

**Minutes of the APLIC-I Business Meeting
Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, MA, March 31, 2004**

The Business Meeting was convened at 9:30 am by Zuali Malsawma. Thanks were extended to all who contributed to making arrangements and who volunteered their time during the conference.

In attendance:

Zuali Malsawma, President
Anne Ilacqua, President-elect
Margie Shiels, Past-president
Nykia Perez
Tara Murray
Kay Willson
Yan Fu
Funmi Akhigbe
Julia Cleaver
John Carlson
Gretl Cox
Lori Delaney
Jackie Druery
Claire Twose
Susan Rohner
James Schlageter
Neil Pakenham-Walsh
John Carper
Patricia Klotsky
Harriet Schick
Susan Pasquariella
Mary Panke

(23 registered attendees at the conference)

Board Members absent:

Bill Barrows
Laurian Carroll
James Byrnes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer

Report submitted by Anil Kumar was presented showing APLIC has a large balance. Conference expenses exceed receipts and our website expense is higher now. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Archives: Margie Shiels

Margie distributed her report of the inventory of the archives

DUPS

Tara Murray referred to Kiet Bang's submitted report. Julia Cleaver remarked that the lack (or delay) of reimbursement leads to reluctance to participate. Non-members are able to sign up for the DUPS list. The DUPS procedure is not part of our bylaws, but will be covered in the new manual.

Membership: Gretl Cox

Final numbers will be submitted later. As of March 18: 112 members (2 new members from MACRO and Abt). There are 20 + 16 not renewed from 2002 and 2001. Most of the new names

on membership are through sustaining organization memberships reflecting changes in staff. Membership records are a bit confusing at this stage. We need to work to get new members. Nykia Perez conducted a mailing to 50 population centers, etc. to introduce them to APLIC; there was no response. The question was asked: If someone expresses interest what do you do?

Anne Ilacqua remarked that APLIC may be a small group, but we are not stagnant. Ours is a narrow field, dependent on soft money. In many centers staff may be limited to attending only one conference, so choices need to be made.

Funmi Akhigbe asked us to consider what groups such as MLA or SLA offer that we could; look at why people make a choice other than APLIC-- what do they get from the conference they choose (such as to enhance your knowledge, continuing education).

Harriet Schick pointed out that APLIC conferences have no vendor exhibits, not as wide a spectrum of peers, and less of a technical aspect than SLA and MLA. Perhaps APLIC would want to affiliate with SLA or MLA (become an affinity group).

Claire Twose stated that for those new in their positions the APLIC conference is a good intro to the population field. Others agreed that APLIC is essential to new staff coming into the job.

Harriet agreed but pointed out that as our mission has expanded (not just family planning or population), there might be other relationships we could investigate with foundation libraries or say APHA.

Lori Delaney thought we might be talking about two different things; 1. expanding our membership and 2. branching out to partner with other associations.

Newsletter: Nykia Perez & Yan Fu

Nykia thanked all the contributors and requested that members write pieces about themselves, their work and/or this conference. Yan also requested member profiles. Of particular interest to other members would be "lessons learned" or descriptions of how do we do it here.

Website: Tara Murray

Tara has been updating the membership lists, both individual members by name and the list by member libraries names. Members should check the accuracy of your listing. You can also send a journals list or link to your OPAC. If your library is not listed you can send Tara the information for posting.

Listserv

Still maintained by Libby Evans.

DUPS Listserv

Nothing to report.

Election of Officers

Margie Shiels presented the Slate of Officers and noted that the Recording Secretary and Treasurer long held positions. Members willing to take over are encouraged to volunteer. Nominations from the floor were entertained, none offered. The Slate was approved as presented by voice vote.

The new President-elect, Vice President is Nykia Perez. Incoming President is Anne Ilacqua. Immediate Past-president is Zuali Malsawma.

John Carlson will replace Nykia in the Class of 2006

The new Class of 2007 includes:

- John Carper, John Snow Inc.
- Lori Delaney, IntraHealth International
- Jackie Druery, Princeton University

At 10:20 am the meeting turned to Conference Planning (after the handing of the gavel from Zuali to Anne) led by Nykia.

Do we want to have breakout sessions?

What are some possible themes for 2005?

Looking over past programs our focus has sometimes been on librarianship or on a subject or on technology.

Some broad topics mentioned during the brainstorming:

consortia, ovid access, ssm, scidirect, ejournals,
copyright: copyright, copyleft movement, open access is a cheap way to get your message out, but then you loose the copyright for authorship , is open access credible
Highwire (Stanford vendor for ejournals)
Drawback is that it is a topic covered at the big conferences.
aplic chat/problem solving/networking (1 hour)
challenges & issues, tapping each others experience advice session (been there done that)
theme for 2005: icpd+10 ??
position paper inasp
Tunis meeting Information Society, IFLA...future of libraries
LAC resources librarian to speak,
Data sets data access how to find them, help users, where to get them.

Some background that might prove useful in planning:

1. Briefing note to prepare from.
2. List of attendees (with affiliation) at previous conferences
3. List of previous conference titles

Conference planning will continue at the Fall Board of Directors meeting.

At 10:45 am the Business Meeting was adjourned.