

**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 Thorton 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.