Brigham Plaque
___ Membership
___ Nominating
___ Public Relations
___ Strategic Planning

ILA Representative to:
___ Iowa Library Association Foundation Board

ILA Liaison to:
___ Iowa Freedom of Information Council

I can lend assistance by participating in the following Subdivisions:

___ Community College Librarians Roundtable
___ Government Documents Roundtable
___ Health Sciences Subdivision
___ Information Technology Forum
___ Iowa Association of School Librarians
___ Iowa Chapter ACRL (ILA/ACRL)
___ Iowa Library Friends Association
___ Iowa Library Trustee Association
___ Iowa Small Library Association (ISLA)
___ Library Administration & Management (LAMA)
___ Local History & Genealogy
___ Public Library Forum
___ Resources & Technical Services Forum
___ Special Libraries Roundtable
___ Storytellers Roundtable
___ Support Personnel Forum
___ Youth Services Subdivision

I would like to nominate ____________________________________________

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_____________________________ for ______________________________

(name) (library) (position, committee, etc.)

I can’t serve right now but I have the following suggestions concerning the Association, its program, services and/or policies.

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You may reach me at:

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ILA COMMITTEES

Bylaws and Organization Manual Committee - suggests or reviews changes in Association or subdivision bylaws for approval by Executive Board. Revises/updates the ILA Organizational Manual per decisions made by the membership, Executive Board or other units of the Association.

Conference Planning Committee - works with other committees and subdivisions for program content and speaker arrangements. Organizes details of the Annual Conference.

Editorial Committee - assists in developing editorial policies and procedures for Association's official publications. Provides or solicits coverage of significant library-related activities throughout the state for inclusion in the Catalyst.

Finance Committee - assists with budget preparation and serves as financial advisor to the Executive Board. Monitors ILA financial transactions. Reviews/recommends ILA financial policies.

Governmental Affairs Committee - recommends a plan of legislative action to the ILA membership, implements the plan and evaluates legislative issues affecting libraries.

Intellectual Freedom Committee - monitors developments at state and national levels affecting intellectual freedom, the freedom to read, and the right to privacy. Receives information from libraries involved in challenges not readily resolved at the local level and provides information and support whenever help is requested.

Johnson Brigham Plaque Committee - this subcommittee of the Awards Committee seeks out and evaluates works by Iowa authors, published in the last three years, for possible recognition by the Association.

Membership Committee - develops, implements, and promotes a statewide campaign to recruit and retain membership in ILA. Reviews and recommends membership benefits and fosters mentoring and active participation by all new members.

Nominating Committee - identifies candidates willing to stand for election to Executive Board and the position of Vice President/President-Elect. Assists the Vice President/President-Elect in selecting candidates for ILA committee appointments.

Public Relations Committee - develops public relations activities/materials to assist in marketing the Association, librarians, and libraries in the state.

Strategic Planning Committee - works in conjunction with the Executive Board and the subdivisions to develop a strategic plan for the organization and to monitor progress in meeting Association goals.

SUBDIVISIONS

Community College Librarians Roundtable - members who share an interest in community college library issues.

Friends Subdivision - members interested in facilitating the exchange of information among organizations of Friends.

Government Documents Roundtable - members interested in government documents. Membership benefits include a discussion list, quarterly newsletter, and free registration for the annual summer workshop.

Health Sciences Subdivision - members interested in health science information services. A spring meeting with an educational program is offered annually as well as a discussion list “ia-medlibs.”

Information Technology Forum - members interested in the issues surrounding the use of computer technology in libraries. Promotes and explores new computer technology, and educates librarians and their patrons in new technologies.

Iowa Association of School Librarians - members interested in advocacy for teacher librarians and media centers.

Iowa Chapter/ACRL - members interested in service in higher education and independent research libraries. The chapter sponsors a spring conference and an electronic newsletter.

Iowa Library Trustees Association - members who are or have been a library trustee or a member of the Board of Directors of an Iowa library or library agency.

Iowa Small Library Association - members interested in sharing information about issues affecting small libraries. The subdivision sponsors a spring meeting and a newsletter.

Library Administration and Management Forum - members interested in library management issues. The subdivision sponsors an electronic directory and newsletter, accessible on its Web page.

Local History and Genealogy - members interested in educating Iowa librarians in methods of collecting, organizing and preserving local history materials.

Public Library Forum - members interested in facilitating cooperation and communication within the public library community in Iowa.

Resources and Technical Services Forum - members interested in collection management and technical services.

Special Libraries Roundtable - members interested in service in a special or corporate library. An educational workshop is offered in the summer.

Storytellers Roundtable - members interested in the art of storytelling for the enjoyment and education of people of all ages. The subdivision sponsors a newsletter.

Support Personnel - members interested in support personnel issues. The subdivision sponsors a newsletter.

Youth Services Subdivision - members interested in services to young people. This subdivision sponsors a newsletter.
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ILA BOARD CANDIDATES

Candidates for the Executive Board are Diane Brown, Central Middle School, Muscatine; Rebecca Quinn, Southeast Polk Junior High, Runnells; Sheryl Taylor, Dordt College, Sioux Center; and Michael Wright, University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City.

Names of Vice President Candidates will be released after the June Executive Board meeting.

Watch for information on each of the candidates in the September Catalyst.

EVENTS:

ALA Annual Conference - June 22 - 28
ILA Office Closed - June 21 - 29
Government Documents Roundtable Summer Workshop - July 14, Iowa City

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