

**American Library Association
Annual Conference, Orlando**

**Video Round Table
Membership Meeting**

**Monday, June 28, 2004
Hilton Garden Inn, Key Biscayne Room
9:30am**

1. Greetings, introductions, and call to order – Carleton Jackson, chair
2. Additions to the agenda
 - a. ALA rep – Jordan Scepaniski of Zayed University in the United Emirates was in attendance. He is ALA chapter representative for 12 of the round tables. Jordan briefly commented on what the hot topics had been at the ALA council meeting.
 - b. Film Literature Index – Kris Brancolini and Michelle Dalmau
 - i. Reprising their presentation at the Film and Broadcast Studies meeting, Kris and Michelle shared handouts about the database of the Film Literature Index that Indiana University created with permission from the publisher. Publisher is now being difficult about the subscription model. Kris said that at IU, they had hoped to make the back issues freely available, but publisher now disagrees. It was suggested that current and potential subscribers contact the publisher to comment on need for the database, and at a reasonable cost. Publisher's e-mail is fatdoc@albany.edu
3. Distribution, corrections and approval of 2004 Midwinter Minutes – Mary Laskowski
 - a. Minutes distributed. Additions or corrections should be e-mailed to Mary at mkschnei@uiuc.edu
 - b. Incoming secretary, Barb Bergman, is taking the minutes because Mary has to leave early.
4. Treasurer's Report – Nell Chenault/ Mary Konkel
 - a. Detailed treasurer's report distributed. Current balance is \$8,237.82
 - b. Sunday's gala cost us only around \$2,500 for food and drink, as the Washington Office covered the speaker and room costs.
 - c. Mary Konkel the new treasurer, as Nell moves into the Chair position.
5. Chair & Vice-chair reports – Carleton Jackson & Nell Chenault
 - a. Thanks to Lisbeth for handling the Gala organization
 - b. Thanks to Nell for putting together Sunday's VRT program. Powerpoint, etc, from presentations will be added to the website.
6. Membership Report – Mary Laskowski

- a. New membership chair is needed as Mary Laskowski will be vice-chair (chair elect).
 - b. ALA membership marketing manage contacted VRT. They are interested in helping promote the VRT. Interest is apparently because of comments on recent ALA survey responses.
 - c. New membership brochures are needed. It was suggested that this would be a good time to do a new design. Lisbeth Goldberg and Lori Stevens will work on a re-design. Others encouraged to help as well.
 - d. Supply of the “Play” buttons is still good, but CD openers are almost gone. CD cleaners were suggested as a different option.
 - e. It was suggested that T-shirts be considered also. We will look into possibility of selling through the ALA store.
7. Publicist/Newsletter Report – Lisbeth Goldberg
- a. At the last meeting, it was agreed that there would be no more than 2 newsletters per year. Ended up publishing one newsletter plus the conference pocket guide to media-related programs.
 - b. General praise for the usefulness of the pocket guide.
8. Webmaster Report – Cecilia Hurt
- a. URLs should now all work. Everyone encouraged to review the website to look for problems or omissions.
 - b. Cecilia had question about the format for listing of the Notable Videos list. Has been inconsistent. Lori Stevens will review which format is the one used for Booklist. It was agreed that an alphabetical list of all Notables would be handy now that there are several years worth.
 - c. VRT listserv – plans to create a listserv for VRT members hit a glitch since Cecilia has changed jobs and no longer has access to UNT’s system. A couple people mentioned that their universities allow off-campus access for listserv moderators that would not be dependent upon having continued employment there. They will discuss with Cecilia.
9. Notable Videos for Adults Chair Report – Lori Stevens
- a. Thanks to Rue Herbert for her years as Notables chair.
 - b. Nominations for notables due by the end of October.
 - c. Reviewed nomination criteria and that the definition of “notable” it does not necessarily mean the best or most unique. Mentioned that comic and/or animated titles are welcome. Recent nominations have mostly been on serious topics.
10. Liaisons
- a. ACRL – Mary Konkel
 - i. President’s program is today.
 - b. ACRL ARTS FABLDG – none
 - c. ALA – Danielle Alderson is our liaison
 - d. CCUMC – Cecilia Hurt and Carleton

- i. Conference at end of October. Cecilia mentioned that conference proposal's being accepted.
- e. ICF/OIF – none
- f. IFLA – our current representative is continuing, but we could use a backup. If interested, talk to Carleton
- g. PLA AV – Adele Bellinger
 - i. Program was yesterday. It was a roundtable discussion format. Unfortunately, the AV discussion group was also scheduled at the same time. Next summer's program will be on Audiobooks.
- h. RTCA – Carleton Jackson continues to represent VRT at the Round Table meetings.
- i. NMRT – Meghann Matwichuk has volunteered through NMRT to be liaison to VRT, so therefore vice versa. NMRT has expressed interest in having someone from VRT say a few words at their orientation, but it is usually at the same time as the Gala.
- j. NMM – Carleton shared dates and information about the Media Market.
- k. OLAC – Mary Konkel shared that theirs is always a working meeting and will be in Montreal this year.
- l. YASL films – none
- m. Other
 - i. Freedom to Read foundation – We need to continue to advocate for our Freedom to View statement. Cecilia will serve as our representative.

11. New Business – Nell

- a. Thanks to Carleton for his work as Chair.
- b. Passed around drafts of Intellectual Freedom Policies and the Freedom to View. Suggestion to Nell.
- c. Mid-winter in Boston – Discussion leader needed for Digital Media Group.
- d. Program 2005 Chicago
 - i. Topic ideas tossed around included media cataloging (FRBR); future of digital video, and media in public programs.
 - ii. Use of videos, etc, in library programming seemed like it would have the broadest interest.
 - iii. Lori Stevens and Mark Sober will co-chair planning committee. Cecilia Hurt also volunteered. Others are welcome to volunteer.
- e. Gala 2005 Chicago
 - i. Mary Konkel, Sally Mason-Robinson, and Steve Brantley are on the committee.
 - ii. Ideas for venues included Facets or the new Gene Siskel Theater. Possibility of getting Roger Ebert (or Roeper) as speaker was suggested. Milos at Facets will be contacted even if we don't opt for the Facets movie house.
- f. Future conferences

- i. Joe Clark will be our point man when 2006 annual is in New Orleans.
- ii. There are lots of possibilities for the 2007 gala in Washington D.C., including the American Film Institute building.

Meeting adjourned 12:45 p.m.