Minutes of the Business Meeting

Saturday, October 23, 2010 | Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, Normal, Illinois

I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Paula Hickner.

II. Approval of the 2009 Meeting Minutes
The minutes of the 2009 meeting were printed in the January 2010 issue of Midwest Note-Book (vol. 18, no. 3). A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2009 minutes. The motion passed.

III. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report
As of October 20, 2010, our assets totaled $5,980.03. Currently the Retirees’ Fund is $1,114.89 and the Troutman Fund is $1,814.88. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary-Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

IV. Election Results
Kirstin Dougan was elected to the position of chapter chair. A total of 130 ballots were mailed. Thanks to Kirstin and Mary Huismann for their willingness to serve the chapter by running for this office!

V. Committee Reports
Cataloging Committee: James Procell reported that Grace Fitzgerald and Mary Huismann discussed their experiences with testing RDA. Mark Scharf gave a report on the progress of RDA from the American Library Association. Other issues discussed included the implementation of World Cat Local and other discovery tools at a number of institutions. James Procell was elected as the new chair of the Cataloging Committee.

Membership Committee: Sheri Stormes reported that the committee met with the Publications Committee to discuss changes to the MLA Midwest Chapter brochure. The committee is also planning to sponsor a contest to create a new logo for the chapter. Outreach activities from the past year and ideas for promoting chapter membership were also discussed. Passwords providing access to the chapter’s wiki (available at http://www.mlamidwest.org/links.html) can be obtained from Jennifer Matthews.

Public Services Committee: Kirstin Dougan reported that a directory of LibGuides and subject guides maintained by schools in the Midwest Chapter is now available online at http://uiuc.libguides.com/mwmla/. A survey about information commons conducted by Sheri Stormes will be published in the near future. Liz Berndt Morris was elected as the new chair of the Public Services Committee.

Publications Committee: Lynne Weber reported that an online election for chair of the committee will be conducted soon. Therese Dickman gave an update on the Oral History project. A-R Editions will be publishing the transcriptions and a compact disc containing excerpts from the interviews will also be included. Publication is planned for 2012. A few interviews still need to be transcribed. Updates on the Oral History project are available on the chapter wiki.

T.A.P.S. Committee: Emma Dederick reported on the tour of Illinois State University’s library and preservation lab. An update of the T.A.P.S. Web site is planned for the coming year.

Bylaws Committee: Beth Christensen reported that no changes are needed for the chapter’s Bylaws.

VI. Scholarship Awards
Six scholarships were awarded this year. Molly O’Brien (University of Louisville) was awarded the Troutman Scholarship; Nicole Long, Lindy Smith (both from University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Lauren Mikeal Parsons (Minnesota State University, Mankato), Anna Pranger (Indiana University), and Jonathan Werth (University of Iowa) were awarded the Retirees’ Scholarship. Congratulations!

VII. Old Business
There was no old business to discuss.

VIII. New Business
Sheri Stormes provided information about the next chapter meeting. It will be held at the War Memorial Plaza in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 27-29, 2011 and will be hosted by Butler University.

IX. Announcements
Tom Caw reminded members about the recent formation of the Music Library Student Group (MLSG) and encouraged members to spread the word about its activities to students in the chapter.

X. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Cochran, Secretary-Treasurer