Librarian Assists President with Book Purchases

Victoria Walton was disappointed when she couldn’t get a ticket to attend President Obama’s speech at the University of Iowa’s Field House on March 25th. Rather than attend the speech, Walton went to work at the children’s department at Prairie Lights Books in Iowa City when something quite exciting happened. President Obama showed up to purchase books for daughters Malia and Sasha.

Walton found talking with the President to be “very exhilarating.” She recommended two books for the First Daughters, Journey to the Sea by Eva Ibbotson and Secret of Zoom by Lynn Jonnell, two engaging adventures featuring kids as heroes in their own right. She thought that it was great that the President asked her what the books were about and listened attentively as she explained the plots of each. He even chuckled at a few quirky details. He purchased both books from her.

“President Obama was personable, gracious, lively and very intent on returning home with two great books for his daughters. I questioned what type of books they enjoyed, and he readily offered information about their reading tastes, just like any great dad would do,” reported Walton.

Walton was an elementary school librarian for 34 years and is now a part-time children’s librarian and bookseller. She enthused, “It was a great delight to be able to offer the President of the United States the names of two spectacular children’s authors who deserve worldwide acclaim.”

Barbara Corson, Chair
Editorial Committee

Annual Conference Keynote Speaker

Circle of Life: Understanding Generations in the Workplace is the title of the Thursday, October 14, keynote presentation supported by the Iowa Library Association Foundation Endowed Speakers’ Fund. Understanding the diverse talents of each generation can enrich relationships.

Mary Lu Gerke will help further your understanding of the definitions and characteristics of the generations: Traditional, Baby Boomer, Generation X, and Nexters. She will describe the demographics, perspectives and values of each age group and how these differences affect the workplace. With this knowledge, you can be more effective in recruiting, training, motivating and understanding different generational talents.

Ms. Gerke has written articles and led workshops for many types of professions about generational differences within the workforce. She is the Vice President of Nursing Services at Gunderson Lutheran Medical Center in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Ms. Gerke will later present a concurrent session, Multi-Generational Issues: A Participative Dialogue. Discussion will focus on three major issues related to generational diversity and the methods to resolve conflicting values, interests and perspectives.

Hard times, Hard decisions

IOWA LIBRARIES IN 2010

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ILY 2009 Financial Report and 2010 Budget

Cash Balance General Fund 1/1/09  130,008.56

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The Value of Libraries

“...Libraries in general and public libraries in particular, serve a uniquely central role in the universe of stories. It’s not the only role of libraries - but it may be what you do better than any other institution. Books are only the beginning; stories are central. You need to make the library’s story heard in your community. You also need to make sure you understand your community’s and patrons’ stories and how your library can serve those stories, both through participatory networks and other new tools and through more traditional means....” Walt Crawford, internationally recognized writer and speaker on libraries, technology, policy and media.

Much has been written on the value of libraries, from the economic impact they have in their communities, to their role in helping people struggling to find employment or government resources, to their significance in developing a world of future readers and lifelong learners. Their value is immeasurable. So why do so many find it difficult to tell the library story?

Time and resources are undeniable obstacles. But help is available in a one-stop-shopping website called Telling the Library Story at www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/tell-library-story.

The next time you need evidence of the library’s value, get inspiration from some of the nearly 30 articles that have been written on the topic. How much does your library save the community? Use the “Individual Return on Investment Calculator.” Shy about contacting your state, federal or local officials? There are several resources that not only describe good lobbying techniques, but can help you become a better speaker.

There are some superb quotes on the value of librarians, libraries, books and reading to add to presentations, reports, and newsletters – even the signature line of your e-mails. There are sample speeches on the value of libraries that need only slight modification. And if you need a quick bookmark, you’ll find new ones monthly. Download posters. Find uncomplicated instructions for designing annual reports and newsletters. Learn how to create influential PowerPoint budget presentations. In fact, you’ll find a whole section on creating powerful budget presentations.

But most importantly, collect your stories. Convey them every day in every way to everyone who will listen. Keep “Why I Value My Libraries” (also on the website) on your circulation desk or other prominent place where people can write their stories. If someone compliments you or the library, ask if you can quote them.

Time consuming? Maybe. But the resources are available and valuable. The stories themselves speak volumes.

Annette Wetteland, Public Relations Committee Member

Iowa Health Sciences Library Association

Iowa Library Association president, Dale Vande Haar, opened the spring Health Science Library Association meeting on April 30, 2010 with a welcome to members and an emphasis on the important role subdivisions play in the strength of the Iowa Library Association.

The meeting featured a grant writing workshop presented by Jacqueline Leskovec, Outreach and Evaluation Coordinator with the Greater Midwest Region/National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Attendees learned about sources of funding and gathering documentation of need, and reviewed step-by-step instructions for writing a successful grant proposal. The meeting was held in Des Moines at Mercy College of Health Sciences.

Moving Towards an Electronic Catalyst Newsletter

The ILA Finance and Editorial Committees and Executive Board have had recent conversations about moving towards an online Catalyst newsletter. The ILA Leadership is seeking ways to reduce costs and to keep moving the Association forward. Within the next few months, the Association plans to conduct a survey of the membership on this topic and will address issues such as accommodating members who don’t use email. Your participation in the survey will provide information to assist in a smooth transition.

In the meantime, ILA intends to experiment with publishing one newsletter online this year, the 2010 September/October Catalyst issue. In order to prepare for the migration to the electronic Catalyst, go to the Members Only section of the ILA website (www.iowalibraryassociation.org/) and verify your email address. Please update or enter your email address into your Personal Profile if necessary.

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ILA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Shriya Anavkar ........................................ Marion
Gayle Anstey ........................................ Corning
Craig Bittick ...................................... West Des Moines
Paula Bolander ..................................... Burlington
Jeanne Boydston ................................... Ames
Beth Brase .......................................... Strawberry Point
Nat Christenson .................................. Coralville
Cathy Cottrell ...................................... Boone
Cathy Crawford .................................. Columbus Junction
Janice Crow .......................................... Ames
Carole Dailey ...................................... Shenandoah
Jennifer Deberg ................................... Iowa City
Janice Dickerson .................................. Atlantic
Lynne Draper ........................................ Summer
Melissa Drier ...................................... Sioux Center
Alana Dunkin ...................................... Ankeny
Jae Dwyer ............................................ Bondurant
Mark William Edwards ......................... Iowa City
Shirley Engle ...................................... Marion
Kathie Farris ....................................... Indianola
Mark Fitkin .......................................... Bettendorf
Ella Fly .............................................. Davenport
Henry Franken ..................................... Des Moines
Allison Gates ........................................ Tabor
Dianna Geers ...................................... Cedar Rapids
Sally Godwin ....................................... Cresco
Gail Greenwald ..................................... Grinnell
David Hammer ...................................... Dubuque
Christine Hansen .................................. Iowa City
Heather Hansen .................................. Center Junction
Renee Hembry ...................................... Milo
Kirsten Hess ......................................... Grinnell
Joan Hippen ......................................... Washington
Amber Jansen ...................................... Davenport
Shannon Jensen ................................... Evansdale
Kara Jund ............................................. Johnston
Val Karczewski .................................... Lake Park
Michell Klinker-Feld ....................... Bondurant
Virginia Knapp ..................................... Afton
Ann Knipper ....................................... Melcher-Dallas
Gordana Lenert .................................. Iowa City
Lisa Lode .............................................. Sanborn
Stephanie Marvin .................................. Davenport
Matt McKee ......................................... Burlington
Katie Merulla ....................................... Cedar Rapids
Steve Morency ..................................... Le Claire
Melanie Murray .................................... Lehigh
Marilyn Olson ....................................... Cedar Rapids
Lynn Osterhaus .................................. Dyersville
Pals, A Division Of MNSCU ...................... Mankato
Mary Parker ......................................... Sloan
Jennifer Paulsen .................................. Cedar Falls
Doug Peterson ..................................... Le Claire
Gloria Petesch .................................... Andrew
Nancy Pettit .......................................... Prescott
Merlelee Pugh ...................................... Arispe
Rebecca Ramsey .................................. Lamoni
Carol Roovaart .................................. Altoona

Donna Salton ....................................... Ayrshire
Karen Schloss ..................................... Dubuque
Bobbie Snow ....................................... Sibley
Teresa Spohn ....................................... Waverly
Pauline Stacchini ................................ Iowa City
Michelle Steffen .................................. Marcus
Cara Stone ........................................... Bloomington
Kelly Summy ...................................... Desoto
Christi Taylor ..................................... Adel
Tom Tecklenberg ................................ Humboldt
Brittney Thomas .................................. Iowa City
Janet Thorson ..................................... Cambridge
Tami Tomkins ...................................... Readlyn
Rick Traw .......................................... Cedar Falls
W. Shane Wallace .................................. Albuquerque
Katelyn Wazny ....................................... Iowa City
Webb Shale Memorial Library .................. Pleasantville
Amanda Wente ...................................... Waterloo
Linda Westergaard ................................ Adel
Leah White .......................................... Madrid
Lynn Whitmore .................................... Clarinda
Jamie Williams .................................... Boone
Mike Willis .......................................... Dubuque
Jamie Wilson ....................................... Cedar Falls
Carol Ann York .................................... Cedar Falls
Dotty Zales .......................................... Westfield

ILA 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. Please send nominations to the ILA office by July 1. Recipients include:

2009 Betty Anne Schermann, Dyersville
2008 James A. Larson, Peterson
2007 John Teget, Shenandoah
2006 Winton Boyd, Burlington
2004 Vaonne Hansen, Marion
2003 Cindy Wells, Waterloo
2002 C. Richard Harrison, Bettendorf
2001 Thomas P. Gardner, Keokuk

Nomination form is on page six.

IN MEMORIUM

Susan Nissen Lerdal, Des Moines

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ILA’S Awards and Honors: We Are Counting on You to Advise Us

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. For all nominations, complete the form on page six or on the ILA website and send it to the ILA office at 3636 Westown Pkwy, Suite 202, West Des Moines, IA 50266-6713 before August 1, 2010.

For the ILA Member of the Year Award, the nomination packet must include three to ten letters of recommendation and support for your nomination in addition to the form.

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:

• Outstanding service to the Iowa Library Association
• 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; 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

Member of the Year Recipients (last 10 years):
2009 Vicki Myron
2008 Mary Wegner
2007 Mary Jo Langhorne
2006 Robin E. Martin
2005 Partricia Coffie
2004 Karen Burns
2003 Katherine Von Wald
2002 Mary McInroy
2001 Dale H. Ross
2000 Kay K. Runge

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. Either the nominee or the person making the nomination must be a member of the Iowa Library Association. Recipients include:

2005 Susan Henricks
2004 Hills Bank and Trust
2000 Christie Vilsack
1999 Naomi Stovall
1998 Dreama Deskins

Honorary Member Award
This lifetime award is given by the Association to a non-ILA member to recognize meritorious achievement. Recipients include:

2003 Barbara Mack
1998 Christie Vilsack

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

2007 Representative Cindy Winckler
2007 Senator Frank Wood
2006 Senator Robert Dvorsky
2001 Senator Kitty Rehberg

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.

Thank You

ILA Awards Committee
Ellen Neuhaus
Barbara Peterson
Sheryl Bissen

ILA Awards and Honors Nomination Form is on Page six and on the ILA Website
The Leadership Development Committee has selected the following participants based upon their applications, essays and letters of recommendation. The Boulders Conference Center in Denison is the site of the 2010 Leadership Institute in August.

Congratulations to:

Rebecca Bartlett, St. Ambrose University Library, Davenport
Marci Behm, Des Moines Public Library
Paula Brown, Spencer Public Library
Nathan R. E. Clark, Emmetsburg Public Library
Sarah Clendineng, Fort Madison Public Library
Teresa Dahlgren, Waterloo Public Library
Mark Fitkin, Bettendorf Public Library
Lynn Gates, Davenport Public Library
Misty Gray, Storm Lake Public Library
Tena Hanson, Milford Memorial Library
Andrew Hoppmann, Lied Public Library, Clarinda
Mary Iber, Cornell College Library, Mt. Vernon
R. Cecilia Knight, Grinnell College Libraries, Grinnell
Sandy Long, Whittemore Public Library
Connie Mataloni, Sibley Public Library
Michael May, Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Dubuque
Erin McDonough, Waukee Public Library
Catherine Noble, Gutekunst Public Library, State Center
Kathy A. Parsons, Iowa State University Library, Ames
Angela M. Pilkington, Burlington Public Library
Ericka A. Raber, The University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City
Amy Turgasen, Altoona Public Library

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2010 ILA AWARDS AND HONORS
NOMINATION FORM

Award
Nominee
Current position
Address

Nominator
Current position
Telephone Email
ILA IS ON TWITTER

Successful organizations have many things in common, but one of the most important is clear communication. It is now easier than ever to communicate information to the members of the Iowa Library Association, whether it is through email, the ILA website, or through the Facebook page. For even faster and more portable communication, we have now added another tool to the mix: Twitter.

Twitter is one of many web 2.0 tools that allow users to instantly communicate with each other. Twitter allows a user to create a message, no longer than 140 characters, and display it for other users to see. Anyone following that user will see the message. We have been communicating through our account, @IowaLA, and plan to use it more frequently in the future. Follow discussion on these topics:

**Updates to the ILA website**
New information on the Association’s website will be linked in Twitter posts immediately after they are updated.

**Legislative Information**
When the legislature is in session, Twitter will allow us to rapidly communicate what is happening at the Capitol to the members.

**Reminders About Events, Programs, and Activities**
Whenever ILA plans to have an event in the near future or wants followers across the state to participate in a national event, Twitter can help communicate that as well. Recently libraries across Iowa participated in Snapshot Day and Twitter was helpful in getting the word out about that event.

**Links to Helpful Articles About Libraries & Librarians**
Twitter is an easy and quick way to find the most recent literature on new techniques, technologies, and ideas in the library world.

**Finding and Staying Connected with Other Libraries and Librarians**
Most importantly, Twitter helps all of us to find new friends and old colleagues and stay connected with them. Twitter is an important networking tool! If you are a Twitter user, find us online (@IowaLA); if you’re new to Twitter, sign up at www.twitter.com.

Dan Chibnall,
ILA Twitter Master
Executive Board Minutes  
February 5, 2010 • Reported by Laurie Hews

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CALL TO ORDER
Ross welcomed everyone.

AMENDMENTS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Ross asked to add 6b Committee Appointments. Hearing no other additions the agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Pilz moved to approve the minutes of December 18, 2009 as printed. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/TREASURER’S REPORT
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MEMBERSHIP COUNT – At this time in 2009 343 memberships had been processed. 539 memberships have been processed this year.

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Iowa Small Libraries Online Conference – Pilz and Hews manned the Meebo Widget during the exhibit times. Attendee follow-up surveys indicated that 20 out of 62 (roughly 1/3) respondents visited the ILA booth.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
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**PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

AWARDS COMMITTEE – Neuhaus submitted her report via email. She has contacted the chairs of subdivisions that she is aware of that want to implement new awards this year and she has received paperwork from several of them. Some of them are having their board meetings in the next few weeks. After their meetings, they are going to let her know if they still want to go through the process this year. Subdivisions that have indicated they are interested in developing new awards this year: Storytellers’ Roundtable – Power of Story; Iowa Health Sciences Library Association – Distinguished Service Award, Memorial Award and stipend for members to travel to Midwest Chapter of MLA; ILA/ACRL – Professional Development Scholarship; Iowa Association of School Librarians – IASL Goldfinch Award; and Iowa Small Library Association – ISLA Rural and Small Libraries Conference Scholarship. The Committee will proceed with its work when the needed responses are received.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – First meeting of the year is scheduled for February 26 at the ILA office.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Lisa Ambrozic, new office assistant, began in January. She has taken a Capwiz class. The advocacy section of the website has been updated. A new computer and printer were installed this week.

**ALA COUNCILOR REPORT**

Highlights from Midwinter; libraries are encouraged to apply for stimulus money in round two; snapshot day; ALA’s strategic plan; and the Ken Davenport Resolution. Henricks shared that she would like to use her final meeting in June to bring up term limits for councilors. National Legislative Day is in June. ALA is still putting details together for this event.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FORUM – The ILA office set up a new list serve for them. They are seeking input from their members on the survey from the Strategic Planning Committee.

RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES FORUM – Sent a message encouraging membership.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS**

BOMC – Ames Galstad reported that they have hired someone to re-format the Organization Manual for an amount that is less than was budgeted.

IASL – Held a board meeting January 30 via ICN. They are looking for a value add-on for their members. They had discussed one newsletter but determined that it wasn’t the correct choice.

LLAMA – Is gathering input for the Strategic Plan.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Pilz recently agreed to chair. The renewal form was mailed.

GODORT – Pilz reported their their summer workshop is scheduled for July 16 and they will submit a budget soon.

ACRL – Pilz reported that the board is meeting February 19. Barbara Fister is the keynote speaker for their Spring Conference. A call for session proposals has been sent. *The Library is Open: Open Minds, Open Doors, Open Access*. They are considering strategies for increasing membership. Their Directory Committee had 84 respondents to their online survey about the current and potential future value of their online directory. Their Electronic Communications Committee has upgraded the Drupal platform on their website. They have created a password protected area for their board to work on goals for ILA’s strategic planning. They’ve established an ad hoc committee on Scholarly Communication.

ILTA – Pilz reported that the LSA’s would like to take ILTA’s donation as a lump sum for a joint project rather than dividing it up between the LSA’s. They held a poster session at ISLOC. Conference sessions have been submitted to Conference Planning Committee.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Alcorn reported that they need more committee members and are continuing to write Catalyst articles.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE** – Discussed earlier.

HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION – Discussed earlier.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES – Members are joining the subdivision. Alcorn will work with them about their need to elect officers.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FORUM – Alcorn reported that they are promoting the Midwest Technology Conference in St. Paul. They are considering holding an event in August.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE – Hanson reported that Mike Wright forwarded previous years’ information to current chair, Kelly Fischbach.

STORYTELLERS’ ROUNDTABLE – Have submitted session suggestions to Conference Planning Committee.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Ross is serving as interim chair and continues to look for a chair. The situation is fluid in regards to funding from the Legislature. The lobbyists continue to monitor bills. The state reorganization bill has had numerous changes. A bill allowing for exemptions for school districts in regards to teacher librarians has been introduced. The lobbyists state that it won’t get out of committee. February 3 GAC Action Day was cancelled. Lobby From Home Day is February 10. GAC will communicate information as it becomes available.

ISLA – Davidson reported that their board met February 4 and their planning meeting is scheduled for February 19 in Story City.

YSS – Goal-setting meeting is February 26.

**STATE LIBRARY REPORT**

Wegner reported that these are uncertain times. The State Library budget is 19% below July 1, 2009. Some staff may take advantage of the early retirement offering from the state. They have current projects with USDA and Workforce Development. Broadband grant requests are very complicated. Iowa doesn’t meet all of the requirements for a state-wide request.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting is April 2, 2010.
CALL TO ORDER
The 2009 Iowa Library Association Business Meeting was called to order by President Ellen Neuhaus on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the Polk County Convention Complex in Des Moines. Neuhaus asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Ken Davenport.

Neuhaus introduced Kay Elliott, Parliamentarian, and Marilyn Murphy, Secretary.

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 Neuhaus pointed out the rules of order, the voting flags, the agendas, and the copies of the proposed bylaws changes. Barbara Peterson, Council Bluffs, moved that the rules of order be adopted, as distributed. Motion carried.

AMENDMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Neuhaus stated that the agenda had been printed in the Catalyst and that no amendments had been proposed.

MINUTES OF THE 2008 BUSINESS MEETING
Neuhaus announced that the Executive Board had approved the minutes at their December, 2008 meeting and that no further action was required.

REPORTS
Neuhaus stated that the President’s Report, the Committee Reports, and the Treasurer’s Report were distributed in the registration packet. State Law requires that the President’s Report and the Treasurer’s Report be distributed to the membership.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- There was none.

NEW BUSINESS
2010 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA – Michael Wright, University of Iowa, presented the 2010 legislative agenda on behalf of GAC. Wright moved adoption of the 2010 legislative agenda, as recommended by GAC and published in the annual committee reports packet. Motion carried. Neuhaus recognized the work of the Association’s lobbyists, Amy Campbell and Craig Patterson.

BYLAWS CHANGES – Neuhaus stated that the proposed bylaws changes as published in the Catalyst could be found on the tables. She recognized Randy Roeder, University of Iowa, chair of the Bylaws and Organization Manual Committee. Roeder stated that the Committee would be proposing the bylaws changes in two motions. Roeder, on behalf of the Bylaws and Organization Manual Committee, moved approval of the following proposed bylaws change:

Add to ILA Bylaws, Article IX – Subdivisions
Upon dissolution of the subdivision, and payment of all outstanding obligations, all assets will be transferred to the Iowa Library Association.

Motion carried.

Randy Roeder, on behalf of the Bylaws and Organization Manual Committee, moved approval of the following proposed bylaws changes:

Amend ILA Bylaws, Article III, Membership, Section 2 – Classification of Membership. Membership of the Association will consist of:
- Student: a person who is enrolled in a library science program. Student memberships are limited to two years.
- Library Student (two-year limit) $40

Kathy Carlson, Wellman Scofield, moved to amend the motion by changing it to state that a student is “a person who is enrolled in college fulltime” and by deleting all references to a two year limit. The amendment to the motion failed. Ryan Gjerde, Luther College, moved to amend the motion by deleting “(two-year limit)” from the change to the Dues Schedule. The amendment to the motion carried. Gjerde moved to amend the motion by splitting the motion into two parts: the change to Article III and the change to the Dues Schedule. The amendment to the motion carried. After much discussion, the motion to amend Article III, Section 2 did not carry. The motion to change the Dues Schedule did not carry.

ELECTION OF ILA FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER
- Sheryl Groskurth, Waterloo, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, nominated Linda Adams, Fayette. Hearing no other nominations, Adams was elected by acclamation.

OPEN FORUM – Roy Kenagy asked members to leave their voting flags on the tables.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were none.

RESOLUTIONS OF COURTESY – Neuhaus recognized Barbara Peterson, chair of the Awards Committee. Peterson offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to the Leadership Development Committee and Public Relation Committee members who successfully planned and directed the “Librarians on the Loose” August workshop. Members of the committees are Jennie Garner, Lynne Carey, Mary Jo Langborne, Nancy Medema, Dottie Persson, LaWanda Roudebush, Duncan Stewart, Carlette Washington-Hoagland, Sandy Dixon (ex-officio), Kim Kietzman, Louise Alcorn, Lois Blythe, Jan Dellingier, Katherine Howsare, Jet Kofoot, Holly Youngquist, and Annette Wetteland (advisor).

Sheryl Bissen offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to the 2009 Conference Planning Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee for their efforts to ensure a successful conference. Members of the Committees are Laurie Hews, Dorothy DeGroot, Sara Doyle, Jerri Heid, Carol Kirsch, Tina Mabuce, Mary McNroy, Jodie Morin, Kathy Parsons, Denise Rehmke, Jason Shirley, Wendy Street, Sarah Wilfredon, Annette Wetteland, Jan Kaiser, Sylvia Bergeson, Dan Chibnall, Claudia Frazer, Willona Goers, Katherine Howsare, Elaine Hughes, Larry Marquardt, and Nicole Weber.

Susan Craig, Iowa City, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Kay Elliott for service as Parliamentarian during this year’s Annual Conference. Barbara Peterson offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to the Conference Credentials Committee Roy Kenagy, Lorraine Borowski, Ann Coulter,
Mary Anne Knefel, Sue Krosche, Karen Lampe, Katherine Manion, Sarah Meyer-Reyerson, Anne Skaden, Dale Vande Haar, and Hank Zaletel for their work at this year’s Annual Conference.

Barbara Peterson offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Kathy Kelly, Barb Corson, Cynthia Dyer, Lynn Friesner, Willona Goers, Susan Knipple, and Karen Burns (advisor), for their time and care proof-reading the issues of the Catalyst prior to publication over the past year.

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ADJOURNMENT – Michael Wright moved adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

2010 Legislative Wrap Up

The 83rd General Assembly, the second session of which adjourned on March 30, was a thrill-a-minute ride for librarians and their patrons. According to our lobbyists’ calculations, State support for FY2011 library services was reduced by $862,000. The Library Service Areas and State Library, having withstood FY2010 across-the-board cuts of $156,000 and $174,000, respectively, are facing a difficult fiscal future: Library Service Areas will have $300,000 less in FY2011, the State Library will be cut $62,000. Beneficiaries of Enrich Iowa funding will be short $500,000.

Language introduced into the House Education Appropriations bill that would have eliminated the Library Service Areas and assigned their services to the State Library failed. However, it was replaced by the $300,000 cut and required the consolidation of the seven areas into six. The Iowa library community was then charged with the task of creating and submitting by next autumn a proposal to streamline the provision of library services funded by the State of Iowa.

ILA President Dale Vande Haar reports that State Librarian Mary Wegner and Bonnie McKewon of Northwest Iowa Library Services and their committee will meet on June 8. For details on the time and place, keep an eye on members@iowalibraryassociation.org or the ILA website, www.iowalibraryassociation.org.

The fiscal reductions and request by the legislature to find still more efficiencies is challenging. However, Iowa’s library community should be grateful that legislators have given us the opportunity to re-vision and propose changes that will conserve scarce resources while maintaining essential library service to Iowans. Libraries are receiving special treatment from the legislature and I encourage you to thank your delegation for this consideration.

This is a very important election year. Next year’s General Assembly will make decisions that will affect library service for the next generation. Be sure to visit your candidates as they campaign this summer and fall. Let them know why state funding for library service is important to their constituents.

Mike Dargan, Chair
Governmental Affairs Committee

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ILA/ACRL Research Award Recipients from the University of Dubuque. Left to right: Jonathan Helmke, Carolynne Lathrop, Becky Canovan, Anne Marie Gruber, Jeraca Fite, and Mary Anne Knefel. “Many Voices, One Goal: Measuring Student Success through Partnerships in the Core Curriculum” was a chapter written for the book, Collaborative Information Literacy Assessments: Strategies for Evaluating Teaching and Learning, Edited by Thomas P. Mackey and Trudi E. Jacobson. (New York: Neal-Schuman, 2009).

GODORT Summer Workshop
Friday, July 16, 2010
Wartburg College, Waverly

Using Free Government Resources to Help Your Library and Your Patrons Survive the Economic Downturn

Joe Brisben, financial advisor and commentator for the Iowa Source and WSUI (Iowa Public Radio), will talk about the U.S. economy.

Later, government documents librarians from Iowa libraries will discuss sharing government information resources to replace subscription resources that no longer fit in their budget, to help their patrons research careers, etc.

Cost is $5 for GODORT members; $10 for ILA members; and $15 for non-ILA members.

For more information and registration visit the ILA website at www.iowalibraryassociation.org, click on the calendar tab and then click to July 16.

Annual Conference Hotel

Marriott Coralville Hotel & Conference Center
300 E 9th St, Coralville
1-888-236-2427 or 1-319-688-4000

Single/Double/Triple/Quad: $115.00 plus applicable state and local taxes
• rate includes complimentary parking
• identify yourself as an ILA Conference attendee

Online reservations are available on the ILA website.