

**American Library Association
Mid-Winter Conference, Boston**

**Video Round Table
Membership Meeting**

**Saturday, January 15, 2005 9:30am-11:30am, Omni Parker House
Monday, January 17, 9:30am-12:30pm, Westin Hotel**

1. Greetings, introductions, and call to order – Nell Chenault, chair & Mary Laskowski, vice-chair
2. Additions to the agenda –none
3. Distribution, corrections and approval of 2004 Annual Minutes – Barb Bergman
 - a. Minutes approved. Will be sent to Cecilia for posting.
4. Treasurer’s Report –Mary Konkel
 - a. Detailed treasurer’s report distributed. Balance as of November 30 was \$10,012.22.
 - b. Annual gala cost us only around \$2,500 for food and drink, as the Washington Office covered the speaker and room costs.
 - c. Our main income is from dues.
 - d. Equipment is our main conference expense. Since charges are per day, Notables committee may change to meeting one full day instead of 2 ½-days.
 - e. Suggested budget for next year increased conference equipment rental to reflect actual cost, but decreases allocation for postage and speaker honorarium.
 - f. Regarding events such as the gala, ALA expects conference events to make a profit, not just break even. A consideration if we ever decided to have ALA promote and handle ticketing for a gala.
5. Chair & Vice-chair reports –Nell Chenault & Mary Laskowski
 - a. Opinions on recent “Librarian: Quest for the Spear” movie were asked for.
 - b. Nell shared that she would be talked to Sharon Golding from Media Rights.org (Media That Matters). They would like to increase outreach to members and ALA units.
 - c. ALA Development office is being supportive of Round Tables, but we have only one representative on the ALA council and he speaks for 8 round tables.
 - d. A VRT members listserv is set up. vrt@ala.org
6. MembershipReport – Mary Laskowski
 - a. New membership chair is needed to replace Mary Laskowski. Meghann Matwichuk volunteered.
 - b. Membership statistics for 2001-2004 were distributed. As of August 2004, there were 264 personal members, 12 institutional. Personal members are slightly up, while institutional members have decreased.

7. Publicist/Newsletter Report – Lisbeth Goldberg
 - a. There was no Fall newsletter, but there will be a Winter edition. Ideas for articles were solicited. Committee chairs and liaisons were asked to submit a paragraph or two within a week.
 - b. Group decided that newsletter will go electronic after the next issue. The Media Map pocket guide for Annual will still be printed as hard copy.

8. Webmaster Report – Cecilia Hurt
 - a. Group agreed that website should be updated after each conference – event information should be moved to a Past Events page.

9. Notable Videos for Adults Chair Report – Lori Stevens
 - a. 42 nominations were received.
 - b. Committee is trying a new ranking/rating system that will provide more quantitative results
 - c. *Booklist* is publishing the Notables in the February 15 issue (earlier than usual). Therefore, annotations have to be turned in by the end of the conference.
 - d. Discussed whether committee’s schedule needs to be changed for next year to accommodate ALA press releases – other awards are announced Sunday, while Notables not finalized until Monday.
 - e. Reviewed make up of committee. Thanks to all for their hard work.

10. Liaisons
 - a. ALA Council – Jordan Scepanski.
 - i. Recent discussion of problems of round table representation (he represents 8). Not all RTs are the same size. Representation may be restructured.
 - ii. There is a proposal for a sliding dues structure based on income.
 - b. ACRL FABS – Julie Williamson
 - i. Now has website on ACRL’s
 - c. ALA – Danielle Alderson is our liaison
 - d. CCUMC –Carleton Jackson
 - e. ICF/OIF – Cecilia Hurt
 - i. Cecilia survived the 8 hour meeting
 - ii. There is a petition circulating that protests the library aspects of the Patriot Act
 - iii. There is a new intellectual freedom manual. There will be a program in Chicago
 - iv. Suggestion for banned books week – create a banned films display or list. Meghann, Mark, and Mary L. volunteered to compile
 - f. IFLA – George Abbot –
 - i. nominations for representatives are due in February. We can have up to 2 audio-visual reps on 2-year terms.

- ii. IFLA has a new secretary general
- iii. IFLA has created its own multimedia guidelines. Available on the web.
- iv. Moving Image Collections Database may be expanded beyond US and Canada.
- g. PLA AV – Adele Bellinger
 - i. 8 people attended the PLA AV discussion on downloadable audio.
 - ii. Next summer’s program will be on Audiobooks, “Hear, hear”
 - iii. New Orleans program will be on the anatomy of an audiobook
 - iv. PARS plans to have an audio preservation program in Chicago.
- h. RTCC – Nell & Mary
- i. NMRT – Meghann Matwichuk
 - i. Update on recent NMRT activities. Had program on “How to get things done when not in charge”
- j. NMM – Carleton shared dates and information about the Media Market.
- k. OLAC – Mary Konkell reported on OLAC conference.
- l. Other
 - i. Diane Kachmar – lead Media Discussion group on Sunday. 8 attended. Main topic was how to purchase DVDs

11. Old business

- a. Program 2004 – Nell
 - i. Orlando’s “Dead Media Walking” program regarding video preservation went well. Still need to add information, handouts, etc, to website for posterity.
- b. Gala 2004 – Lisbeth
 - i. Screening of “Willful Infringement” with Copyright Office in place of Gala worked well.
- c. VRT conference scholarship –
 - i. Is doable but has to be called an “award” not a scholarship to avoid having to endow. Minimum is \$1,000, plus 20% as \$200 payment to ALA for marketing. ALA Development committee will work with VRT to solicit donations.
 - ii. Mark K, Mary L, with Meghann and Carleton will form work group to get award in place
- d. By laws – need to be reviewed

12. New Business – Nell

- a. ACRL Guidelines – Carleton Jackson
 - i. Carleton is on a task force to review the Guidelines for Media Resources in Academic Libraries. Group agreed that review is good, but did not feel that there will be a need to start over. There will be a hearing-type discussion in Chicago.
- b. Strategic Planning – ALA & VRT – Nell
 - i. Kris Brancolini, Mike Boedicker, and Carleton Jackson will work on.
- c. Program 2005 Chicago

- i. Lori Stevens and Mark Sober are co-chairing planning committee. Cecilia Hurt also volunteered.
 - ii. Use of videos, etc, in library programming seemed like it would have the broadest interest, so program will be “Show me the movie.” Several speakers are arranged; additional speaker possibilities were suggested. Usual timeslot of Sunday from 1:30-3:30 has been requested.
- d. Gala 2005 Chicago
 - i. Mary Konkel, Sally Mason-Robinson, and Steve Brantley are on the committee.
 - ii. Mary Konkel visited the Gene Siskel Film Center and spoken to them about options for the gala. She shared photos and other information. We would have use of the gallery for mingling and of one of the theaters. Mary feels that it is a good facility, and rates are reasonable. Group agreed to proceed with this venue. Possibility of getting Roger Ebert (or Roeper) as speaker was suggested. Milos at Facets will be contacted to see if he has ideas/connections. Jessica Rosner volunteered to check with her contacts in Chicago.
 - iii. Sally Mason-Robinson is retiring. Gala may include some honor for her as past VRT chair.
- e. Future conferences / galas
 - i. 2006 - Joe Clark will be our local arrangements person when 2006 annual is in New Orleans.
 - ii. 2007 – Discussed sponsoring a pre-conference at the 2007 Annual conference in Washington, D.C. Lisbeth Goldberg suggested a program by the center for Social Media at American University. Professors there can talk about copyright, fair use, usage rights, etc. Group agreed that this sounded like a good possibility. Lisbeth will chair planning committee. Marc Sober, Mary Konkel, and Diane Kachmar will assist.
 - iii. Nell shared that Becky Albitz (former VRTer) has told her that the ALA Copyright Committee is planning to have a conference program at Annual. Possibility that we could be a co-sponsor.
 - iv. Group agreed that we would still want to do a VRT program in 2006 even if we work with Copyright Office on theirs.
- f. Misc.
 - i. Digital media discussion group will need a leader at Mid-winter next year.
 - ii. Passed around drafts of Intellectual Freedom Policies and the Freedom to View. Suggestions to Nell.
 - iii. Nell shared information about a proposal to form a discussion group to with a focus on information commons -- a broad area that covers topics such as fair use and information as knowledge. ALA members must petition to create this group. Petition form was passed for members to sign.