

**Council of Research and Academic Libraries (CORAL) Director's Meeting
J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library, University of the Incarnate Word
Friday, March 31, 2006**

Officers in attendance: Judy Larson (Vice-President/President-Elect), Judy McMillan (Treasurer), Necia Wolff (Secretary)

Directors/Proxies in Attendance: Adele Dendy (SPC), Aubry George (SAPL), Christine Godin (NVC), Diane Graves (TU), Gloria E. Hilario (PAC), Alice Johnson (SAC), Anita Lang (SwRI), Teresa Martinez (BUA), Mendell Morgan (UIW), Candice Scott (SU)

Other Attendees: Basil Aivaliotis (UIW), Celita DeArmond (SAC), Camille Fiorillo (PAC), Michael Kaminiski (SAPL), Mary MacWithey (SU), Tina Mesa (PAC), Michelle Millet (TU), Michael Peters (UIW), Dede Rios (OLLU), Azucena Rodriguez-Guerra (PAC), Irma Sanchez (PAC), Rosemary Vasquez (UTSA)

Open Session

Judy Larson called the open session to order at 2:10pm. Judy L. welcomed the directors and interest group attendees. This year is the 40th anniversary of CORAL. CORAL began with 8 charter members and grew to a high of 28 members. CORAL represents a variety of libraries including academic, special, public, and military libraries and its primary goal was to share resources among the member libraries.

Judy L. noted that CORAL has shrunk over the past few years as the library environment changed. Judy L. mentioned that the bylaws committee would present a proposal at the director's meeting. The proposal offers a way for the membership to reflect on its mission and purpose and to use 2006/2007 as a planning year to reconstitute the organization.

Judy L. introduced Camille Fiorillo, Reference Librarian from Palo Alto College. Camille presented information about PAC's Associate of Science in Library Technology Degree program and the Library Technician Certificate program. These programs were developed by PAC librarians because of a demonstrated need for library paraprofessional and rural librarian training. Camille recommended that people who wanted more information should contact Colby Glass, Chair of the Library and Information Systems Department at PAC. Camille distributed handouts about PAC's programs.

Judy L. introduced Diane Graves, Director, Trinity University library. Diane presented information about new initiatives developed to address rising serial prices, including open access initiatives. The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC), organized by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), has been advocating for open access models for published research. A new group, the Alliance for Taxpayer Access (ATA), has grown out of the SPARC and other open access initiatives. ATA advocates for open access to government-sponsored research (similar to the NIH model). Diane distributed information on ATA and invited local universities to join. ATA membership is designed for institutional members, such as universities. It is free to join.

Mendell Morgan listed the rooms for the interest group breakout sessions and the director's meeting. The Open Session ended at 2:45pm.

Director's Meeting - Introductory Business

Judy Larson called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. The attendees introduced themselves to the group.

Approval of minutes

The minutes from the November 11, 2005 were discussed. Judy L. asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Diane Graves moved to approve the minutes. Christine Godin seconded the motion. The attendees voted to approve the minutes as submitted.

New Business

Officers

Judy L. noted that the election of officer's is out of sync. Judy L. proposed that the current slate of officers remain in office until spring 2008. In spring 2008, CORAL would hold a new election. Candice Scott made a motion to accept Judy L.'s proposal. Anita Lang seconded. The directors' vote was unanimous in approval of the motion.

Bylaws

The bylaws committee (Judy Larson, Martha Rinn, Mendel Morgan, Gloria Hilario and Candice Scott) presented amendments to the bylaws for a vote. The revisions were developed as a result of changes to the mission statement and establishment of CORAL goals at the November 2005 meeting. The key changes to the bylaws were 1) splitting the membership into two categories, voting and non-voting, 2) the dues structure, and 3) replacing standing committees with ad hoc committees. (See attachment 1 for the revised and accepted bylaws.)

Mendell Morgan made a motion to approve the bylaws. Alice Johnson seconded the motion. The director's voted to approve the changes to the bylaws.

Bylaws Committee proposal for activities in 2006/2007

Judy L. reported that the bylaws committee also discussed ways to address the CORAL's shrinking membership and CORAL's mission. The committee proposed a one-year moratorium on CORAL dues for the 2006/07 fiscal year (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007) and to appoint an ad hoc planning committee to organize a fall planning conference with a consultant to facilitate the planning efforts.

Judy L. asked for discussion on the proposal. The attendees described their support for the proposal.

Anita Lang made a motion to accept the proposal. Adele Dendy seconded the motion. The directors voted to approve the proposal.

Treasurer's Report and Budget Approval

Judy M. presented the current CORAL transaction summary. CORAL currently has \$41,195.94 in its checking and saving accounts.

Judy M. also presented two proposed budgets for 2006/2007.

In Estimated Budget 1. CORAL members would pay their annual dues. CORAL would continue to pay its current expenses. Estimated Budget 1 did not include funds for a consultant.

In Estimated Budget 2. CORAL would not charge annual dues for 2006/2007. CORAL would continue to pay its current expenses. The consultant's fee (\$5,000) for the fall planning meeting would be paid out of CORAL's existing funds. The total expenses for 2006/2007 would be \$9018 (includes expenses for the database manager, the Amigos agent fee, office and communication costs, and CPA services fee).

After a discussion about the budget proposals, Gloria Hilario made a motion to approve Estimated Budget 2. Anita Lang seconded the motion. The director's voted to accept Estimated Budget 2.

Committees

Judy L. asked the directors to provide names of individuals to serve on the CORAL consultant/event planning committee. The committee will be made up of CORAL officers, a few directors, and some employees at CORAL member libraries. Directors should forward names to Judy Larson and Martha Rinn.

Announcements

Christine Godin noted that she will be chairing a program for the Community College Section at the ALA Conference in New Orleans. She invited the attendees to come to the program which will be on the topic of joint use libraries and library partnerships.

Aubry George announced that the One Book One City group had chosen the 2006 book. The announcement would go out the San Antonio community on April 10th.

Adele Dendy noted that the ACCD bond had been passed. The district would use some of the funds to build new library facilities and improve existing facilities.

Judy L. noted that the CORAL website has moved to TLU. The web address is http://bulldogs.tlu.edu/coral/coral_main.htm. CORAL's contract with The Library Corporation ends on June 30, 2006. The website at <http://coral.library.net/> will be taken down on that date.

Future meeting

Anita Lang volunteered the Southwest Research Institute Library for the next CORAL meeting. There was no date or time set for the meeting.

The meeting ended at 3:25pm.

Minutes submitted by: Necia Wolff, CORAL Secretary