

**American Library Association
Video Round Table
Minutes
January 21, 2002**

- I. Gary Handman called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.
- II. **Reading and Approval of the Minutes**—The minutes from the 2001 Annual Conference meeting in San Francisco were approved without change.
- III. **By-laws revision**—Nell Chenault and Mike Boedicker are working on updating the VRT by-laws. Their proposed changes will be presented via the VRT Newsletter and will be discussed at the Annual meeting in Atlanta.
- IV. **2004 Annual Program (Toronto)**—Ann Lindell from ACRL ARTS presented their plan for a program in Toronto, working with the National Film Board of Canada and people from the Toronto Film Festival. The suggestion was made to have this program merge into or blend with VRT's Gala held at the NFBC Theater. Ann said ARTS can help with some funding for the program.
 - a. Oksana Dykyj from Concordia University might be a contact person.
 - b. Possible title—"A Declaration of Independents: Independent Filmmakers in Canada.
 - c. ARTS would also help publicize the gala.
- V. **Liaison Reports**
 - a. CCDA/OLAC—Mary Konkell.
 - i. Mary reported on changes and issues being addressed by these groups. OLAC is scheduled to have its annual conference in St. Paul MN September 26-28. They will be offering a program on basic video and electronic resources cataloging. They are also scheduled to release their report focusing on DVDs in June.
 - ii. OCLC will be converting to a web-based cataloging interface.
 - iii. Library of Congress had not been receiving mail since October 17, 2001 and now all of their mail is being irradiated. The National Audiovisual Conservation Center is scheduled to occupy its new facility in May 2004.
 - iv. Conventional Terminology Task Force—ALCTS
 - v. AACR2 will be revised. There is talk about putting it in a loose-leaf format with annual updates distributed electronically.
 - b. PLA AV Committee—Adele Bellinger.
 - i. PLA AV is putting together a new website. Mike Boedicker is acting as webmaster for the project.
 - ii. 9th Annual conference is schedule for Phoenix where they will be discussing their media survey

- iii. YALSA's program for Annual will focus on spoken word on tape for teenagers. PLA AV is cosponsoring.
 - iv. PLA AV's program for annual "Let there be music: public performance."
 - v. Program for 2003—basic media librarianship. This program will encompass more than videos, including sound recordings and other media formats. VRT members may be approached for participation and assistance. It is important that the VRT and PLA AV programs do not conflict.
- c. New Members Round Table—Becky Albitz is still contacting new ALA members and library school students via NMRT's programs and web site.

VI. New Business

- a. Guidelines for archival selection—Paula Murphy requested VRTs assistance in the creation of guidelines for media archival selection. There was discussion about the evolving nature of media and which formats would be considered the format of record.
- i. Round Tables are not able to create guidelines, but could issue professional recommendations.
 - ii. Might be an opportunity to have a program focusing on preservation issues.
 - iii. Use the VRT website to point to other groups already focusing on media archival issues and other standards and guidelines already available through AMIA and ALCTS.
- b. Gala 2002 in Atlanta—Lisbeth Goldberg outlined the gala plans for Annual conference.
- i. Scheduled for Sunday, June 16, 2002 in the Fox Theatre Grand Salon and Terrace, right across the street from the Georgia Terrace, an ALA conference hotel
 - ii. 5:30-6 tours around the theatre will be provided
 - iii. 6:00-7:45 Cocktail Buffet dinner and cash bar
 - iv. 7:45 Local Filmmaker (Gary Moss) will speak
 - v. 9-9:30 Door prizes
 - vi. Suggestions included adding music to the gala, and making sure there were table tents, a table for vendor information, etc. All thanked Lisbeth profusely for her excellent, hard work in putting this gala together.
- c. NVR/ALA Public Programs program at Annual—VRT was asked to cosponsor their program at annual. Co-sponsorship was approved without discussion.
- d. Digital Media Discussion Forum—developing such a discussion group might attract a wide variety of people to VRT and would address some critical changes in our profession. Scheduling a no-conflict time would be the challenge. The suggestion was made that the group meet at midwinter conference only during the lunch hour on Saturdays, or that part of one of the business meeting be devoted to such a discussion (last our of the first

meeting). LITA, and other ALA groups, might be interested in getting involved.

- e. VRT Award/Scholarship—Rue Herbert and Rick Provine have been investigating what other awards are available. Most do not have monetary rewards attached to them. There was discussion about the various approaches VRT could take—scholarship or award. Which option is selected will depend on our goals. The scholarship option proved to be more appealing, as one goal is to attract more librarians to media librarianship. Pursuing this might include:
 - i. An award to attend conference, with the recipient asked to write an article for the newsletter discussing the conference.
 - ii. Setting a dollar limit and requesting receiptsThe group voted to establish a conference scholarship. Mike Boedicker will chair a subcommittee that will include Mary Laskowski, Steve Brantley, Carleton Jackson, Mark Sober and Cecilia Hurt. The group was charged with coming up for procedures and an administrative process that will be discussed at Annual.
- f. Publications—how can we fully exploit our publications? The establishment of an editorial board was suggested to help shape the web site. Lisbeth agreed to spearhead a coordination effort among all involved in VRT publications and requested that half an hour be set aside during the Executive Committee meeting at all upcoming conferences so subcommittees could have an opportunity to meet.
- g. ALA Graphics Media Posters—This issue was tabled, as Randy Pitman was going to investigate.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Albitz, acting Secretary