Association of Christian Librarians
Liberal Arts Section
2007 Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Opening
The meeting began at 3:45 p.m. 64 members were in attendance. Lori Thornton opened the
meeting with a prayer.

Approval of the minutes
Lindsay Van Sicklen moved to dispense with the reading of the 2006 Annual Meeting minutes.
Jane Hopkins 2nd the motion. The motion was approved.

Announcements
Stan Terhune requested that all library directors in attendance submit to him their ACRL NCCS
statistics, along with their institution full-time equivalent enrollment for the fall of 2005. He is
conducting a comparative study of Christian colleges and their libraries.

Introduction of officers and election
Lori Thornton introduced the current officers of the Liberal Arts Section.

Rodney Birch announced that we would elect a Vice Chairman for the section. Charles Diede
(Northwest University) and Steve Paschold (John Brown University) had submitted nominations
to be on the ballot. Rodney Birch asked if there were additional nominations from the floor.
Lindsay Van Sicklen nominated Tami Robinson (Whitworth University).

Ballots were distributed to the membership.

Clearinghouse presentation
Steve Baker shared with the membership the results of his survey for the purpose and direction of
the Liberal Arts Section. He reported that three themes emerged from the survey responses:
  o Communication & Collaboration: LAS should work on structures to increase
    communication and cooperation among member institutions.
  o Addressing specific relevant topics at meetings and communications: topics included faith
    integration into career; librarian/faculty interactions; accreditation; information literacy;
    development of library policy.
  o Directed conference activities: Explore ways that the LAS can sponsor more activities at
    the annual ACL conferences.

Mentoring program report
Lindsay Van Sicklen opened a discussion about the Liberal Arts Section’s newly developed
mentoring program. She reported that Lori Thornton and Steve Baker and she had worked
together to launch the program. The program is intended to provide a means for “coming
alongside” current/future librarians seeking job changes or promotion. She reported that the
mentoring relationships require a one-year commitment. To date, seven mentees had signed up
to participate in the program.

She introduced a panel of individuals who had participated in the program. The panel included
Ruth Kinnersley (Trevecca Nazarene University), Beth Purtee (Trevecca Nazarene University),
Nelva Hamelink (Highlands Christian Academy), and Alison Jones (Baptist College of Florida).
Each member of the panel explained their reasons for joining the program. Members in
attendance were invited to ask questions of the panelists or share their experiences from
mentoring relationships.
Lori Thornton encouraged other LAS members to apply to enter a mentoring relationship. She stated that, at present, more potential mentors had expressed interest than potential mentees. She also stated that the program continues to be a pilot project, and is still in development.

Topics for future LAS meetings
Lori Thornton asked the members to suggest future topics for the LAS annual meeting.

Ruth Martin suggested having a discussion regarding building a core list of periodicals for Christian academic libraries.

Stan Terhune suggested holding another “Nuts & Bolts” meeting (an unstructured discussion of relevant library topics [last done in 2005]).

John Thompson suggested having the LAS prepare and present a bibliography regarding writings focused on the integration of faith & learning. Lori Thornton stated that such a project had recently been completed by the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities.

Election results
Lori Thornton announced that Charles Diede had been elected the new Vice-Chairman of the Liberal Arts Section of ACL.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted August 1, 2007 by Brent Etzel, Secretary.