Congratulations to the Cedar Rapids Public Library (CRPL) management team for being named the 2009 LJ Librarian of the Year!
Interim Director Tamara Glise stressed that the entire staff deserves the award for their efforts since the Cedar River rose to 31 feet above flood level and caused extensive damage to the main library in Cedar Rapids in June 2008.
“I’m sure I squealed like a game show contestant when I got the call,” said Glise. “It really is an honor for us to have won this national award. It is amazing to win an award that you see year after year on the cover of LJ. You never expect that it will be you.”
Glise described the City of Cedar Rapids and the community as very supportive of the library. The award was well covered by the local media and the library received a stack of congratulatory messages from the community. “The library staff is grateful to the community for its support,” said Glise. “On Super Bowl Sunday when we began moving books to our new Bridge Library facility at Westdale Mall, 312 volunteers arrived to help.”
The CRPL Library Foundation paid for Glise and Carol Hoke, children’s services manager, to attend an awards dinner in January at the ALA Mid-Winter Conference in Denver. Said Glise, “It was a pleasure to meet the LJ staff whom we worked closely with to write the story for the journal. The dinner was a once-in-a-lifetime event.”
The $1,500 that comes with the award will be used to purchase something for the Bridge Library along with a plaque to commemorate the award.
“The Cedar Rapids librarians are an inspiration to all of us,” said State Librarian Mary Wegner, “and I am delighted to see them recognized. Libraries are the hearts of their communities, and the Cedar Rapids library staff has worked so hard to focus on customer needs and continue to deliver essential library services. I salute the Cedar Rapids Public Library for their optimism, perseverance and commitment to their community.”

Said Wegner, “I also want to recognize and thank the librarians in surrounding communities who opened their doors to the many Cedar Rapids citizens who needed library services and materials after the flooding. We saw that people turned to libraries during a crisis – and the libraries responded admirably.”

Barbara Corson, Chair, Editorial Committee

Volunteers moved books to the new Bridge Library in Cedar Rapids. Staff set up the circulation desk in the photo below.
I am very pleased to announce the keynote speakers scheduled for the ILA Annual Conference in Des Moines.

- Thursday morning keynote/general session
  Lee Rainie, Director of Pew Internet and American Life Project, Washington, DC. Since December 1999, the Washington D.C. research center has examined how people’s internet use affects their families, communities, health care, education, civic and political life, and work places.

- Thursday banquet
  Janice Harrington, Assistant Professor of English at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Ms. Harrington is an author of poetry and children’s books and a professional storyteller.

- Friday morning keynote/general session
  Karen Schneider, Community Librarian at Equinox, Tallahassee, FL. Ms. Schneider is The Free Range Librarian with blog at http://freerangelibrarian.com/.

- Friday luncheon
  Carrie Brown, Associate Professor of English at Sweet Briar College, VA. Ms. Brown is author of The Rope Walk, the 2009 All Iowa Reads book.

Look for more information about these speakers in future Catalyst issues.

Ellen Neuhaus,
President,
Iowa Library Association

Keynote Speakers for 2009
ILA Annual Conference

ILA Office Assistant

Please welcome Kathy Prohaska, recently hired office clerical assistant in the ILA office. Kathy started on February 16 and will work an average of four days per week.

Kathy is a native of Garner, Iowa. She enjoys boating at Clear Lake in the summer and spending time with her friends. Her cat is named Hope.

Because many membership renewals arrive in the first few months of the year, there is a backlog of them for her to process. If you haven’t received your membership receipt, please know that she is processing memberships and that your receipt will arrive soon.
As predicted in the last edition of the Catalyst, state budget woes have dominated the thoughts and activities of the Government Affairs Committee. Money, or the lack thereof, was the major conversation topic at the 2009 Iowa Library Association Government Affairs Committee Action Day, February 11.

GAC Action Day participants, ILA President, Ellen Neuhaus, University of Northern Iowa; GAC members Linda Fox, Oskaloosa Public Library; Barbara Shultz, North Central IA Library Service Area; Mike Nieland, Parkview Middle School in Ankeny; Saul Amdursky, Des Moines Public Library; and me, GAC Chairperson Mike Dargan, Cedar Falls & Waterloo Public Libraries, started the day with briefings from State Librarian Mary Wegner and our lobbyists, Amy Campbell and Craig Patterson. Wegner provided us with copies of the FY08 Enrich Iowa Report: State Funding for Iowa Libraries. She also provided updates on various budget issues, such as the impact of FY09 cuts on Enrich Iowa and the Library Service Areas.

Campbell and Patterson reported that the only bills of interest to libraries introduced thus far pertain to Internet filtering (SF111) and restricting checkouts of R rated videos (SF93). The bills fall under the “Preserve hometown governance….” section of the ILA 2009 Legislative Agenda; the lobbyists assured us that both bills will die in committee and advise us to not waste any advocacy efforts on them. Campbell and Patterson also said that the biggest legislative issue for this session, and for the foreseeable future, is the budget. And that became our focus.

After discussion with the State Librarian and the lobbyists, GAC decided to concentrate on promoting libraries as important for economic growth. We then split into two teams of three each: Fox, Shultz, and Nieland focused on the Joint Education Appropriations Subcommittee while Neuhaus, Amdursky, and I concentrated on the Joint Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capital Appropriations Subcommittee. We then proceeded to the State Capitol where we spent the balance of the day calling out our respective committee members and lobbying them on behalf of Iowa’s libraries.
Renew Your ILA Membership Today

If you have renewed your ILA membership this year, thank you. Your continued support of ILA and Iowa libraries is so important. Take a moment today and remind your fellow library staff members, trustees, or Friends group members of the importance of ILA and encourage them to join today.

If you have not renewed your ILA membership yet, don't put it off another day. Your membership in ILA means that you will continue to receive this newsletter that keeps you up-to-date on association happenings. You will also continue to receive email alerts on important library news. Membership entitles you to discounted registration at the Annual Conference where you get the opportunity to improve your skills and network with other dedicated Iowa librarians.

Besides being a source of information, continuing education, and fellowship for you, your membership also makes it possible for ILA to keep lobbyists at the Capitol working for the interests of Iowa libraries. We see the importance of that each year at this time when legislators are debating budget issues and bringing forth bills that could impact libraries. Iowa libraries have a stronger voice when we all come together to be heard.

When completing your membership form, don't forget to join subdivisions that are relevant to you. These groups do a lot of the work of ILA, especially when it comes to choosing and financing speakers for the conference. For $5 or less, you can make a real difference by joining a subdivision. You can go to the ILA website at www.iowalibraryassociation.org to learn more about each subdivision's activities.

Another less lofty, but very practical, perk of ILA membership is a discount on Hertz rental cars. In past years, you received a card from Hertz with a CDP number on it that you used when you made a reservation. Hertz is moving to an online version that isn’t ready yet and will not be issuing new cards this year. The CDP number on your current card will still be honored, even though the card’s expiration date has passed. When the new online version is available, we will be sure to get that information to you.

As we see each day in our work and hear in news stories, libraries are needed even more in tough economic times. Your library association continues to need you so that Iowa's libraries of all types have a strong voice. Renew today.

Rhonda Frevert, Chair, Membership Committee

Many Changes To the State Documents Depository Program

The State Library has been administering the State Documents Depository Program for over 30 years. The purpose of the program is to provide access to important state documents for all Iowans and to ensure the long term preservation of the documents by having many copies in widely different locations. Currently there are 30 public and academic libraries within the state that participate in the program and receive shipments of “core” documents. In addition, all state documents collected are permanently archived in three locations: The State Library, The University of Iowa’s Main Library, and the Library of Congress.

The move to digital publishing has had a profound effect on this program. In the past, state agencies published their annual reports, newsletters, financial reports and other types of documents in paper and gave the State Library enough copies to send out to all of the depository libraries when asked. As more and more agencies began publishing documents in electronic format only, it has become increasingly difficult to obtain enough copies of the ‘core’ documents in print to send to all 30 depository libraries. State Library staff has encouraged depository libraries to include records in their online catalogs to state documents with links to the online documents.

A mainstay of the state documents program – legislative materials including the Iowa Administrative Code (IAC), the Court Rules, etc. - have also been moving to electronic format with access to print copies on a print-on-your-own basis. Printing the update pages to the IAC on a bi-weekly basis has been problematic for depository libraries. There have been many as 500 pages to print for a single update as the software program that produces the IAC was not designed for printed updates, but rather for online access.

These changes have led the State Library staff and members of the ILA Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT) to wonder about the future of a program that was developed and functioned well in a paper environment. In 2008 only 19 “core” documents were sent to the depository libraries from the State Library! ILA GODORT will be addressing this topic at their Annual Summer Workshop on July 24th at St. Ambrose University. There will be an afternoon panel discussion; input from the attendees will be very valuable to the decision making process. Please watch the Catalyst and the ILA members listserv for registration information about this workshop.

Marianne Mason, Chair
Government Documents Roundtable (GODORT)
Gimme an R! Gimme an O! Gimme an I!

That spells ROI, or return on investment. Not only will you feel like a mover and shaker saying it, you can use it to move and shake your library into better funding. Using a ROI calculator developed by Library Research Services in Colorado at www.lrs.org/public/roi/usercalculator.php, you can show your local businesses and funders exactly how much value you bring to your community in terms they understand. You need to know your general statistics: reference questions asked, materials circulated, meeting room use, programming attendance, computer use and databases available. Plug those into the calculator and you have a number that reveals what the library is actually worth.

The ROI figure can be used as a press release of its own, or slipped in regularly when you are promoting the library to the local community and elected officials. Use it to talk to County and State officials about how you serve their constituents, and how your library is spurring Iowa’s growth and fiscal health.

Another handy tool that is particularly useful during difficult economic times is the User Savings Calculator located at www.nsls.info/roi/?m=patron. The North Suburban Library System located in Wheeling, IL has created this handy tool to spell out in dollar amounts how you’re directly benefiting users by saving them money. Input the numbers based on your turnover rate or circulation system reports for an “average” user profile, or advertise the site to your users and they can calculate for themselves how much they save per year. Encourage them to use that information to contact funding bodies in support of the library.

Speaking to the people who determine your financial fate in terms they use and understand is critical in getting your message heard. If your audience wouldn’t know ROI from IRS, couch it in terms that talk about how every dollar the library receives gives back a certain dollar amount. If your audience is telling you that times are tough and there’s just no way to avoid cutting your budget, respond with a dollar amount the average user saves per year.

Tell them what they need to hear to give them the real story of the value of your library!

Kim Kietzman, Chair
Public Relations Committee

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Trustee Grant

Among the public librarian’s most important tools are the ability and knowledge to gather information. When a patron asks a question and the librarian doesn’t have a ready answer, she or he certainly knows where to find it. To be sure, collecting, cataloging, and sharing a wide variety of reference sources is at the heart of the librarian’s duties. And the more sources available the better. The quality of those sources, however, is more important than the quantity.

With this in mind, the Iowa Library Trustees Association is offering a $1750 grant to the seven Library Service Areas for the purpose of training trustees in the state’s public libraries. Although the full content and form of the training is still being prepared, it is intended to supplement the Trustee’s handbook with specific examples and be distributed to libraries in CD form.

The ILTA believes that with continued training or professional development, the trustees’ energy, creativity, knowledge and engagement grows. Every organization starts with a solid foundation and trustees need to be the base on which successful libraries are built. This project is aimed at helping to strengthen that base.

This grant will enhance ongoing LSA efforts to support libraries and trustees. This training will meet current and future needs of the libraries and library boards.

We also hope that more trustees will be inspired to join the ILA and ILTA, so their membership dues might be applied to future grants and help make our libraries the best they can be.

Jeff Pilz, President
Iowa Library Trustees Association

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The Lobby from Home Day will have come and gone by the time that you read this. However, you are strongly encouraged to attend the annual ILA Legislative Day, March 25, 2009 from 2:30-6:00 p.m. Please visit the Iowa Library Association website, click the “calendar” link, and register.

Mike Dargan, Chair
Governmental Affairs Committee

Iowa Small Library Association News

Officers and committee members of the Iowa Small Library Association met at the Nevada Public Library on February 20th for their annual planning meeting. Sandy Dixon of the State Library once again served as facilitator for the meeting, during which the group assessed the work accomplished over the past year and set goals for the coming year. Also on the agenda were the final planning concepts for the 2009 Spring Meeting.

The Spring Meeting is planned for April 24th, 2009. Officers are looking into adding ICN sites for this year’s meeting to help alleviate travel expense and distance for members. The past two years there were three locations offered; this year ISLA will offer five. At Spring Meeting the morning is devoted to the business meeting, while the afternoon is reserved for programming (complete with available CE credit). A tentative theme for this year’s program will have to do with small libraries and local economies with the focus on Size Codes ‘A’ and ‘B’ sized libraries.

More detailed news about the Spring Meeting will be offered as soon as it becomes available. For now, please reserve April 24th for the meeting and we will “see” you via ICN!

Newly elected ISLA Secretary Jeff Meyer of the Slater Public Library has resigned his post as he anticipates a move back to his native Pennsylvania. As a result, Anne Skaden of the Kalona Public Library has been appointed Secretary. Anne was runner-up in our election, and has graciously agreed to fill the vacancy. We thank Jeff for his willingness to serve and wish him well in future endeavors.

Nathan Clark, Chair
Iowa Small Library Association

Jeff Pilz, President
Iowa Library Trustees Association

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**Support Personnel Spring Workshop**

*Technology Petting Zoo* is the theme for this May 15 workshop at Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Presenters are Kim Van Deest, Network Analyst & Information Literacy Coordinator for the Waterloo Public Library; and Marie Harms, Library Consultant with the State Library of Iowa.

Technology gurus Kim and Marie will help you make the most of those gadgets and gizmos we never have time to figure out. Demonstrations include how to use Kindles, iphones, GPS, Facebook, RSS Feeds and much, much more. Bring your cell phones and manuals and make use of all those obscure features. Have questions? Bring those too! Bring any other gadgets you want to learn how to use.

Registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks. Registration will be posted soon to the ILA website.

- $15 Support Personnel Member
- $20 ILA Member
- $25 Non-ILA Member Attendee

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Lori Petersen, Chair
Support Personnel
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**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 101**

Completing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was a long and arduous process for the Obama Administration and the new Congress. Now that President Obama has signed the bill into law, the nation can begin the journey of restoring economic stability through the programs and initiatives this law will make possible.

Throughout the process of creating this law, the library community demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the American public by working to inform our leaders in Washington about the programs and services libraries across the country are providing to help America get back to work, such as assistance with resume building and online job searching as well as free classes to teach the public 21st-century job skills.

With many opportunities available to libraries through the stimulus bill, the library community must continue its efforts to educate elected officials on the benefits of investing in libraries – focusing now on the state level.

ALA Washington Office

**Think Globally, Conference Locally**

Travel budget wiped out? Not going to the ACRL or ALA national conferences but still want to get together with colleagues to hear about all of the innovative programs and services we are creating right here in Iowa, even in this challenging environment? Please consider attending the very neighborly and affordable ILA/ACRL Spring Conference on Friday, April 17, 2009 at Hawk-eye Community College in Waterloo.

Join us for a day of inspiration, as well as practical information, from speakers and breakout sessions that will broaden your thinking beyond state boundaries without requiring you to travel far from home. We are especially pleased to kick off our theme of *Future-Proof Your Library* with keynote speaker Steven Bell (http://stevenbell.info/), who will be sharing his ideas and experiences with keeping up (http://keptup.typepad.com/), learning to blend in (http://blendedlibrarian.org/) and blogging (http://acrlog.org/).

You can find out more about the conference details, including registration information, concurrent sessions, scholarship opportunity, etc. at: www.iowaacrl.org/content/.

Conference Planning Committee members are meeting at the ILA office to put together this year’s conference. They hope to see you in Des Moines in October! *Left to right: Jerri Heid, Dorothy DeGroot, Mary McInroy, Jodie Morin, Kathy Parsons, Tina Mabuce, Dorothy Kirsch, Sara Doyle, Wendy Street, Annette Wetteland, Denise Rehmke, Sarah Willeford and Ellen Neuhaus.*
Iowa Core and the Library Community

As a community, Iowa educators and community members are becoming familiar with, and prepared for, the implementation of the Iowa Core Curriculum. The Legislative requirements are stated below:

District and accredited nonpublic schools must:
1. Respond to all outcomes and targets of the implementation plan
   • Due July 1, 2010, for grades 9-12
   • Due July 1, 2012, for grades K-8
2. Complete an initial alignment of local content with Core Curriculum Essential Concepts and Skill Sets in Literacy, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and 21st Century Skills (Civic Literacy, Health Literacy, Financial Literacy, Technology Literacy, and Employability Skills) and steps to address any gaps
   • Due July 1, 2012, for grades 9-12
   • Due 2013-2014, for grades K-8
3. Complete initial analysis of alignment of content, instruction, assessment, and steps to address gaps
   • Due July 1, 2012, for 9-12
   • Due July 1, 2014, for K-8
4. Complete initial analysis of professional development needs in the areas of instruction and assessment and integrate into the District Professional Development Plans (following CSIP procedures)
   • Due July 1, 2012, for 9-12
   • Due 2013-2014, for K-8

This year the Dept. of Education, the AEAs and school leadership teams are having conversations and creating plans not only for those deadlines but also to help students become engaged learners. The Iowa Core focuses on content (essential skills and concepts), instruction and learning (rigorous and relevant) and assessment (the importance of formative assessment which drives instruction).

Some common vocabulary -
What are rigorous tasks?
• Think deeply about a problem
• Analyze new situations
• Interpret and synthesize knowledge
• Bring ideas together in a new or creative way
• Develop and justify their own criteria for evaluation
• Are intellectually challenged

When is learning relevant?
• Value beyond school
• Addresses an actual problem of contemporary significance
• Builds on students’ real-life experiences
• Has students communicate knowledge beyond the classroom
• Students recognize the connection between classroom knowledge and situations outside the classroom

The Iowa Core is not a state curriculum, but rather essential skills and concepts we want all students to have. The goal of rigor and relevance is to have engaged students that are active, thinking members of our communities. For examples:

• An essential concept under Literacy – Reading – Grades 9-12 is “Reads for a variety of purposes and across content areas”.

What better source for reading than the library? We play a huge role in creating collections that encourage our students to read and think. What does your collection look like? What bibliographies are you creating? Do you help students who use your libraries see connections between content areas? Reading is thinking! Thinking deeply about a problem, interpreting, bringing ideas together in a new way, challenging our beliefs – these are all ways libraries and Iowa Core can work together.

• An essential concept under Science – Earth and Space – Grades 9-12 is “Understands and applies knowledge of energy in the earth system”.

Here’s a possible scenario where students are engaged in both rigorous and relevant instruction and learning (from Iowa Core Curriculum Quadrant D examples)

“At least two major disasters have occurred recently (2004-2005) that were caused by the movement of the earth’s plates. Students are asked to respond to the following questions regarding these two disasters: Where were these located? How were their causes alike and different? How could these disasters be better predicted, both in scope and location? What recommendations would you provide to government and relief agencies in order for them to be better prepared to serve people’s needs before and after such emergencies?”

What better source is there for information than the library? We play important roles in our community to help educated citizens function. The idea of finding information, organizing information, using the information (as in this case to provide recommendations to the government) is territory we as librarians are familiar with.

For good examples of the essential skills and concepts found in Iowa Core visit www.corecurriculum.iowa.gov/. In the Department of Education site – www.iowa.gov/educate/ – select Iowa Core Curriculum from the left hand menu. View the PDF of the Essential Skills and Concepts. Read over the 21st century skills. There could not be a better time to have students focused on such skills as financial literacy. How can your library facilitate that learning?

Iowa Core is about communities. Please find out more from your local schools about how you can be involved.

Kristin Steingreaber
Great Prairie AEA

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The ILA Executive Board met on December 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the ILA office in West Des Moines. Members present were: President Barbara Peterson; Vice President Ellen Neuhaus; Directors Alison Ames Galstad; Jennie Garner, Jeffrey Pilz, Rebecca Quinn, and Michael Wright; and ALA Councilor Susan Henricks. Also present were Executive Director Laurie Hews, Secretary Marilyn Murphy, State Librarian Mary Wegner, Finance Committee Chair John Lerdal, and incoming Vice President Dale Ross. Absent was Director Lorraine Borowski. Past President Sheryl Bissen participated in part of the meeting by telephone.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Peterson welcomed everyone and stated that Bissen would be giving the Past President’s Report by telephone.

**AGENDA**

Neuhaus asked to add Nominating Committee, 2009 Annual Conference, and 2009 Annual Calendar to the agenda under the Vice President’s Report. Wright moved approval of the agenda, as amended. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Pilz moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2008 Executive Board meeting as distributed. Motion carried. Garner moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2008 Special Board Meeting as distributed. Motion carried. Pilz moved to approve the minutes of the ILA Annual Membership Business Meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/TREASURER’S REPORT**

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – The Balance Sheet for November 30, 2008, the Profit & Loss for November 2008, the Budget vs. Actual for November 2008, and the Subdivision Fund Accounts as of November 30, 2008 were distributed. Hews stated that the Balance Sheet should state that $49,511.35 is invested in National Rural Utility. News stated that ILAF will be paying for the purchase of a new conference telephone for the office. The Budget vs. Actual report shows an overage in the conference expense line, since the number of conference attendees was higher than expected and speaker expenses were higher than expected. Garner moved to approve the overage in the conference expense budget. Motion carried.

**MEMBERSHIP COUNT** - The membership count as of November 30, 2008 was distributed. The totals were slightly down from 2007.

**AFFINISCAPe CONFERENCE REPORT** – Hews stated that the conference emphasized the development of community groups and the inclusion of news about Iowa libraries on the website. Hews distributed a usage graph of the ILA website. Use increased after the redesign of the website.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Peterson reported that the Association has received (1) a thank-you letter from Ben Hildebrandt from the Iowa Bankers Association; (2) a letter from the Rethinking Resource Sharing Policies Committee; (3) a request for information from Nate Monson from Iowa Safe Schools; and (4) an email from the Freedom to Read Foundation, asking for support for their Fortieth Anniversary Gala at the ALA Conference. Wright moved that the Association recommend to ILAF that they investigate purchasing a $250 advertisement for the Freedom to Read Foundation gala. Motion carried. Peterson also noted that Mike Wright had been quoted in a letter to the editor in the *Ames Tribune* and that the Association had issued a press release about Mary Wegner being chosen Member of the Year.

**CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE** – Conference Financial Reports – Peterson stated that Dubuque was a wonderful conference site and thanked the Conference Planning and Local Arrangements Committees for their hard work. Information on pre-conference finances and conference registrations was distributed. The Board discussed the problem of opening sessions running too long and agreed to add “Trustees” as a “Library Type” in the conference database. Conference Evaluations – Peterson said they were good, on the whole. All keynote speakers received high marks. The evaluation summaries were shared.

**STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS** – John Lerdal stated that the Finance Committee had looked into the problem of long-running student memberships and recommends that the Association limit the student membership to two years. Garner moved that the Association charge $15.00 for an enrolled library school student and put a two-year limit on student memberships. Motion carried. This change will need to go to the Bylaws Committee and then be approved by the membership of the Association.

**POSSIBLE PHONE COMPANY CHANGE** – Hews reported that the office has been having quality issues with the existing phone service. Wright moved that Hews proceed with the bid from Qwest and work with the Finance Committee chair to make a final decision. Motion carried.

**CONSISTENCY OF SUBDIVISION BY-LAWS** – Based upon questions raised by the auditor, the Finance Committee has recommended adding wording in subdivision guidelines in regards to dollars transferred to ILA upon subdivision dissolution. Garner moved that the Bylaws Committee be asked to work on standardizing the wording regarding the disposition of funds upon subdivision dissolution. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ELECTION RESULTS** – Peterson reported the following 2008 ILA election results: Dale Ross 268; LaWanda Roudebush 253; Karen Davidson 268; Mary Heinzman 289; Karen Lampe 192; and Kristin Steingreaber 254.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM** – A draft of the membership renewal form was distributed. The Board recommended 1) moving the county name to the home address area; 2) moving the email address up; 3) allowing the member to opt out of inclusion in the electronic mail list; 4) inserting the new logo; 5) inserting a note from Neuhaus; 6) adding a statement saying they can renew online with a credit card and giving the URL; and 7) adding a colon after the county name. Wright moved approval of the renewal form, as amended. Motion carried. The corporate membership form was distributed. The Board recommended 1) adding the new logo; 2) revising the number of librarians; and 3) including new photos. Pilz moved approval of the corporate form, as amended. Motion carried.
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ANNUAL REVIEW OF FINANCIAL POLICY – Lerdal reviewed the Association’s financial policies. Galstad moved that the Association approve the Finance Committee’s recommendation to purchase one $25,000 certificate of deposit for thirteen months, or best rate. Motion carried.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DAY – Normally the chair of GAC and the ILA President attend the National Legislative Days, scheduled for May 11 and May 12, 2009. Garner moved that (in 2009 only), if funds are available, the Association will send a third person from another Congressional district. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2009 ILA BUDGET – The proposed 2009 ILA budget was distributed via email. Galstad moved approval of the 2009 budget, as distributed. Motion carried. Peterson thanked the Finance Committee for their work on the budget.

MOTION TO PAY LINE ITEMS AND VISA CHARGES – Wright moved for the Treasurer to write checks and pay routine bills without Board authorization, as long as expenses do not exceed the 2009 budget line; Hews is authorized to use the credit card, as necessary, with a monthly spending limit of $10,000 as long as expenses do not exceed the 2009 budget line. Motion carried.

SUBDIVISION ANNUAL REPORTS RECEIVED – Hews reported that she has received annual reports from ILA/ACRL, ISLA, IASL, Information Technology, Support Personnel, and Youth Services.

JOB BANK – The Board discussed the possibility of adding a job bank to the website. Hews will collect information and a decision will be made at the February Board meeting.

SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES – The Board discussed the importance of having an ILA presence on social networking sites and the importance of taking control of the Association’s name on those sites.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION – Neuhaus reported that ILAF will be giving the Association $5000 from the Endowed Speakers fund for the 2009 Conference and expressed her appreciation for that donation. The silent auction raised $7277.00 from 206 items. The raffle raised $2929.00. The ILA membership representative to the ILAF Board is Kay Runge. Neuhaus recommended that the Board’s appointment to the ILAF Board be Barb Corson. Galstad moved approval of Corson’s appointment. Motion carried. Amy Paulus will also be serving a three-year term in the ILAF Board.

2009 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Neuhaus proposed the following committee appointments for 2009: Karen Lampe, Johnson Brigham Plaque; Sara Doyle and Carol Kirsch, Conference Planning; Dale Ross, Finance and Personnel; Lorraine Borowski, GAC; Kristin Steingreaber and CJ Thompson, Intellectual Freedom; and LaWanda Roudebush, Leadership Development. Quinn moved approval of the committee appointments. Motion carried. Peterson commended Neuhaus on her appointments.

REPORT ON ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING – Neuhaus reported that approximately 80 people attended the November 7, 2008 meeting. Ben Hildebrandt spoke. Highlights of the year were shown in a photo loop and the structure of the Association was presented via PowerPoint. Participants worked on activities for 2009. John Lerdal is following up with subdivisions about their budgets.

EXECUTIVE BOARD LIASIONS FOR 2009 – Neuhaus distributed a list of liaisons for 2009. Hews distributed the activity sheets from the annual planning meeting to the liaisons. Liaisons can now send the approved script out to subdivisions.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Neuhaus reported that the Nominating Committee wants to confirm the direction they should be taking for 2009. The Board confirmed that they should seek nominees for Vice President from academic, school, and special libraries and nominees for Directors from public libraries and LSAs.

2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE – Neuhaus stated that the first Conference Planning meeting will be held on January 5, 2009. The 2009 Iowa Reads author will be invited to the Friday lunch during Conference. Board members were encouraged to send ideas for keynote speakers to Neuhaus.

2009 ANNUAL CALENDAR – The ILA 2009 Calendar was distributed.

PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Bissen reported by telephone.

AWARDS COMMITTEE – Bissen reported that the committee has finished going through the subdivision awards.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Discussed previously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Bissen reported that the committee met on November 12, 2008 by conference call. Hews had submitted her goals and annual report. On November 14, 2008 Bissen, Neuhaus and Hews met to finalize the evaluation. Bissen stated that Hews is doing an admirable job. The committee recommends the following: 1) ILA employ a half time clerical assistant at the rate of $9.50 per hour; 2) Approve Hews’ request to put the 3% employer contribution into the SEP retirement account; 3) Give Hews a 3% salary increase. The additional clerical assistance would enable Hews to spend more time on the website and provide services to the subdivisions.

ALA COUNCILOR REPORT
PUBLIC LIBRARY FORUM – Henricks reported that they have five ideas for Conference. Garner said they are working on the idea of having an adult services committee.

RESOURCES & TECHNICAL SERVICES FORUM – Henricks reported that they feel they have an identity problem and are concerned about membership.

ALA – Henricks reported that they are preparing for the Midwinter conference.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARIANS ROUNDTABLE – No report.

LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY – No report.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – No report.

VIDEO ROUNDTABLE – No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – No report.

IOWA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS – Galstad reported that they are hoping to have a spring conference in 2010. They may participate in the literacy conference at DMACC.

LAMA – Galstad reported that they are working on some bylaws changes.
EDITORIAL COMMITTEE – No report.
IOWA SMALL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION – No report.
SUPPORT PERSONNEL – Garner reported that they want to continue to provide low-cost educational opportunities. They hope to coordinate more with ACRL.
YOUTH SERVICES SUBDIVISION – Garner reported that they have a goal-setting session upcoming.
BYLAWS AND ORGANIZATION MANUAL COMMITTEE – Pilz reported that their annual report was in the conference packet. They will meet in January. They will help the subdivisions coordinate language about electronic voting.
GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ROUNDTABLE – Pilz reported that their summer workshop will be at St. Ambrose University. They hope to do a quarterly newsletter.
IOWA ACRL – Pilz reported that they are interested in electronic voting. A proposed budget for the April 17, 2009 ILA/ACRL Spring Conference was distributed. Pilz moved acceptance of the budget. Motion carried. Board members were encouraged to contact Neuhaus with a list of subdivision conferences they plan to attend, so that the Association is represented at each conference.
IOWA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION – Pilz reported that they have a new president and they hope to work with the Membership Committee.
PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Quinn reported that they are contributing articles to Catalyst.
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – No report.
HEALTH SCIENCES SUBDIVISION – Quinn reported that they are planning a spring conference. They have approved their bylaws.
SPECIAL LIBRARIES ROUNDTABLE – Quinn reported they are planning a spring conference and organizing a session for the ILA Conference.
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (GAC) – Wright reported that they are getting ready for the legislative session.
INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE – Wright reported that there have been a number of challenges in the state. The Intellectual Freedom Resource Guide should be ready for the February Board meeting.
IOWA LIBRARY FRIENDS ASSOCIATION – Wright reported that they are working on a membership drive.
STORYTELLERS ROUNDTABLE – Wright reported that they have ideas for the Annual Conference.
STATE LIBRARY REPORT – Wegner reported that they have been asked to return three percent of their budget, but have not been asked to give back Enrich Iowa money. The governor’s proposed budget will come out in January. The PLOW program will continue. Wegner thanked Murphy for taking minutes and thanked the Association for the Member of the Year award.
ADJOURNMENT - Neuhaus thanked Peterson for her year as president. Peterson thanked Hews and the Board for their help and turned the gavel over to Neuhaus. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2009.

IASL Book Awards

The time to vote for the Iowa Association of School Librarian Book Awards is fast approaching. Of these the Iowa Children’s Choice Award (ICCA) has been in existence the longest. The ground work for forming the ICCA started in 1976. The oldest author acceptance letter that we have is dated 1980 from Thomas Rockwell for *How to Eat Fried Worms*. The Iowa Teen Award (ITA) was formed in 1984. The first winner of the ITA was *Tiger Eyes* by Judy Blume. In 2003, the Iowa High School Book Award (IHSBA) began. The first winner was Nicholas Sparks with *A Walk to Remember* in 2004. Most recently winners include *The Old Wife* Place by Mary Downing Hahn (ICCA), Christopher Paolini for *Eragon* (ITA), and *Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer (IHSBA).

The unique aspect of these lists is that all the books have been nominated by students. Students recommend titles to their school or public librarians. These titles are forwarded to the award committees who assess the nominations using specific selection criteria and rate them. The results are tallied and the new lists are presented. Then, in the spring, the students voice their opinions again by voting for the book they believe is the best on the list. We have recently converted from paper balloting to online voting. The great success of the program is that students and the adults around them are empowered by their ability to choose the books for the lists and the winners.

This process would not exist without many volunteers. Each book award has its own committee that works tirelessly to prepare the lists, promote the awards and keep kids reading. Readers from ILA donate many hours to help narrow the field and select the final nominees.

We are anticipating the vote tallies for the 2008-2009 lists and we are excited to have the 2009-2010 lists ready for order. Please see the web site: www.iasl-ia.org and click on Awards for additional information.

Sarah Latcham, IASL Awards Chair

In Memorium

Mary Borgheiinck, Cherokee Public Library
Legislative Day Activities

March 25, 2009

Legislative Briefing
2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Grant Room in the
Vocation Rehabilitation Building
(West of the State Library)

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

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

Iowa Intellectual Freedom Resource Guide

After nearly a year of effort – with an interruption for
the floods of last June – The Intellectual Freedom Com-
mittee is very pleased to present the new Intellectual
Freedom Resource Guide. The Guide replaces the old
Intellectual Freedom Emergency Kit. You can find it
on the ILA Website (www.iowalibraryassociation.org)
under the Intellectual Freedom tab.

While invaluable in a challenge, the new Guide
has background information that all Iowa librarians
should familiarize themselves with before censors
come knocking. It features a Challenge Report Form
which can be sent to ILA electronically or printed and
mailed. Whichever way you send it, be sure to report
any challenge to ILA.

Many thanks to all the IFC members who contributed
to the new Guide.

Michael Wright, Chair,
Intellectual Freedom Committee