

**Colorado Academic Library Consortium (CALC)
Board of Directors Meeting**

**October 13, 2005
Alliance Office, 3801 East Florida Street, Suite 505
Denver, Colorado**

Minutes

Present: Catherine Murray-rust (Chair); Carol Dickerson, Annie Fox, Leslie Manning, Ivan Gaetz (minutes)

1. Review of CALC Academic Library Summit

Documents were circulated that reported the results of the Academic Library Summit held on June 3rd, 2005. Numerical ratings for most speakers and sessions were quite high. Written comments of evaluators were also listed, offering in certain instances helpful advice on how to improve any such future summit.

Minutes and notes from the CALC General meeting that followed the Summit on June 4th were also distributed and reviewed. Flip chart notes identified six goals and several strategies for meeting each goal, with priority rankings given to the strategies. In effect, these goals and strategies set forth an agenda for academic libraries in Colorado for the foreseeable future. (Later in this Board Meeting, next step priorities were set.)

Unable to attend this meeting, Valerie Horton, Budget Manager for the Summit submitted a brief written financial statement. After expenses, the Summit realized a \$4,800 surplus. In support of the upcoming Colorado Association of Libraries Annual Conference, \$500 was designated from this Summit fund. The balance, then, is \$4,300.

2. Summit Follow-up

Discussion ensued regarding how CALC should build most wisely on the insights and interest in academic libraries evident during the Summit weekend. A draft article authored by Brenda Bailey-Hainer and Rick Forsman had been distributed earlier to the Summit Planning Committee. The article has been approved for publication in the next issue of the *Journal of Academic Librarianship*. Brenda and Rick were commended by the Board for authoring this impressive account of the Summit, reporting on the state of higher education in Colorado, and of outlining the issues facing academic libraries.

3. Planning for White Paper

The Board expressed strong support for building on the success of the Summit, and on creating a permanent record of the ideas generated in the CALC general meeting that followed. Such a record could serve as a reference for future developments and initiatives in CALC and within the community of Colorado academic libraries generally.

There was agreement that a first step (in addition to the Forsman and Bailey-Hainer article) would be the creation of a web site that would house the Summit presentations, notes from the breakout sessions, and the planning documents produced in the CALC general meeting. Perhaps printed versions of the website documents could be considered later.

4. Developing an Action Agenda

The CALC General Meeting (June 4th) identified 5 top priorities. In order of importance, highest to lowest, these are:

- i. Changing the concept of the academic library
- ii. Supporting access to and delivery of information (eg. Courier service; cooperative collection development; creating a single access locator system)
- iii. Developing public policy initiatives
- iv. Creating sustainable ongoing access to resources (eg. Exploiting funding opportunities via grants, entrepreneurship, etc., library board development, etc.)
- v. Supporting human resource development (eg. Exploiting continuing professional educational opportunities)

The Board believed it prudent to focus on one or two of these priorities in the coming year, those that are more manageable over the short term. As goal achievement is the aim, the important matters of strategy, metrics and timing need to be considered.

[PLEASE INSERT WHAT OTHER PRIORITIES WERE DECIDED; MY NOTES ARE VERY SKETCHY AT THIS POINT. FROM MY NOTES, I BELIEVE IT HAD TO DO WITH PROMOTING CALC, BUT I'M NOT SURE.]

A proposal was also presented concerning the development of an online journal dealing with Cooperative librarianship in its many facets. The Board approved the further development of this proposal which could be considered in more detail at the next Board meeting. Over the next few months, Ivan Gaetz will work on the project development with George Jaramillo (CSU), and others.

5. Other Business

The possibility of a Spring General CALC Meeting was discussed, with the suggestion that it be held perhaps in a mountain location after ski season. A decision will be finalized in the next Board meeting. The possibility of having another summit, perhaps in two years, was also discussed.

6. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the CALC Board would be at Colorado College in Colorado Springs on Friday, January 6th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

7. Adjourn