ULA Board Meeting
June 11, 2010

Quorum is present with nine voting members present.

Welcome: Spackman. Get comfortable feeling like you don’t know what’s going on.

Introductions:

Training:

a. Theme: Andy Spackman Utah Libraries at the Core of our Communities. Libraries can and should be core to the democracies we enjoy in this nation. Spackman says, “I’d like us to focus on the core values and aspirations of our communities.” IE: jobseekers information needs. Demonstrate how we can provide for the direct need and draw the link to the higher-level value. This relates to ULA—should be at the core of the profession in our state.

b. Packet: Andy Spackman. Calendar, June 29th National Library Legislative Day; July 31st Due date for non-conference budget request. Summary of officers and responsibilities, send corrections to Josh Sorensen (joshsorensen@byu.edu); Officers directory, send corrections to Josh Sorensen (joshsorensen@byu.edu), Sorensen will send corrections to Neatrour for publication on website.

c. Rules of Order: Colleen Eggett. ULA is run by bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Order. Quorum is a simple majority; Majority rules but minority needs can be met. Only voting member can make motions and second them; Spackman: I don’t want the Rules Of Order constrain us to what we want to do, doesn’t see any reason why; Eggett: you can change the bylaws to reflect the opportunity for any board members to make motion, may want to consider folding in changes to bylaws—will leave it up to bylaws committee; Julian—can I designate a proxy to raise a motion? Eggett—no. Note: Color-tinted name tags designate voting members.

d. Conference planning: Pam Martin. Do any changes to conference made by conference committee have to have board approval? No.

e. MemberClicks Demonstration: Anna Neatrour (anna.neatrour@gmail.com). Send questions to Neatrour. Advanced search is most helpful; review of categories; system will recognize you by the email you signed up with;

f. Budgets: Ruby Cheesman. Non-conference budget: workshop, fall conference, brown bag seminars, forums—anything you do that doesn’t relate to the annual conference. Non-conference operational budget requests: office supplies, stamps, etc. Budget request forms will be on the website with correct due dates. Budget will available for access on the website. Surplus of conference ($12,823.76) goes back into the operation account

g. Program Board: Anna Zanarini. Trying really hard to not have conflicts, so please get schedules in ahead of time to communicate to memberships. Martin: what chairs are part of the program board? Zanarini: as per bylaws, all
round-tables, sections and committees that do any type of programming need to have a representative attend committee board meetings. Goals (coming year) and accomplishments (coming year) are due by July 31, 2010. October 1, conference proposals will be available to be made online. Chairs: submit reports, submit budgets, plan and coordinate conference and non-conference programs, communicate information to members, encourage communication and networking between members. Members look for emails from Zanarini.

h. Nominations: Spackman for Sarah Bosarge. Never too early to think about succession planning; good practice to provide Bosarge with healthy ballot.

Approval of Minutes form last meeting: Spackman. Debbie Short, motion to approve, Susanne Clement second. All in favor.

Items from Executive Committee: Spackman. Change in conference date for 2011: Spackman. Conflicts made it necessary to change dates. Freeman: academic librarians have difficulties getting to conferences in April. Martin: there is a conflict with a Medical Librarians conference. Pia Jones/ICM contract will be extended (terms and rates substantially the same). Murdoch: how do you assess performance? Spackman: financial review/outcome, performance is reviewed by executive committee much like other it evaluates other. Fletcher: What does ICM do? Schedules and negotiates contracts with vendors and hospitalities, handles the logistical aspects of registration process. ICM is local. Cheesman: motion to approve ICM contract extension. Short: second. Motion is unanimously approved.

ELECTING A MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO SERVE ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Spackman. Adriane Juarez has been nominated. Tillson: move to vote; Clement second. Vote: unanimous.

New ULA website: Neatrou. Summary of website: Neatrou. Use a content management system to run website. Suggest using Drupal (drupal.org) hosted at lishost.org. Drupal not overly user friendly but it lets you define userables with various degrees of access capabilities: i.e. set up log in for each section or roundtable to have web pages and blogs. As is, administrator would have to approve changes to site. Chairs of sections would have logins and would pass those login information along to incoming chairs. Timeframe: start working with lishost asap, put old content on new site in July, work with putting up new content shortly after. Cost is $130/year, we are currently paying $99. Motion to accept website proposal: Short. Second: Tillson. All in favor: unanimous in favor.

Treasurer’s Report: Steve Pfeiffer. Use PO Box to turn in receipts.

Making motions and seconding motions by non-voting members: Spackman. We can give non-voting members the ability to make motions and second motions if a voting member makes the motion, a voting member seconds it and the voting members agree to allow it. Discussion: some bodies require motions to be on agendas, potential for controversy, making this an experiment for 2010 and review policy at the end of the year to see if association wants to move on, it fosters healthy organization, the board
could reserve the right to rescind the right to move. Make the motion to go through one-year trial (end at 2011 Conference) allowing non-voting members the authority to make motion and second motion: Susanne Julian. Second: Mike Freeman. Vote is unanimous by voting members.

Seed money for Conference: Spackman. There is sufficient revenue from this years conference ($12,823) to earmark for 2011 conference. Motion to set aside seed money for conference: Short. Second: Murdoch. Motion unanimously approved.

2010 Conference Report: Greg Hatch. A 25-page report will be emailed to board members. Successes: conscious effort to retain balance between types of libraries and services within libraries; lunch speakers were great; virtual conference experiment (there were pros and cons to virtual conference); distance to St. George wasn’t too much of an obstacle; ad revenue was higher that previous year; initial feedback from conference attendees was highly favorable. Recommendations are included in full report. Murdoch: how do you use registration stats to form future Conferences? Hatch: we rely on attendee feedback to influence proposal acceptance.

Section Reports
a. Academic: Elizabeth Smart. Looking to take advantage of fall conference, investigating virtual training and improve communication.
c. School: Hopkins. Get more school librarians involved, conference was very applicable.
d. Special: Clement. Working on getting people involved, diverse group with many interests.

Utah State Library Report: Steve Matthews. Representatives spoke to state legislation to discuss importance and need of State Library; still incurred cuts but were bearable. Joint Trustees Regional Conferences response was very positive; would like to continue. State Library appreciates ULA’s support. 500 public library trustees throughout the state that constitute a potential large membership in ULA. LSTA

ALA Chapter Councilor Report: Debbie Short. Nothing to report now; check blog for updates.

MPLA report: Dorothy Horan (via telephone). Thanks for getting MPLA president in to ULA. Free MPLA memberships will be announced. Dates for MPLA next year: April 6-9 2011 in Billings, Montana.

Committee Reports
b. Continuing Education: Connie Lamb. Sponsored four sessions at Conference. Fall workshop coming up at Brigham City library on September 24, 2010.
Contact Connie Lamb (connie_lamb@byu.edu) in the next couple weeks if you’re interested in getting something on the program.


d. Bylaws: Spackman.

e. Awards: Spackman for Whitchurch. Whitchurch will be rewriting rewards

Roundtable reports:

YARD: October 1 Youth Services Conference
HART: June 25, meeting at South Jordan on disaster prepardness.
Leibhardt: Paraprofessional Board awarded 5 certificates.

Other:

Spackman: reminder of theme, think of core values of constituents. Charge to be “front-seat” volunteers rather than “back-seat.”

Motion to adjurn

Next Meeting: September 17, 2010, 1-2:30 p.m., Whitmore Library Auditorium.