Richmond Academic Library Consortium
University of Richmond
January 18, 2001

In Attendance:

Samuel Phillips (JSRCC), Bernida Reid (VSU), Sheila Carrington (VSU), Elizabeth McClenny (VSU), Cyndi Hartung (R-MC), Ginger Young (R-MC), Joy Galloni (RBC), Keith Weimer (UR), Andy Morton (VCU), Jeanne Scott (VCU), Abdul Miah (JSSRCC), Hong Wu (JSRCC), Ted Winter (Union - PSCE), Tiffin Cooper (Union-PSCE), Jim Meyer (JTCC), Linda Luebke (JTCC), Dywana Saunders (UR), Paul Porterfield (UR), Nell Chenault (VCU), Nancy Vick (UR), Virginia Cherry (RBC), Kip Campbell (L of Va), Tom Ray (L of Va), John Trotti (Union - PSCE), Michelle Taylor (VUU), Elsie Weatherington (VSU), Vonita Foster (VUU).

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Virginia Cherry at 10:10 a.m. Minutes of June 15, 2000 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Porterfield

Paul Porterfield requested of all members to submit on or before February 28 any budget items. Surplus funds available approximately $22,500.00. The April meeting is the budget meeting and all requests will be approved at that time.

Committee Reports:

Technical Services - Joy Galloni

Encouraged members to attend a program for cooperative cataloging. A NACO handout was distributed to all members.

Public Services - Andy Morton

Committee members met November 29, 2000 at UR. There is a workshop planned for March 22, 2001 at Union - PSCE. The next business meeting is scheduled on May 1, 2001.

FilmCoop - Dywana Saunders

Members met December 12, 2000. All statistics for 1998-2000 periods have been submitted, compiled and distributed. Nell Chenault demonstrated the RALC interface using SiteSearch software.

RALC catalog search project:

John Ulmschneider announced that since the last RALC meeting, VCU staff have configured and mounted the RALC distributed search interface on a test server. VCU hopes to move it to VCU's web page in the near future. 7 RALC members are up and running. This interface
uses OCLC SiteSearch Z39.50 software. Nell Chenault will continue to work with the missing RALC members to add them to the interface. The Library of Virginia will not be included at this time. All of RALC are encouraged to try the test database and send feedback to Nell. The test site is available at home.uls.vcu.edu:10084.

Old Business:

John Ulmschneider is exploring scholarship/internship opportunities and is chairing committee.

Hong Wu was formally thanked for her diligence in maintaining to RALC web page.

New Business:

Election of new officers on April 19. Nominating committee members are Elsie Weatherington, chair, Virginia Cherry and Vonita Foster.

April 19 is the next meeting date at JSRCC (Western Campus).

Announcements:

UR is sponsoring an International Film Festival. This series is free and open to the public each Thursday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. All Friday showings are at 3:00 p.m. in Jepson Hall 118.

Retreat: Paul Porterfield and John Trotti presented History of RALC. A handout was distributed to all members present.

Mission of RALC was shared with members by Elsie Weatherington and participants worked together in breakout groups/sessions led by Ginger Young "Continuing Education," Paul Porterfield "Film and other Resource Sharing," Virginia Cherry "Relationship to other Consortia," and John Ulmschneider "Scholarships and Internships."

Retreat Wrap Up:

The following committees were formed to investigate, plan and make recommendations to directors on the areas most importance to RALC members:

1. Mission Statement Review/Revise - J. Ulmschneider, chair, Tim Williams, Kip Campbell, Tiffin Cooper, Andy Morton, Gail McClenney
2. Scholarships/Internships - J. Ulmschneider, chair
3. 24/7 Reference - Nancy Newin, chair
4. Listserve - Andy Morton, chair
5. Solinet Workshops - Jim Gwin, chair
6. Publicize RALC Programs - Tom Ray, chair
7. Extending the RALC Pass - Nell Chenault, chair

Other:
The other items/areas suggested by participants in the breakout sessions

- Union Catalog Z39.50 projects
- Explore digital media
- Shared Reference Service
- Collection development
- Provide online chat group
- Joint storage
- Formulae for purchase
- Improve services (lend bound periodicals, equipment, etc.)
- Grant opportunities
- Review RALC committees and its structure
- Explore consortia purchases
- Get involvement of all library personnel
- Open House
- Mentoring between specific library personnel
- Shuttle buses to conferences
- Local interest programs for 9-12 librarians

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Vonita W. Foster, Secretary