Richmond Academic Library Consortium

Virginia Union University

October 15, 1999

In Attendance:

Dan Bedsole (R-MC), Robert Benedetto (UTS), Virginia Cherry (RBC), Gary Graham (JTCC), Charles S. Lewis (JSRCC-Parham), Abdul Miah (JSRCC-Downtown), Paul Porterfield (U of R), Susan Sparling (for Vonita Foster) (VUU), John Ulmschneider (VCU), Hong Wu (JSRCC-Parham).

Session:

Virginia Cherry called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Members present introduced themselves. John Ulmschneider, the new Executive director of University Library Services at VCU was welcomed to the RALC Board. The minutes for August 6, 1999 were approved and adopted.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Porterfield

All dues have been collected. The RALC dues for this year were supposed to be $70 less per institution. It was moved and carried to carry this amount through to next year at which time the dues for each institution would be decreased by this additional $70. Expenditures so far include printed forms, an honorarium to Cynthia Sugg, and the October 14, 1999 PBS teleconference, "Libraries, Copyright, and the Internet," held at the University of Richmond ($275). The teleconference was videotaped and will be available for $5 per copy. E-mail Paul Porterfield at pporterfATrichmond.edu to request copies.

Committee Reports:

Tech Services:

Nancy Brantley was on vacation and there was no report. The next Tech Services meeting will be November 4, 1999.

User Services:

No report

Film Coop:

A new committee chair needs to be elected. The new chair should be nominated at the next meeting, November 3, 1999, and the chair will be approved at the next meeting following that one.

Statistics for '98-'99 need to be turned in to Virginia Cherry. Only four institutions have sent in these figures so far.
**Old Business:**

**Search Engine Committee:**

The need for a union catalog was discussed. All members’ catalogs have Z39.50. If someone’s catalog could search all members’ catalogs they could host the union catalog. We need to conduct a test of Z39.50 for each member. A committee should be set up to continue the investigation. It was suggested that the chair of this committee be Gene Damon (Director of Library Automation and Learning Resources for the Virginia Community College System).

**Web Page:**

Hong Wu, Webmaster, presented recommended changes to button categories on the RALC home page. "Minutes of Meetings" would have its own button. A suggestion was made that a note be added to "See minutes for date of next meeting." Hong Wu asked if the Board wanted to keep forms static or make them interactive. The response was to keep them static. Corrections for the RALC Committee Members Page were given to Hong Wu.

**New Business:**

**By-Laws:**

A change to the "officers" section of the By-laws has been presented that would stagger the office terms of the President and Vice-President/President Elect. The Vice-President/President Elect would be elected in April of the first year of the President’s two-year term. The current wording is:

**ARTICLE IV.**

Section 2. Nominating Committee: The past President shall form a nominating committee of three members. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at the annual meeting in April. Before the election at the annual meeting in April, additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted.

Section 3. Elections and Terms of Office: The President, Vice-President/President Elect, and the Secretary shall be elected by ballot to serve for two years in that position or until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

The proposed changes are as follows:

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Section 3. Elections and Terms of Office: The President and the Secretary shall be elected by ballot to serve for two years in that position or until their successors are elected. The Vice-President/President Elect shall serve for one year in that position, then for two years as President. Their terms of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

Changing focus of RALC:

It has been suggested that Elsie Stephens-Wetherington and Jim Rettig form and co-chair a committee to reconsider the Mission of RALC. The Board would like this committee to have something to report at the next meeting. A RALC listserv has been suggested by Jim Rettig. Each institution can put forth the names of members to be part of the listserv. Board members should send the names and e-mail addresses for their libraries to Paul Porterfield at [[MailTo(pporterfAT richmond DOT edu)].

Fine Print:

This software enables patrons to print 2-4 pages at a time (catalog citations). For information, contact Virginia Cherry.

Announcements:

Don Bedsole has announced his retirement from Randolph-Macon College after 16 years.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be held at John Tyler Community College on January 21, 2000.

Subsequent meetings are April 14 at the University of Richmond and June 15 (possibly at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College).

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Susan Sparling for
Vonita W. Foster, Secretary