

Vermont Library Association
Executive Board Meeting
July 17, 2003
Midstate Regional Library, Berlin

FINAL

Present: Ellen Hall, Karen Lane, Gail Weymouth, David Clark, Jenny Hermenze, Radka Ballada, Charlotte Maison, Sheila Kearns, Marty Reid, Krista Ainsworth and Mary Kasamatsu

- 1) Ellen Hall welcomed returning and new board members.
- 2) Members introduced themselves.
- 3) Minutes: Minutes from previous meetings (May monthly and annual meeting) were postponed due to absence of Daisy Benson. These will be presented at the next meeting.
- 4) Budget Report: Krista Ainsworth presented and explained budget report. There was discussion of VLA business as represented through financial transactions.
- 5) Reports and Announcements
 - a) Conference Coordinator: Ellen reported on the status of contract for the Vermont Library Conference Coordinator and distributed a sample memo of agreement to use as model for how VLA and VEMA can handle shared responsibility and negotiation for conference planning and coordinator's contract.

Sheila Kearns noted that one of the e-mail addresses on the VLA web site for advertisers to use is not working.

- b) Drexel: Ellen mentioned that there will be a report at the September meeting on Drexel University's offer of partnering with the VLA on MLS program relationship with VLA membership.
- c) College and Special Libraries: Radka Ballada reported that she has booked space at Vermont Technical College for Friday, October 31, for a one-day conference on networking to be called **No Librarian Is an Island**, sponsored by the College and Special Libraries Section. More details on program will be provided and advertised.
- d) Public Library Section: Marty Reid reported on Public Library Section plans for program on how to promote and use the Vermont Online Library, specifically how to incorporate it as a service vehicle.
- e) ALA Conference: David Clark attended the ALA and Canadian Library Association joint conference in Toronto. The ALA Allied Professional Association (ALAAPA) is interested in developing certification standards for recognition of librarians who pursue advanced training. They are also working to establish mechanism that will enable staff

members to link with health care insurance opportunities. The following were passed: a resolution of U. S. Federal Communications Commission regulations on media ownership; resolution condemning destruction of Iraq's library facilities; resolution of commendation for Vermont's Federal delegation for their work on restoring the freedom to read. ALA is meeting with the makers of various filtering software in an attempt to influence development of filters. Trina Magi will be attending the January Midwinter ALA Conference in San Diego.

f) NELA: Charlotte Maison reported on recent conferences.

g) Intellectual Freedom: Gail Weymouth reported that Intellectual Freedom committee has been very busy since CIPA ruling was announced. She is working on packets to send to libraries on CIPA ruling, filtering options, and the Patriot Act. Gail was interviewed by Canadian media regarding Vermont opposition to the Patriot Act.

Sheila Kearns suggested librarians should check the Gates site: www.webjunction.org regarding filtering.

h) Vermont Library Trustees Association: The Association is planning a fall conference on the theme of finding common ground. Gov. Douglas has been invited to give the keynote address. Details to follow soon.

6) Board Meeting Procedures: Ellen Hall reviewed board meeting procedures and job descriptions and distributed various forms pertaining to VLA business, including expense reimbursements, VLA membership forms, and tax exempt forms for VLA purchases. Ellen noted that items can be added to the agenda at any time by e-mail. Members agreed to change the regular meeting date from the third Thursday to the second Thursday, beginning with the September meeting.

7) VLA Goals: Worksheets were distributed for committees and sections to use in setting goals for the coming year.

Newsletter: A summary sheet was distributed showing typical newsletter format, along with deadlines and article assignments for the August /September, October/November issues and December/January issues. Assignments were reviewed and confirmed.

8) Tentative agenda was set for September 11, 2003 meeting.