Richmond Academic Library Consortium

John Tyler Community College

Friday, October 17, 1997

In Attendance:

Virginia Cherry (Richard Bland College), Sarah Watstein (Virginia Commonwealth University/VCU), Linda Luebke (John Tyler Community College), Charles Lewis (J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College/JSRCC), Hong Wu (JSRCC), Theresa Byrd (JSRCC), Michael Walker (VCU), Vonita Foster (Virginia Union University), Paul Porterfield (University of Richmond), Nancy Newins (Randolph Macon), Nancy Brantley (Library of Virginia)

Session:

Virginia Cherry opened the meeting. Introductions were made and the minutes of July 18, 1997 were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Porterfield

All dues have been paid for all members except two schools. The budget is sound. The RALC Program Proposal was distributed (see attachment). Additional information may be needed. Please contact the treasurer.

The meeting was moved to the John Tyler's Collaborative Learning Center for a demonstration of Z39.50 software by Mike Burgmeier and a presentation of RALC homepage by Hong Wu.

Committee Reports:

Technical Services - Nancy Brantley

Meeting was held at Union Theological Seminary on October 10, 1997 at 2:00)P.M. Presentations were done on the TSAR program (cataloging electronic resources) and the RALC Search Engine. Sam Byrd and Jean Marie Taylor demonstrated the Library of Virginia=s Digital Scanning Initiative.

Public Services - Mike Walker

No report. Next scheduled meeting November 7, 1997 at 2:00 P.M. at Virginia Union University.

Film Cooperative - Virginia Cherry

No report. Next meeting will be held before December 1997.

Old Business:
The purpose of the RALC homepage was discussed. The primary purposes are marketing, public relations, keeping up-to-date and serving as an archival resource.

Virginia Cherry discussed sending RALC minutes via E-mail for approval and then forwarding the approved minutes to Hong Wu to be placed on the homepage. However, it was decided by members present to send printed minutes by shuttle for approval.

A discussion of the Statewide meeting of all consortia in the Commonwealth by Kip Campbell will be presented at the January 16, 1998 meeting. However, Theresa Byrd attended the Consortia of Consortia (COC2) conference and shared information. Please contact Theresa if interested.

The Pre-conference workshop at VLA - postponed and sponsorship of SOLINET will be considered in the future.

Dues Structure Committee for RALC is being done by Gary Graham (deferred to next meeting).

**New Business:**

Theresa Byrd announced that a 20-page Cost Saving Survey is on its way to all directors. Please take time to complete and return before November 15.

Vonita Foster announced the inaugural I. Douglas Wilder Lecture Series being held in the library at Virginia Union University. Theme: Leading by Example.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55.

The next meeting will be at the University of Richmond on January 16, 1998 at 10:00 A.M.

Vonita Foster,
Secretary