

## Minutes

Library Futures Meeting 8/11/04

Cranston Public Library 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Present: Cheryl Banick, SLA; Alex Caracuzzo, SLA; Peter Deekle, CRIARL; Donna DiMichele, LORI Committee; Frances Farrell-Bergeron, WWA; Michael Havener, URI; Kathryn Hopkins, PPL; Phyllis Humphrey, RIEMA; De Johnson, RILA; Janet Levesque, CUM; David Macksam, RILA, (Library Futures Chair); Anne Parent, OLIS; Susan Reed, CLAN; Tovah Reis, ARIHSL; Eileen Socha, EPL; Dale Thompson, PPL

### LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

The group discussed the five names under consideration for membership on the Legislative Commission.

Anne Parent distributed a list of potential members who had committed to serving on the Commission. They include: Dale Thompson, large public library; Janet Levesque, medium public library; Pat Redfearn, small public library; Peter Deekle, private academic library; Alex Caracuzzo, special library; Mary Ann Slocumb, hospital library; Gwenn Stearn, government/institution library; Phyllis Humphrey, elementary school library; Suzanne Costa, secondary school library; Michael Havener, URI/GSLIS; Anne Parent, OLIS; Karen Quinn, state law library. We were waiting for a confirmation on the representative for public academic.

### LIBRARY FUTURES COMMITTEE

Discussion arose about the Library Futures Committee: Attendance at these meetings has been spotty, with some groups having no representative present over a period of time. We need regular participation from the stakeholder groups to ensure continuity and unity on major issues. We decided that we would contact the major groups and consortia and ask them to appoint permanent members to the Committee. We also agreed that the meetings would be open, and the Committee will welcome attendance by any interested individuals or groups.

Discussion about having a record of these meetings resulted in a decision that the task of taking minutes will rotate among the members. Chairman Macksam, promptly volunteered yours truly to the task for this meeting. We will circulate the minutes among the attendees for corrections and revisions, then send them to Tim Spindler for posting on the Website. Tim's contact information is as follows: Tim Spindler, Reference and Information Technology, Adams Library at RIC, 401-456-8125, [tspindler@ric.edu](mailto:tspindler@ric.edu)

Sen. Elizabeth Roberts had provided a list of available meeting dates. A small group will meet with her Monday, Sept. 13. Kathryn will ask Betsy Dennigan to attend.

## FUNDING

We need \$90,000 - \$100,000 as of January 2005 to fund the study and recommendations. \$30,000 will be available from LSTA funds through OLIS.

Various people reported on their efforts so far: De J. said Champlin Foundations was supportive in that they wished us well but they cannot help with funding. Betsy Dennigan was going to ask for a \$10,000 legislative grant; we will have to check with her on the status of this. Tovah plans to ask CVS through ARIHSL, with RILA acting as fiscal agent. (A question was raised about whether there would be a problem with a publicly enacted commission using corporate funding. Most didn't think there was a problem. We will ask Sen. Roberts if she has a concern about this.) Dale wrote a letter on behalf of RILA to the RI Foundation—no answer so far. Donna reported that the IMLS (Institute for Museum and Library Services) has no discretionary funds.

We started listing corporations to approach: ProJo, Amica Insurance, JenCo, Fidelity (Alex will try them); all the major local banks.

We also said we could ask for help from the groups represented on the Committee. Someone suggested we could ask United Way to fund a facilitator for a retreat or brainstorming session.

## WEBSITE

Donna distributed pages from the Website. She recommends we spend some money to get a new URL for a more manageable site. We agreed the names of all Commission and Committee members should be published on the site.

A discussion arose about the white papers. We decided it would be better to have a section titled "Resources" to include all relevant materials and resources.

Donna recommended that someone take responsibility for each section of the Website, so that information for each is passed on in a timely fashion to Tim, and so that all info is accurate and up-to-date. She suggested a Web sub-committee to divide up the tasks.

David agreed to write a brief introduction to each section listed on the Website. Cheryl will give Tim all Commission and Committee names, once available, and will also channel all other Web-related info to him.

## CONSULTANT

Dale heads this group, and will write a few lines about it for the Website. She had an interesting letter/email from Andrew Barnett with a brief synopsis about his approach, what information he would gather, and how he would use it.

## NEXT MEETING AND TOPIC

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 22, 3:30 p.m., Cranston PL.

Next meeting agenda: formalize consultant search process

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Farrell-Bergeron