

Vermont Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
Northfield, VT  
January 8, 2004

## FINAL MINUTES

Present: Teri Austin, Ellen Hall, Charlotte Maison, Marty Reid, David Clark, Karen Lane, Trina Magi, and Daisy Benson

## NO QUORUM

### **Announcements**

- Ellen Introduced Mark Albury the new *VLA News* editor.
- We've been invited to be a sponsor for the DCF conference again. (A) Conference has asked us to support them to help offset the cost *of* attending for VLA members. There were some concerns about this as there were last year- including the concern that this conference is being held so close to the VLC.

It was suggested that we offer a small financial contribution (\$100) and that we find out more (for example, how much *of* a discount does this entitle *OUI* members to?)

Action taken: All present supported the idea in concept. Ellen will follow up with voting members for an actual vote.

- Memorandum of Agreement with VEMA for VLC (B)  
Discussed the agreement we have with VEMA for the Conference. Removed all references to Trustees' Association. Suggest adding information about VLC paying for the tax preparation. In section IVC is \$15,000 really enough? There were questions about fees for exhibitors. It was suggested that we rev: the length of time for renewal to a shorter period *of* time. The current MOA stipulates 3 years but this is longer than most people are around for.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Tabled until next meeting.

### **Budget Discussion**

Krista led us in a discussion of the end of year budget (C-1) and the proposed budget (C-2).

## **VLA News**

We examined the schedule for submission for *VLA News* (D). Made a few changes including adding a column welcoming new members each month, and decided to include success stories.

### **Nominating Committee**

Committee reports that nominations are forthcoming and will be announced in the upcoming newsletter. We decided to try to post past officers on the Web site so that we don't just keep approaching the same people over and over.

### **Section Reports**

Public (E-1): Workshop "Making our Voices Heard" coming up in April CAYAL (F): Eric Carle trip in the works. Looking for a President-elect.

College/Special: No report

VTLA (E-2): Town Officers training to be held this spring

### **Committee Reports**

ALA Councilor: Trina presented a summary of items to be discussed at ALA next week (G). Among the items are: a proposal to allow divisions to endorse candidates in ALA elections which we didn't think was a good idea; a proposal on a statement on Cuba, we thought that maybe it should be a broader statement on international libraries in general rather than singling out Cuba.

NELA Rep: Charlotte said that the conference date for next year may be changed to September rather than October.

Awards Committee: Currently soliciting nominations (H).

Government Relations: Linda reported that the packet is now online at the VLA Website

Intellectual Freedom: No report.

Personnel: Nancy Wilson is stepping down and we need a new chair.