Happy New Year! I want to thank Barb Peterson, the Executive Board, Laurie Hews, and all the people who served on committees and subdivisions, for a great year. The 2008 Annual Conference in Dubuque had something for everyone. There were over 600 people who attended the conference. The 2008 Annual Planning meeting was held at the Johnston Public Library and had about eighty people in attendance. At this meeting, committees and subdivisions began planning for their 2009 activities. Ben Hildebrandt, Vice President of Marketing and Public Affairs for the Iowa Bankers Association, spoke to the group about leadership in an association. In December, Laurie Hews attended an Affiniscape training conference where new upgrades and possible features for the ILA website were covered.

An important aspect of ILA is to present an organized voice to the State Legislature for the benefit of the Iowa library community. The Association is made stronger by having all types of libraries represented in its membership. During these uncertain economic times, we need to emphasize that libraries are essential for meeting Iowans’ needs and that libraries provide critical support for information-driven economic development. Chair Mike Dargan, the members of the Governmental Affairs Committee, and our lobbyists are already working hard to secure support for our 2009 Legislative Agenda. The 2009 Legislative Agenda is posted on the ILA website. Be sure to check it out! Mark your calendars and plan to participate in the ILA Lobby from Home Day on February 25th. ILA Legislative Day is set for March 25th in Des Moines. I hope to see members from ALL types of libraries attending this event!

The 2009 ILA Annual Conference will be held on October 21 – 23 at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown Hotel and Polk County Convention Complex. The convention

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Finding Your Library’s Place in a Downturn Economy

We’ve all seen it, we’ve all felt it in our libraries. As bad times grow, so does library usage. It’s easy to become cranky about the extra work, especially in the face of impending budget cuts from those same bad times. Let us instead ask ourselves: What are we doing in libraries to make these bad times less bad?

Many of you may have read Mary Wegner’s excellent piece in The Des Moines Register about the impact of the economic changes on Iowa libraries [“In hard times, Iowans flocking to their libraries.” 26 Nov 2008]. She described the increased use not only of library materials, but notably of public Internet access and library programming, for both adults and children. It would be pointless to repeat her truly excellent points, but I want to ‘brainstorm’ a bit on the possibilities that these changes afford us.

In brief, some of the reasons for the increased usage:

• patrons buying fewer books, movies and other entertainment and education materials;
• patrons spending less to go out to movies, and cutting down on expensive rentals from Blockbuster, etc.;
• patrons needing Internet access to find and apply for jobs, possibly because of reduced home access to save money;
• patrons needing resume or cover letter writing assistance.

And how might libraries respond to these needs?

• Plenty of reader’s advisory and booklists, so that patrons delve deeper into your materials stacks, rather than clamoring solely for your limited “new” items.
• Displays of all sorts of materials, themed and un-themed, to increase circulation (which has the dual benefit of potentially helping you next budget season!).
• Partner with a local workforce or economic development group to provide any or all of the following: Resume writing workshop programs.

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center at Fifth and Grand Avenue is connected to the hotel by a skywalk and is located just a few blocks away from the hotel. There is convenient parking in a garage located across from the convention center. The 2009 conference theme is Deciphering Our Future: Transforming Iowa Libraries. Join library staff from around Iowa as we reflect upon current conditions and prepare for transformations which will ensure our relevance in a rapidly changing information world. I hope to see YOU at this year’s conference!

ILA is a volunteer organization that depends upon people like you to do the work of the Association. There are thirteen standing committees and eighteen subdivisions, so there is ample opportunity for you to volunteer. There is an I Can Help ILA form posted on the ILA website. Consider becoming more active in the Association by getting involved with advocacy, serving on a committee or subdivision, attending the Annual Conference, or attending other meetings sponsored by the Association.

It’s time to renew your ILA membership! Membership in ILA runs from January through December. Membership benefits include political advocacy, Annual Conference, networking opportunities, ILA subdivision membership, and ILA website access. You can join or renew membership in the Association by completing the Membership Renewal/Application form. For your convenience you can join or renew online (credit card only) at www.iowalibraryassociation.org.

Information related to the Association can be found on the ILA website at www.iowalibraryassociation.org. Sections found on the site include About ILA, Advocacy/Legislative, Calendar, Conferences/Meetings, Intellectual Freedom, Corporate Members, and ILA Foundation. Access the Members Only section as part of your membership benefit to update your profile and view the Membership Directory, Organization Manual, issues of the Catalyst, and much more information.

Don’t hesitate to contact me anytime with your concerns, ideas, and issues!

Ellen Neuhaus
Iowa Library Association President

LEGISLATIVE DAY March 25

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.

Membership Renewal

If you haven’t paid your 2009 dues, it’s time for you to renew your membership. Memberships are based upon the calendar year. Please visit www.iowalibraryassociation.org and click Join ILA. You may either complete the online form (credit card only) or the pdf version. This is a reminder to committee members that you need to renew by March 15th.
Governmental Affairs Committee Update

The Government Affairs Committee looks forward to a busy legislative season in a challenging fiscal environment. The ILA 2009 Legislative Agenda provides us with an excellent tool for showing the governor and the legislature just how well libraries are prepared to help voters when times are tough. The agenda, approved by the ILA Membership earlier this fall, asks the legislature to:

- Allocate funds to assist flood-ravaged libraries so they can replace their collections, repair their facilities, and resume full service to their customers.
- Enhance Iowa’s workforce by providing statewide access to additional high-demand databases, such as test preparation software. These databases help Iowans prepare for a wide variety of educational and career tests, from GREs to college preparation to civil service and military service exams. This would require a $250,000 new appropriation to the State Library of Iowa.
- Increase funding for Enrich Iowa to support the dramatic increase of Iowans’ need for and use of libraries. Not every library can own everything; Enrich Iowa funds resource-sharing that enables Iowa’s library system to be an efficient resource-sharing network accessible to all Iowans.
- Support efforts to develop a statewide shared library catalogue and check-out system.
- Sustain the budget of the State Library of Iowa and Library Service Areas for providing critical leadership and support to libraries.
- Preserve hometown governance in Iowa’s public libraries by maintaining support for the local decision-making of Iowa’s public library boards and avoiding costly one-size fits all mandates for Iowa’s diverse public libraries.

This agenda is the result of deliberations by GAC and the Executive Board conducted earlier this summer, prior to the recent downturn in the economy. It’s axiomatic that as Iowans suffer the stress of unemployment, demand for library services will rise. As I read the ILA 2009 Agenda, I see a prescription for addressing the information, training, and recreational needs of Iowans as they seek to come out of the current downturn stronger and more adaptable than ever before. That which is obvious to us will have to be sold to a cash-strapped State Government. After the likely across-the-board rescissions for FY2009 and cuts for FY2010, librarians must make the case for back-filling those areas of the budget that stimulate economic development: Specifically, the ILA 2009 Legislative Agenda!

The Government Affairs Committee therefore calls upon its 1500+ members from 543 municipal, 79 academic, 1500 school, and 65 special libraries to proactively contact their legislators and promote our agenda as a way to give economically distressed Iowans the hope, confidence, and skills--promoted by vital library services--that will see them through what may be a serious recession.

Therefore, GAC will soon be issuing special legislative alerts. You should already be subscribed to the members@iowalibraryassociation.org. If not, contact the ILA office and sign up. Other lists that will see GAC traffic include iowalib@silo.lib.ia.us, trustees@silo.lib.ia.us, and ia-acrl@list.uiowa.edu. As a subscriber you will soon receive emails alerting you to contact your local legislators on issues of immediate concern. (If you don’t currently see traffic from at least one of these lists, please subscribe!) You’ll also receive reminders asking that you participate in the ILA Lobby-From-Home Day, February 25 and the ILA Legislative Day, March 25.

Of course, we all know that an email or phone call from a stranger, out of the blue, is less effective than a message from someone with whom the legislator is already well-acquainted. Now is the time to get in touch with your local legislator. Go to his or her listening posts or coffees (better yet: offer to host one at the library) and share what you and your library can do to help local constituents. For your legislator’s email address and phone number, visit www.legis.state.ia.us. To see current ILA Governmental Affairs Committee updates, visit www.iowalibraryassociation.org and follow the Advocacy/Legislative link.

Effective library advocacy is critical when times are tough. Please help us tell the story of Iowa’s libraries to our lawmakers!

December 11, 2008
Mike Dargan
Chair, Iowa Library Association GAC
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Betsy Thompson, Sioux City Public Library ‘11

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- Interview skills programs – including returning to work (retirees, stay at home parents).
- Money management skills programs – retirement, basic credit and budgeting management (skills sorely lacking for many).
- Basic web and computer classes – nearly all jobs require productivity software experience (ie Word, Excel) – give your patrons the leg up they need!
- Hit up those same partners for cash for more Internet stations to help potential workers. Can you entice them with the prospect of signs that say “these stations brought to you by Anytown Development Group, Anytown Economic Council, Anytown banks, etc.”?
- It’s not the most fun thing to think about, but if a local employer is closing, are they spending funds on re-training employees as part of their employee settlement? Could some of those funds come to the library, or the library in partnership with local schools or civic organizations?
- Movie or Game Nights for teens and/or adults offer something fun to do – for free! Have families sign up as ‘teams’ to compete for the title of Neighborhood Wii Bowling Champs!
- Talk to Rotary, Lions, Jaycees – give them strong images of what your patrons need and show them what they can do to help strengthen their community.
- Finally, share your ideas! A library across the state may be looking for just that concept to help their town.

I know staffing is tight and money is tighter. Nonetheless, try to think creatively about partnerships and mutual benefits. You know what your patrons need – if not, I’m sure they’d be glad to tell you. It may be as simple as a quiet place to sit and read the want ads. Most of all, be creative! We’re all in this together.

Louise Alcorn,
ILA PR Committee Member

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**IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 2009 CALENDAR**
The ILA Executive Board met on September 19, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the ILA office in West Des Moines. Members present were: Vice President Ellen Neuhaus; Past President Sheryl Bissen; Directors, Alison Ames Galstad; Jennie Garner and Michael Wright; and ALA Councilor Susan Henricks. Also present were Executive Director Laurie Hews, Secretary Marilyn Murphy, State Librarian Mary Wegner, and Finance Committee Chair John Lerdal. Absent were President Barbara Peterson, and Directors Jeffrey Pilz, Rebecca Quinn, and Lor- raine Borowski.

CALL TO ORDER
Neuhaus chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone, particularly John Lerdal, chair of the Finance Committee.

AGENDA
Neuhaus asked to move the ILA Financial Policies Updates up, to immediately follow approval of the minutes. She also asked to add 6.c. Proposal to form a Reference and Adult Services Subdivision, 7.h. Credentials Committee for the Conference, 7.i. Draft of the 2009 ILA Calendar, and 7.j. Proposed 2009 Conference theme. Wright asked to add 7.k. Book from the University of Iowa Foundation. The agenda was approved, as amended.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8, 2008 BOARD MEETING
Bissen moved to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2008 Executive Board meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
Lerdal distributed the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Changes in Restricted Net Assets – Cash Basis for the year ended Dec. 31, 2007. He stated that he and Hews had met with the auditor. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Lerdal recommended replacing the listing of the National Rural Utility assets with a listing of the Association’s TIAA-Cref assets and moving that listing to a position below the subdivision funds. Motion carried. Lerdal stated that he had also spoken with the auditor about what would happen to subdivision funds, if a subdivision were to dissolve; Hews has asked a lawyer to look at the Organization Manual for consistency in this matter. The Finance Committee will discuss student memberships at their November meeting. Wright moved to change the General Financial Policies section III.C.4.c.2. to replace the phrase “called meetings” with “official meetings.” Motion carried. Bissen stated that she was very impressed with the work the Finance Committee has been doing.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/TREASURER’S REPORT
FINANCIAL REPORT – The Balance Sheet for August 31, 2008, the Profit & Loss for August 2008, the Budget vs. Actual for August 2008, and the Subdivision Fund Accounts as of August 31, 2008 were distributed...
MEMBERSHIP COUNT - The membership count as of September 1, 2008 was distributed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
CORRESPONDENCE – Neuhaus reported the Association was in receipt of a letter from the Governor, stating that he would not be able to attend the Conference, and an ALA publication titled “Libraries Connect Communities.”

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE – VOLUNTEERS – SHOP ILA – Board members were reminded that a member of the Finance Committee or Executive Board must be in attendance whenever money is exchanged. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION – Board members were invited to attend.

PRE-REGISTRATION STATISTICS – Pre-registration statistics for the Conference (as of Sept. 18, 2008) were distributed. It was noted that there are a number of new exhibitors.

BOOK SALES – Vicki Myron will be signing her book at the Conference and a local bookseller will be selling copies of the book.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
ILA FINANCIAL POLICIES UPDATES – already completed
LIAISON SCRIPT REVISIONS – The Bylaws Committee recommended changing the italicized portion of the fourth bullet point to read “When planning bylaws changes, be familiar with the process in the Subdivision pages of the Organization Manual and pay attention to the meeting schedule of the Executive Board & Bylaws and Organization Manual Committee.” The Board also decided to strike the phrase “(including meetings)” from the seventh bullet point. The script is now ready to be distributed to liaisons.

PROPOSAL TO FORM A REFERENCE AND ADULT SERVICES SUBDIVISION – A letter proposing the formation of a Reference and Adult Services Subdivision and a petition with the appropriate number of signatures were received from Elaine Reitz. Since too many subdivisions can strain the resources of an association, it was suggested that Reitz first meet with the chair of the Public Library Forum to see if a committee within that subdivision could be formed. The discussion will remain open.

NEW BUSINESS
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – already completed
EDITORIAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – The Board considered the committee’s recommendation to publish a synopsis of the Board minutes in the Catalyst. Since it was not certain this would save money and the Board wants the membership to have access to the full minutes, the Board decided not to adopt this recommendation.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Neuhaus distributed a draft of the 2009 Committee Appointments. Wright moved approval of the appointments, as distributed. Motion carried.

MID-YEAR CHECK ON COMMITTEE EXPENDITURES – Hews reminded liaisons to contact their committees about expenditures.

BYLAW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – The Bylaws Committee has communicated with the subdivisions about electronic voting; if planning on electronic voting, the subdivisions need to amend their bylaws. The revised bylaws of the Iowa Health Sciences Library Association were distributed. Garner moved approval of the bylaws, as distributed. Motion carried.

AWARDS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – Bissen moved to accept a recommendation from the Awards Committee to change the descriptions of the awards for Member of the Year and the Citation of Merit. Motion carried.
ILA ELECTION DETAILS – Section D pertaining to Nomination by Petition was inadvertently omitted from the Catalyst. Bissen moved that an email message with the omitted information be sent to the membership, stating that the deadline for petitions is Sept. 30, 2008; and that the ballots (which will state that they must be postmarked by October 29, 2008) be mailed first-class on October 13, 2008 and be counted before the annual planning meeting. Motion carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE – Henricks moved to appoint Ken Davenport as chair of the CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, with the remainder of the committee to be appointed later by Peterson. Motion carried.

DRAFT OF THE 2009 ILA CALENDAR – A draft of the calendar was distributed. The Board decided to eliminate the October 2009 Executive Board meeting. Galstad moved approval of the calendar, as amended. Motion carried.

PROPOSED 2009 CONFERENCE THEME – Neuhaus distributed a possible logo, with the proposed theme: Deciphering our Future: Transforming Iowa Libraries. Wright moved approval of the proposed 2009 conference theme. Motion carried.

BOOK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA FOUNDATION – The University of Iowa Foundation wants to provide a copy of the book 1142: the History and Growth of the N. Oakes, Grant Wood, Dr. Pauline Moore, James P. Hayes House to every library in the state. Mailing labels are available from the State Library, if they want to mail the books. If not, the books could be made available at the Conference, but there is no assurance that every library would get a copy.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION – Neuhaus reported that the ILAF Board met on September 12, 2008. She expressed her gratitude for their help with the Catalyst. ILA will need an Executive Board representative to ILAF for a 2009-2011 term; Board members were urged to contact Peterson or Neuhaus if they have a nominee. ILAF approved a contract with ILA for services and supplies. ILA Board members were encouraged to donate to the ILAF silent auction. Volunteers are needed for Conference; if interested, Board members were encouraged to contact Maeve Clark.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Neuhaus reported that a survey was distributed to the Leadership Development Institute participants after the Institute. Another survey will be distributed in December.

2008 ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING – Neuhaus reported that the meeting will be held Nov. 7, 2008 at the Johnston Public Library. Neuhaus has created a presentation on the structure of ILA for the meeting and has been working with the Strategic Planning Committee.

PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT
AWARDS COMMITTEE – Bissen reported that they are prepared for the Conference.
FINANCE COMMITTEE – already completed.
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – The committee will be meeting with Hews later in the year. If any Board member has comments, they are encouraged to give them to the committee.

ALA COUNCILOR REPORT
ALA – Henricks reported that they have been discussing the elections.
EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARIANS ROUNDTABLE – They are working on their conference presentations.
LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY – They are working on their conference presentations.
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – They are working on their conference presentations.
VIDEO ROUNDTABLE – Wright will contact Michael May about the legislative agenda.
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – They are looking for people to help at the Conference.
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS – Galstad reported she had met with IASL. Professional development is difficult for them. The Board suggested that the ACRL Spring Conference might be a good model for IASL; they need to do whatever works for their members.
LAMA – They are working on an agenda for their fall business meeting. They need someone to update their website.
EDITORIAL COMMITTEE – already completed.
IOWA SMALL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION – Garner reported that they are working on their website contest.
BYLAWS AND ORGANIZATION MANUAL COMMITTEE – already completed.
IOWA ACRL – Five mentors have been matched with new librarians. A Support Staff Workshop has been scheduled for June.
IOWA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION – They are selecting a Trustee of the Year recipient.
INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE – Wright reported that their new Intellectual Freedom Resource Manual is almost complete.

STATE LIBRARY REPORT – Wegner reported that they are in the middle of the Town Meetings; the theme is The Engaged Library. She distributed a draft of their strategic plan; the strategic priorities will cover a three year period, but there will be new strategies each year.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2008.

ACRL Spring Conference
Friday, April 17
Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo

Future-proof Your Library is the theme that keynote speaker Steven Bell will be addressing. Bell is the Associate University Librarian for Research and Instructional Services at Temple University. Visit this link for more info about him: http://stevenbell.info.

Visit the ILA/ACRL website in early 2009 to learn more about registration and your chance to submit presentation proposals: www.iowaacrl.org.
CALL TO ORDER
The 2008 Iowa Library Association business meeting was called to order by President Barbara Peterson on Thursday, October 16, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. at the Grand River Center in Dubuque.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
Roy Kenagy, Central Iowa LSA, on behalf of the Credentials Committee, reported that a quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES
President Peterson pointed out rules of order and the voting flags. Mary Heinzman, St. Ambrose University, moved that the rules be adopted, as distributed. Motion carried.

AMENDMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Peterson stated that the agenda had been printed in the September/October Catalyst and that no amendments had been proposed. The agenda was approved, as distributed.

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Peterson announced that the Executive Board had approved the minutes at their December, 2007, meeting and that the minutes had been published in Catalyst. No questions were raised.

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OPEN FORUM—There were no remarks.

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President Peterson stated that it had been a wonderful year and she had enjoyed getting to know so many Association members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
President Peterson encouraged everyone to visit the exhibit hall and to bid on silent auction items and buy raffle tickets.

RESOLUTIONS OF COURTESY
Sheryl Bissen, Grinnell College, stated that the Resolutions of Courtesy had been printed and placed on the tables, with the approval of the Conference Planning Committee and the Executive Board. She encouraged everyone to read them.

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ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES
Resolutions of Courtesy
Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Leadership Development Committee members Carlette Washington-Hoagland, Lynne Carey, Susan Craig, Jennie Garner, Mary Jo Langhorne, Nancy Medema, Dottie Persson, Anne Skaden, Sandy Dixon and Laurie Hews who successfully planned and directed the Association’s third Leadership Institute and to the Iowa Library Association Foundation, the State Library of Iowa and on their first floor and said that it would be up to three years before the city has a fully functional main library. But, Glise said, they have a great management team and staff and are offering library service from a location at Westdale Mall. Valerie Ballhagen from New Hartford was not present. Michael Wright, University of Iowa, reported that they moved 50,000 volumes and 14,000 feet of archival materials out of the main library’s basement. The art and music buildings at the University of Iowa sustained substantial damage, but the library collections in those buildings were unscathed. Jill Sanders, Elkader, reported that their library had four feet of water in the basement, necessitating the replacement of the furnace, air conditioner, and water heater. David Mulhena, Czech and Slovak Museum and Library, reported that they had removed all of their archival materials and a significant portion of their English-language collection. Approximately 1500 items were lost outright, however. They are establishing a temporary location at Lindale Mall. Benjamin Hoover, African American Museum, reported that they hope to reopen in their current location by January. In the meantime, they are offering educational programming across the state. Julie Larson, Elizabeth Tate High School, reported that four school libraries were significantly impacted by the tornadoes and floods. IASL will offer each library a set of the Iowa Award books. The membership offered their support to all affected libraries with a round of applause.
Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to the Ad hoc Website Review Committee, Susan Knippel, Ryan Gjerde, Kim Kietzman and Susan Lerdal and Executive Director Laurie Hews for their work to revitalize the ILA website.

Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to the 2008 Conference Planning Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee for their efforts to ensure a successful conference. Members of the committees are: Jan Behrens, Lois Blythe, Dorothy DeGroot, Jerri Heid, Susan Henricks, Laurie Hews, Heidi Lauritzen, Michele Leininger, Tina Mahuce, Jodie Morin, Ellen Neuhaus, Kathy A. Parsons, Barbara Peterson, Jason Shirley, Wendy Street, Sarah Wilford, Daniel Boice, Becky Heil, Jonathon Helmke, Mary Ann Knefel, Jim Lander, John Leonard-Berg, Joyce Meldrem, Deb Seiffert and Shirley Vonderhaar.

Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Kate Martin for service as Parliamentarian during this year’s Annual Conference.

Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Cynthia Dyer, Kathy Kelly and Susan Knippel for their time and care proof-reading the issues of the Catalyst prior to their publication over the past year.

Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to the Iowa Library Association Foundation for its continued tangible support of the Association and its initiatives.

Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Executive Director Laurie Hews for her professional, comprehensive and timely services to the members of the Association.

Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to the volunteers who have ably assisted in the ILA office in the weeks leading up to this conference: Barb Corson, Kay Elliott, Claudia Frazer, Audrey Jones, Jan Kaiser, Sue Lerdal, Lorna Truck, Sarah Willeford, Dawn Work MaKinne.

Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Marilyn Murphy for assisting the Executive Board and the Executive Director by ably fulfilling the duties of ILA Secretary during the past year.

Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Lorna Truck for reviewing financial reports as a dual control on a monthly basis per auditing standards.

Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Susan Henricks, who has ably represented the interests of the Iowa Library Association and Iowa libraries as a member of the American Library Association Council.

Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to retiring members of the ILA Executive Board for their commitment and service: Sheryl Bissen, Jennie Garner and Lorraine Borowski.

Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Barbara Peterson for her dedicated and visionary leadership as ILA President in 2008.

**SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

October 15, 2008 • Grand Harbour Hotel, Dubuque

Present: ILA President Barbara Peterson, Vice President Ellen Neuhaus, Past President Sheryl Bissen, Directors Lorraine Borowski, Alison Ames Galstad, Jennie Garner, Rebecca Quinn, and Michael Wright; and ALA Councilor Susan Henricks. Also present was Executive Director Laurie Hews.

President Peterson called the meeting to order.

Wright motioned to revise the advertising rates as recommended by the Finance Committee. Full page - $200; half page - $110; quarter page - $75; remove the per column inch option; and leave the 5% reduction line as is. Motion passed.

Borowski motioned to increase the lodging reimbursement rate to $50. Motion passed.

Garner motioned to leave the mileage reimbursement rate at .27 per mile. Motion passed.

Galstad motioned to add the following wording to the Organization Manual: A portion of lodging expenses will be reimbursed to committee/subdivision members if their travel time, one way exceeds three hours and the meeting they are attending has agenda items in both the forenoon and afternoon.

Bissen motioned to add a budget expense line for contractual services and stated thank you to Hews for doing what needed to be done and to Peterson for approving this expenditure.

Meeting adjourned.

**Database Record**

Update your membership information at any time by visiting www.iowalibraryassociation.org and login to the members only section. The first time you login your username is your name as it appears in the dbase and the password is ILA. The system will force you to change your password and you may also change your username. Please be sure to make note of your username and password for future logins. You will need to login as a member to receive the member rate for event registrations.
Call For Nominations

The ILA Nominating Committee (Sheryl Groskurth, chair; Jean Donham, Mary Jo Langhorne and Betsy Thompson) invites your participation. We are seeking names of members who are qualified to run for the following ILA officer positions for the 2010 year:

1. Vice President/President-Elect of the Iowa Library Association. This year we are seeking candidates from our members who work in school libraries, special libraries, and academic libraries. One person will be elected from a slate of two.

2. Board of Directors. This year we are seeking candidates who work in public libraries or LSAs. Two directors will be elected from a slate of four.

In accordance with ILA Bylaws, the Nominating Committee’s selection of nominees “should be made with a view to achieving balanced representation of geographical areas and kinds of libraries. Commitment to the Association and to librarianship in general should outweigh all other considerations. A nominee must be a personal member in good standing of the Association.”

Please take a moment to reflect on those ILA colleagues who will make great leaders for the Association and send us their names. Self-nominations are also invited. Forward names with brief qualifications no later than Sunday, February 1, 2009 to me or to any member of the Committee.

Thank you!

Sheryl Groskurth, Chair,
ILA Nominating Committee Chair
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Photo from the Annual Planning Meeting at the Johnston Public Library.