

**LITA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**2008 Midwinter Meeting, Philadelphia**

**MINUTES**

Saturday, January 12, 2008, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
President Mark Beatty, presiding

Board members present: Mark Beatty, Bonnie Postlethwaite, Andrew Pace, Colby Riggs, David Bretthauer, Debra Shapiro, Michelle Frisque, Mary Alice Ball, Karen Starr, Jonathan Rothman, Susan Logue, Clara Ruttenberg, Mary Taylor

Staff present: Valerie Edmonds, Melissa Prentice

Guests Present: Aaron Dobbs, Charles Katz, Christine Watkins, Deidre Ross

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Call to order, introduction of guests

Charles Katz, ALA Executive Board and BARC Liaison to LITA

- Reported on a number of items including: ALA membership is up; task force for e-member participation has been created; school library advocacy

Approval of Consent Agenda including:

Confirmation of email votes taken since the last Board meeting:

- Approving 2009 Nominating Committee appointments;
- Approving 2007 Annual Conference Board Minutes;
- Approving change in the 2008 Slate for Director at Large

Accept the following reports:

- President's Report (B2008-7)
- Vice President's Report (B2008-6)
- Executive Director's Report (B2008-4)
- FY2007 Final Budget Report (B2008-3)
- FY2008 First Quarter Report (B2008-2)

**(MOTION 1, PACE/SHAPIRO move to approve Consent Agenda; motion carried)**

Discussion of draft FY2009 budget (B2008-1)

**(MOTION 2, FRISQUE/PACE move to approve the FY2009 draft budget with the amendment that we will add additional money to support a "sandbox" for Web CC projects and the duties of the LITA Web Manager; motion carried)**

Annual Review of Emerging Leaders program and level of funding

Mark Beatty recommends:

- Sponsoring more than one Emerging Leader or developing a LITA-level Emerging Leader program
- Thinking about a more coordinated way to develop LITA program proposals for Emerging Leaders
- Discussing further at ALA Annual in Anaheim

**(MOTION 3, FRISQUE/RIGGS move that LITA will fund and sponsor an additional Emerging Leader should ALA offer the opportunity; motion carried)**

Christine Watkins, Non-profit Consultant, ALA

Presented information and brochure on the ALA Planned Giving Initiative

LITA Camp

Mark Beatty reported:

- The conference is aimed at technology middle managers
- Participants will set the agenda and develop the presentations
- The Ad hoc group has been formed into a Task Force with Michelle Boule as chair; Task Force charge:

LITA Camp Task Force will work with the LITA Office and Executive Committee (serving as the steering committee for the Camp) to plan, organize, and produce an annual event. The Purpose of the Camp is to provide a beta program of another venue for people involved or interested in Library IT to discuss issues. The Task Force will evaluate and report on the Camp and “proof of concept.”

**(MOTION 4, BALL/BRETTTHAUER move to make the LITA Camp Task Force official; motion carried)**

Vendor Survey Joint Project with ALA Conference Services and LITA Board

Deidre Ross, director, ALA Conference Services discussed her work with Michelle Frisque and the LITA Board

- Purpose of the survey was to get data determining what types of hardware and software members are using, so that ALA can get those vendors to exhibit; over 400 people responded to the survey
- Many of the companies mentioned are already exhibiting at ALA, though they exhibit through distributors that often change with each city.
- Vendors will be listed in the Exhibitor Guide under both the company name and the distributor name.

Strategic Plan—Assessment and Research

Mark Beatty, Andrew Pace and Bonnie Postlethwaite

- Workshop held on Friday, January 11 addressed the development of a LITA Research Agenda; report on the workshop will be forthcoming from Robin Wedewer; Assessment and Research Committee will consider next steps.

meeting continued at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2008

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Monday, January 14, 2008, 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
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Staff present: Valerie Edmonds, Melissa Prentice

Guest: Rob Carlson, Jenny Levine, Sherri Vanyek, Charles Husbands, Camila Alire, Emily Sheketoff, Alan Inouye

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ALA Code of Ethics report

Charles Husbands, LITA Representative to ALA Professional Ethics Committee

- Presenting ALA code of ethics report, though it will not likely be voted on, it is being “put on the radar” of ALA council; LITA Board will wait to vote until the final language is decided.

ALA ITTS Update

Prework: ITTS Update for Web Advisory Committee (B2008-5); or see the ITTS Update blog at <http://blogs.ala.org/ittsupdate.php>

Sherri Vanyek, director; Rob Carlson, manager Web Development; Jenny Levine, Internet specialist/strategy guide, ALA ITTS, updated the LITA Board on the following ITTS initiatives:

- ALA Online Communities integrated into new “my ALA” through Dreamhost: allows members to build a profile so that applicable info is pushed to them; more features integrated into online communities; groups formed based on interest and expertise; will also integrate MediaWiki and Wordpress
- Online learning software including Sentra; E-meeting and virtual classroom software, including OPAL and Moodle
- Web site redesign: planning to be live with new design by Annual Conference; working on a principal style guide to be applied to divisions’ sites

Announcements, introduction of guests

ALA Council

Colby Riggs, Councilor

- ALA received the Verizon Literacy and Gaming grant of \$1 million
- Susan Jacobson, chair LITA Legislation and Regulation Committee, presented “Deliberative Dialog Report;” ALCTS will coordinate a reply

LITA Bylaws and Organization

Clara Ruttenberg, committee chair

- Bylaws Committee is reviewing the awards and scholarship committees’ charges
- Bylaws Committee charge was updated with minor wording changes in LITA Manual Section 6, Board approval needed

**(MOTION 5: BYLAWS COMMITTEE moves to approve the change in charge for the LITA Education Committee; motion carried)**

**(MOTION 6: BYLAWS COMMITTEE moves to approve the renewal of the Electronic Resources Management (ERM) Interest Group; motion carried)**

**(MOTION 7: BYLAWS COMMITTEE moves to approve changes to Bylaws Committee charge in LITA Manual, section 6; motion carried)**

2007 National Forum held in Denver, CO, October 4-7

Bonnie Postlethwaite

- 386 total attendance
- Committee successfully tried incorporating new sessions: 5 minute madness and a last-minute program on WorldCat Local
- Flash drives for program content were well received.

2008 National Forum to be held in Cincinnati, OH, October 16-19

Mark Beatty

- The Committee received more than 80 proposals; 60 is typical.
- In an effort to incorporate as many good ideas as possible, the Committee is in the process of creating panels for some of the concurrent session slots.
- Keynote speakers are Michael Porter, Siva Vaidhyanathan, R. David Lankes

Board liaisons' reports on Committees where received:

Dave Bretthauer: Program Planning; Annual Conference Programs and Preconferences

- 16 programs; 3 preconferences
- tabled for final approval: list of programs will be reviewed when available

Michelle Frisque: Publications

**(MOTION 8: PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE moves to approve Robert McDonald as acquisitions editor for LITA publications; motion carried)**

ALA Presidential Candidate Camila Alire

- Presented her platform to the LITA Board; distributed campaign literature

ALA Washington Office Update

Emily Sheketoff, Executive Director

- Distributed materials addressing a variety of issues

ALA Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP)

Alan Inouye, OITP Director

- Reported on current activities and future plans of the Office for Information Technology Policy

**(MOTION 9: POSTLETHWAITE/ROTHMAN move to adjourn meeting; motion carried)**

*Adjournment*