Richmond Academic Library Consortium

Johnston Memorial Library

Virginia State University

January 13, 2009

In Attendance:

Nell Chenault (Virginia Commonwealth University), Virginia Cherry (Richard Bland College), Joe Coalter (Union-PSCE), Pat Flanagan (Virginia Commonwealth University), Linda Luebke (John Tyler Community College), Ronald Shelton (Virginia Union University), Suzy Szasz Palmer (Library of Virginia), Elsie Weatherington (Virginia State University), Ginger Young (Randolph-Macon College).

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Acting President Ginger Young.

After a roundtable of introductions, Ginger welcomed Pat Flanagan and Ronald Shelton as new attendees to the meeting. Ginger also thanked Elsie Weatherington for the abundance of delicious refreshments and the use of the Library.

Minutes:

Elsie Weatherington moved that the minutes of the October 21, 2008 meeting be accepted with approval from the members. The minutes will be sent to Hong Wu for posting to the RALC website.

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda approved.

Treasurer’s Report:

Ginger Young for Paul Porterfield

No activity since our last meeting. There will be an Executive Board Meeting on April 7th to discuss the budget.

Committee Reports:

Technical Services Committee:

Ginger Young for Lynda Wright, Chair

Next meeting will be March 6th at Virginia Union University: Topic: Digitization projects.
Public Services Committee:

Ginger Young for Dan Ream, Chair

The Public Services Committee met December 12, 2008 at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College and enjoyed their tour of the newly renovated library. They also discussed library websites.

Media Cooperative Committee:

Nell Chenault, Chair

Ginger welcomed Nell to her new position and thanked her for serving. Since Nell is newly appointed to the position, her committee has not met. Previously the committee reviewed and revised the RALC Bylaws and planned a SOLINET online training in Media Preservation with representatives from RBC, UR and VCU attending. RALC paid for half of the registration fee for RALC members.

Nell reported on the RALC Annual Statistics. Copies of the statistical reports from 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 were disseminated.

Trends:

1. Media booking is up 4.2 percent for a total of 310
2. Book loans up 6 percent

Nell thanked Joy Galloni, Richard Bland College, for requesting the statistical information.

Ad hoc Committee on Off-Site Storage:

Jim Rettig, Chair

The Committee has not met. Members expressed a need for off-site storage. Discussion followed about comparing journal collections at each institution and the duplication of these journals.

Ad hoc Committee on Disaster Planning:

Joe Coalter, Chair

The Committee has not met but they have previously discussed that each member collect information at their library listing what supplies they own. Materials will be distributed at institutions depending upon their storage capacity rather than all libraries purchasing every needed supply. They are planning a meeting in the near future.

Old Business:

RALC Scholarship: Ginger Young emailed a reminder as well as application forms to RALC members to consider nominating a colleague for the RALC Scholarship. Applications are due March 24 to Ginger and at the April 7th Executive Board Meeting, recommendations for a
recipient will be made. There have been 5 recipients since 2005 and RALC should be commended for their efforts in supporting continuing education.

**New Business:**

**Election of President and Vice-President:**

Ginger has agreed to continue until the April meeting as Interim President. Suzy agreed to serve as Vice-President. Virginia will continue as Secretary until Jim Rettig can resume his duties in this position. Paul Porterfield will continue as Treasurer.

A roundtable discussion followed of news at each campus. Members were encouraged to list upcoming events on the RALC listserv.

**Future Meeting Dates and Locations:**

April 7, 2009-Executive Committee meeting (location to be announced)

April 14, 2009-J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College or Library of Virginia

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Virginia Cherry for Jim Rettig