The meeting was called to order at 8 A.M., President Peggy Danhof presiding.

Also present: Rose Mosley, Don Roalkvam, Claire Gritzer, Shirley Bruursema, and Sally Reed (executive director).

Leadership Training: Danhof reported that agenda and evaluations are available for it and Vic Johnson will be heading the session. Danhof suggested that the program planning committee might want to discuss whether to have leadership training in Washington DC.

Discussion on committees and Chicago Agenda/Programs: Danhof reported that there is currently no existing development committee but development might be merged into the Foundation section or Corporate Friends section of ALTAFF. Awards committee meets this afternoon. Danhof urged that we find recipients for the awards – especially the Gale award.

Nominations and Committees: Don Roalkvam reported the following are on the ballot for trustee at large: Gail Guidry Griffin and Tanya T. Butler. On the ballot for Trustee Section Chair-Elect are Mable W. Robertson and Donna McDonald. On the ballot for Division Councilor are Donald L. Roalkvam and Shirley Ann Bruursema. At this meeting the nominating committee will look toward filling trustee openings but ALTAFF will need to pull together a more comprehensive nominating committee that includes corporate members, friends, and trustees. The next committee will also have to nominate two candidates for president elect (to follow Rod Gauvin). There is an opening for publication cluster chair. Although staff will be doing most of the publishing, ALTAFF will still need someone who will work with staff to help develop ideas for content.

Recent Appointments: Danhof reported that Skip Mosshammer, who is very knowledgeable about trustees including legal aspects, is interested in being on the publications committee but not as chair. Mabel Robinson has been appointed to the Intellectual Freedom committee. Meredith Brownfield has been appointed as chair to fill a recent vacancy on the President’s Program committee. Terry Higgins and Patricia Owens were appointed to the Leadership Development committee. These appointments are through ALA year 2009. Don Roalkvam reported that no one has come forth to be a State/Regional Representatives. Clair suggested that the best way to recruit is one on one.

Executive Session was voted at 8:55 A.M. to discuss personnel issues. The Executive Committee came out of session at 9:10 A.M. and adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally G. Reed, Acting Executive Director
ASSOCIATION FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEES AND ADVOCATES

Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, January 24, 2009, 9:25-10 a.m.
Colorado Convention Center

MINUTES

President: Peggy Danhof called the meeting to order at 9:25 A.M.

Other Board members present included: Donald Roalkvam, G. Victor Johnson, Claire B. Gritzer, Rose Mosley, Shirley A. Bruursema, Sharon Salmon, Jane Rowland, and Nann B. Hilyard. Sally G. Reed, Executive Director.

Visitors: Debby Miller, Terry K. Higgins, Gwendolyn B. Welch, Mable W. Robertson, Gail G. Griffin, Nell Allen, Dora U. Sims, Meredith Bromfield, Kathy Spindel, Joan Ross Reeves, Ann Fabrizio, and Marguerite Ritchey.

Minutes: Moved by Sharon Salmon and seconded by Vic Johnson to approve the minutes from the annual Conference in Anaheim, CA. June 2008.

President’s Report: Danhof discussed her President’s Program for the annual conference in Chicago. Her guest speaker will be best-selling author Debbie Macomber and will be titled, “Let’s Put a Little Romance in our Lives.” In addition, Danhof reported that the opening general session for ALTAFF will focus on advocacy and will also include a presentation by Pierrette Simpson who did research and wrote about the Andrea Doria. Danhof recognized Kent Oliver who is a candidate for ALA President. He addressed the board about his qualifications and his vision for ALA and trustees and advocates and asked to for the Board’s vote. Rose Mosley reported on the ALTAFF budget and talked about her planned agenda as ALTAFF president. Her theme will center around learning how to face and embrace the changes that we are about to face as ALTAFF. Strong advocacy will be a hallmark. Rose will be spending her year before and during her tenure learning everything she can about ALTAFF. She appealed to all those present to help her make a success of her presidential year.

Regional Programming: Claire Gritzer reported that the state representatives have not been selected and that there will be no meetings this midwinter for state and regional programming. Claire emphasized the importance of one-on-one outreach.

ALA Council Report: Shirley Bruursema reported that the main issue for council is on electronic participation for ALA members. There are still outstanding questions such as how this fits with the open meeting policy, about validity of phone votes, etc. On the other side, this could increase participation by those who cannot afford to attend conferences.

Executive Director’s Report: Reed reported that ALTAFF will become official on February 1, 2009 and that the entire year will be one of transition for the organization both for staff and for members. Reed noted that the transition documents are currently on the ALTA website and will be on the ALTAFF website once that site is up and running – probably in early spring.

Other Business: Danhof reported that the President’s Dinner was very successful. Approximately 40 attended. It was a great social event and everyone really enjoyed it. Danhof noted that $335 was raised in a raffle to benefit the Division. Danhof reported that she will be co-president with Peggy Barber (FOLUSA) for the duration of her term. Nann Blain Hilyard reported that PLA is facing major restructuring changes – even more radical than those faced by ALTA/ALTAFF. Nann does not, therefore, have the depth of information that she has had in the past but will have more at our next meeting. Gail Griffin reported on the PLA program submission from ALTAFF for the 2010 conference. This program will focus on trustee education and certification. She has not yet heard back from PLA on whether the program has been accepted.

Public Q&A: None.

Meeting adjourned at 10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally G. Reed, Acting Executive Director
President: Peggy Danhof called the meeting to order at 10:30.

Board Members present in addition to President Danhof: Claire B. Grizter, Rose Mosley, Shirley Bruursema, and Sally G. Reed (staff).

Visitors Present: Mable W. Robertson, Marguerite Ritchey, Gail G. Griffin, Gwendolyn B. Welch, Jane Rowland and Dora U. Sims.

New Business - President Danhof reported:
1. All committee reports have been turned in except Advocacy and Legislation.
2. The new condensed ALA conferences will mean changes for ALTAFF meetings and committee meetings and will have to schedule accordingly.
3. Opening Session at annual conference 2009 will include Awards, Advocacy program by a local legislator, and Perette Simpson who wrote about the Andrea Doria.
4. The President’s Program will feature best-selling author Debbie Macomber.

There was general discussion about the revival of the Advocacy Honor Roll – no action was taken.

Danhof asked all ALTA members running for office to be sure that their biographical information and position statements be entered in the ALA system, iMIS, as soon as possible.

Moved by Joan Ress Reeves:
➢ That ALTA endorse a resolution to stay the requirement that all items designed for children (including books in the library) be tested for lead prior to being available to children. The motion passed.

➢ That ALTA endorses a resolution reauthorizing LSTA. The motion passed.

➢ That ALTA endorses a memorial resolution for Clayborne Pell who supported every major library legislation issue while serving in Congress from 1974-1996. The motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Gardner Reed, Acting Executive Director
President: Peggy Danhof called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

Board Members present in addition to the President Danhof: Donald Roalkvam, G. Victor Johnson, Claire B. Gritzer, Rose Mosley, Shirley A. Bruursema, Sharon Saulmon, Jane Rowland, Nann Hilyard and Sally G. Reed (staff).

Visitors Present: Debby Miller, Terry K. Higgins, Gwendolyn B. Welch, Mable W. Robertson, Gail G. Griffin Nell Allen, Dora U. Sims, Meredith Bromfield, Kathy Spindel, Joan Ress Reeves, Ann Fabrizio and Marguerite Ritchey.

The agenda was amended to hear a report from the executive board liaison Roberta Stevens. Ms. Stevens informed the board that she is running for president, gave a brief account of why she is running and what she feels she has to offer.

The ALTA Councilor report was given by Shirley Bruursema who made the following points with regard to ALA business:
- All voting for ALA offices will be electronic unless a member specifically requests a paper ballot.
- In electronic age, there is much discussion and concern about protecting the confidentiality of ALA business.
- A process of certification for library staff is currently underway.
- Writing resolutions for council has been streamlined as a way of moving ALA and council business forward more effectively.

President Danhof and Reed updated the Board on the final work to become ALTAFF: All ALTAFF documents will be available on the ALTAFF website this spring. The final merger will take place on February 1, 2009 with the transfer of FOLUSA assets to ALA for the purposes of the new division. There were no questions regarding the final merger.

The President’s Breakfast Report was given by Don Roalkvam: There was much discussion on the Emerging Leaders program. In addition, Roalkvam discussed the possibility of electronic participation in ALA. He said that there are still many questions to be answered including, not insignificantly, the costs of such a project. He reported that plans are underway for a virtual conference at annual conference 2009 and attendance for this is $250.

Reports were heard from the following ALTA Liaisons:
- Conference Committee, Jane Rowland
- FOLUSA, Sally Reed
- Intellectual Freedom, Debby Miller
- Legislative Assembly, Joan Ress Reeves (for Sherman Banks)
- Literacy Assembly, Rose Mosley
- Membership Committee, Gwendolyn Welch
- PLA, Don Roalkvam
- ALA Advocacy, Joan Ress Reeves
- ALA Subcommittees, Shirley Bruursema

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: President Danhof announced that the President’s Program at ALA annual conference 2009 will feature best-selling author Debbie Macomber and will be called, “Let’s Put a Little Romance in Our Lives.”

Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally G. Reed, Acting Executive Director