

INDIANA STATE LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL (ISLAC)
January 18, 2008
Minutes

Chair Amy Harshbarger called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. Meeting was held at Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library.

Members present: Nancy Dowell, Amy Harshbarger; Mary Jackson; David Lewis; Susan Mannan; Brian McCafferty; Yvonne Olinger; Margaret Seifert; Judy Smith; Laura Taylor; and Becki Whitaker.

Indiana State Library staff attending: Jim Corridan; Connie Rendfeld; Martha Jane Ringel; and Jake Speer.

Roll Call: Members and staff present introduced themselves.

Minutes: Punctuation corrections were presented by Amy Harshbarger. Nancy Dowell moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2007 meeting. Mary Jackson seconded. Motion carried.

State Library Report:

Jake Speer provided an update on certification. A handout on Librarian Certification was made available. The proposed certification process was reviewed following the handout. Discussion followed regarding the public library law and library districts, Yvonne Olinger moved that ISLAC endorse the certification rules. Nancy Dowell seconded and the motion carried.

Connie Rendfeld reported on the LSTA State Program Report. The 2007 final report was submitted on December 31, 2007. Once the final report is approved, it will be placed on the State Library's website. There were 129 grants during the 2007 allotment period. 17 grants were 81% of the allotment, 111 subgrants were 15% of the allotment and the administration of the LSTA program was 4% of the allotment. It was noted that there is a link on the State Library website for the Indiana University Economic Development Study that was funded with LSTA dollars.

Rendfeld reported on the changes to the LSTA program as a result of the site visit from Washington. It was noted that there will be a closer scrutiny of reimbursement costs, tighter controls for grant reports and deadlines for reimbursements will be enforced. A revised grant handbook is available on the State Library's website. Four exemplary projects were noted and site visits were made by Michelle Farrell, Indiana's program officer from the Institute of Museum and Library Services during the site visit. The four projects were from the Lebanon Public Library, West Lafayette Public Library, Indiana State University and Ball State University. Rendfeld also noted that many libraries expressed thanks for LSTA funds in their final reports.

Speer reported that the 2008 LSTA digitization, technology, institutional and innovative grant applications were posted on the State Library's website.

Jim Corridan reported that funding levels for the 2008 grants were approved at the special December ISLAC meeting.

Discussion of the new Rules of Council and the organization of the Council regarding appointments occurred. The committee had specific questions concerning the representation of large public libraries and academic libraries. A draft and amended version of the Rules of Council will be made available for the next ISLAC meeting. ISLAC will operate under the existing Rules of Council until July.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

New Business:

There was no new business

Adjournment: Brian McCafferty moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded. The motion carried.