Richmond Academic Library Consortium
Location: Richard Bland College
January 23, 2004

In Attendance:
John Ulmschneider, presiding (VCU); Virginia Cherry (RBC); Joy Galloni (RBC); Paul Porterfield (UR); Iria Jones (UR); Pamela Foreman (VUU); Michelle Taylor (VUU); Daniel Vann (Union-PSCE); Ginger Young, secretary (RMC)

John Ulmschneider called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

Minutes of the October 30, 2003 meeting were approved with one correction: Under Announcements, the name of the new librarian at Richard Bland is Debbie Vroman.

Treasurer’s Report:
Paul Porterfield reported that:
- April 8 will be the budget meeting, so please send Paul proposals for programs by March 8, 2004.
- All dues have been collected.

Executive Committee Report:
- At the November 26 meeting of the Executive Committee, Iria Jones of the University of Richmond was requested to do an audit of the RALC account and procedures. It is noted that all disbursements are recorded and our Treasurer does not cut checks.

Iria Jones performed the audit January 20-21, 2004 and presented her report. The Board reviewed her report, and in light of her findings of an “effective and efficient financial management system,” Paul Porterfield was commended for his exceptional stewardship in his role as Treasurer.

There will be further investigation of an alternative place to put $5,000 of RALC funds, in order to keep interest ahead of service charges.

Committee Structure and Statistics:
No report.

Technical Services Committee Report:
Michelle Taylor reported that their next meeting will be in March.

Public Services Committee Report:
Pam Foreman reported that their next program is March 18, on local history sources.

Media Coop Report:

Joy Galloni submitted their new Operational Policy and Procedures document and it was approved by the Board. Thanks to Joy and her committee for their work on those policies. The committee is considering two ideas for programs.

On the question of the state of the RALC online catalog, John Ulmschneider gave an update on the progress of bringing up the catalog with its Z39.50 requirements. The catalogs of two RALC libraries are still not searchable, due to lack of Z39.50 compliant ILS. John will send out a pointer to the new test page for us to view.

Old Business:

- The document on the RALC Scholarship was presented by John Ulmschneider and approved by the Board with one change: In guideline #2, the applicant must be employed at least 3 years at RALC institutions.

New Business:

- Agenda for the next meeting will include the budget, committee reports and maybe a discussion on a permanent location for the RALC files.

Announcements:

- Richard Bland College hosted a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Brown versus The Board of Education, and photos of the event can be seen at: [http://www.wm.edu/RBC/library/Events/brown.htm](http://www.wm.edu/RBC/library/Events/brown.htm). Renovation of the library into a two-story facility will start the design phase in July.
- VUUU has had to slash periodicals as a result of the Faxon debacle. They have an exhibit in their lobby February 1 through March 5, commemorating the Brown versus The Board of Education anniversary.
- VCU hopes that the SACS visit will be a chance to increase library funding by 50%. John also noted that VIVA had a proposed 50% increase in the budget, now set at 36% by the Governor, and we hope to get that! VCU has a discussion February 24, on the Brown anniversary: [http://www.library.vcu.edu/whatsnew/news_result.cfm?ID=512](http://www.library.vcu.edu/whatsnew/news_result.cfm?ID=512)
- UR is now in the second semester of a required class for freshmen and transfer students and the International Film Series starts this week: [http://oncampus.richmond.edu/is/library/mrc/ifilm.html](http://oncampus.richmond.edu/is/library/mrc/ifilm.html)
- Union-PSCE has a new director beginning July 1. Dr. Joe Coalter from the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary will replace a happy-to-retire-finally Dan Vann!

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM, with thanks to Virginia and Joy for a lovely meeting!

Next meeting is Thursday, April 8, 2004, 10:00 AM at John Tyler Community College.