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Buckland Receives 1983 LITA/Gaylord Award

Lawrence F. Buckland, founder and president of Inforonics, Inc., Littleton, Mass., is the recipient of the 1983 LITA/Gaylord Award for Achievement in Library and Information Technology. The award was presented in recognition of Buckland's long-term record of achievement in the innovative application of computer, microfilm, and photocomposition technologies to the problems of recording, storing, searching, and publishing text.

The LITA Award is intended to recognize distinguished leadership, notable development or application of technology, superior accomplishments in research or education, or original contributions to the literature of the field. This year, for the first time, the award was accompanied by a \$1,000 stipend provided by Gaylord Brothers, Inc., of Syracuse, New York.

At Inforonics, in 1963, Buckland developed one of the first CRT editing systems for text. In 1964, under contract to the National Science Foundation, he created a recording system that captured a database as a by-product of primary publication. This work led to the development of the first database composition system, which was used to produce *Psychological Abstracts* in 1966.

In 1965, Buckland demonstrated for the Library of Congress



Lawrence F. Buckland, president, Inforonics, Inc. (center), receiving the 1983 LITA/Gaylord Award for Achievement in Library and Information Technology. Henriette Avram, Library of Congress, presented the award, and Leedom Kettell, president, Gaylord Bros., Inc., presented the \$1,000 stipend.

a bibliographic database that could be used to typeset catalog cards. This early work led to the establishment of the projects that developed into the Library of Congress' MARC II bibliographic database standards and to Inforonics' Text Processing System (TPS).

The following "firsts" are attributable to Buckland's personal and corporate research and development:

- The first pilot operation of a network technical processing center, NELINET, in 1967.
- The first compilation of an extensive bibliography using MARC II records.
- The first computer typesetting of bibliographic records used to create a computer-typeset book catalog.

Dowlin Sets Goals for 1983-84

Kenneth E. Dowlin, incoming president, has set in motion goals for 1983-84. The goals center on the need for setting technical standards for libraries. As more libraries rely on computers to meet the growing information needs of their patrons, sharing resources and increasing communication between libraries become more possible if technical standards exist that allow interchange of the information. "The issue of technical standards is crucial for the library profession in the electronic information age. Without standards that allow the interchange of records, systems, and programs among the institutions in library and information science, progress toward resource sharing will be slow and halting," Dowlin said. "In addition, the lack of technical standards for information systems will increasingly serve as a barrier to access to information to citizens of our communities and the nation. Technical standards are the key to increasing access to electronic information in our society."

Dowlin has charged twelve committees with specific goals that include setting priorities for technical standards development, developing a national electronic mail system, and a program on the development of technical standards for the 1984 Annual Conference. The resources of LITA will be directed toward increasing not only the use of technical standards but their visibility throughout LITA, ALA, and the entire library profession. "An enthusiastic coordinated effort will be required from the officers, directors, committee chairpersons, and committee members to increase the level of awareness among ALA membership on the importance of standards."

Information Science and Automation Section

Jean Swanson
Section Editor

Committees

The Program Planning Committee plans a program on European and other foreign automated systems for ALA in Dallas. The program will focus on what's happening abroad and may include issues connected to the development of foreign systems, i.e., security, privacy, the economic and social aspects of information, the role of government, etc. The RASD ILL Committee has proposed that ISAS cosponsor a program on electronic delivery of documents and document requests. The Program Planning Committee suggested that RASD consider, as an alternative, a preconference on the subject.

The Executive Committee passed a resolution of thanks to the many people who worked on the highly successful preconference on online catalogs and online reference and on the follow-up ISAS program meeting. Regarding section publications, there was some discussion on the most advantageous use of the draft guidelines on automation; pending comment to the contrary these will be issued by the LITA office as an ISAS rather than a divisional publication. Chair James Thompson passed the gavel to incoming chair, Jerome Yavarkovsky. Other new section officers are Mary W. Ghikas, vice-chair/chair-elect; Carol A. Parkhurst, member-at-large; and Patricia H. Earnest, secretary.

Discussion Groups

The Retrospective Conversion Discussion Group program presented six ways of handling conversion projects with vendors. Hank Epstein of Information Transform introduced the MITINET/ retro system, which works on an Apple II Plus. Virginia Drake, cataloging coordinator at Johns Hopkins, discussed the planning and current progress of her library's conversion project with REMARC. Andrew Lisowski, head of cataloging at George Washington University, explained a con-

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version project using two companies, Electronic Keyboarding, Inc. (EKI), and Pro-Libra, to support a DataPhase ALIS II system. Gerald Buchanan of the Mississippi Library Commission worked with Auto-Graphics and used short-entry optical character recognition to convert the adult nonfiction holdings of the commission.

Ruby Miller, of Trinity University in San Antonio, spoke on the conversion project of seven of the libraries in the Council of Research and Academic Libraries (CORAL) consortium working with Blackwell/NA. Pat John, head of cataloging at the National Agricultural Library, discussed her library's conversion project with EKI. The new chair will be Virginia Drake of the Eisenhower Library, Johns Hopkins University.

For the Online Catalogs Discussion Group, Michelle Dalehite of SOLINET reported on the LAMBDA system and its future. Charles Hildreth of OCLC discussed online catalogs in general—"To Boolean or Not to Boolean." Hildreth's theme was that keyword searching is not the answer to every search; we need structured vocabularies in our online catalogs. Michael Gorman presented an account of a pilot project at the University of Illinois Libraries. They are trying IBM Personal Computers for use as intelligent terminals to provide a user interface with the online catalog. William G. Potter of the University of Illinois will continue as chair of the DG.

The 1983 topic for the Programmers Discussion Group was "Authorities Linkage to Bibliographic Records." Attendees at the LA meeting included representatives from five different operations either having or contemplating such linkages. The topic for 1984 will be "Clustering of Bibliographic Records." Incoming chair is Karen Coyle of the University of California Division of Library Automation.

The topic for the COM Catalog Discussion Group was "Authority Control Processes." Charles Clement, of the LDS Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City, described their online authority system, which was developed in-house. Daniel Miller, representing Blackwell/NA, reported on the company's authority system. B/NA updates the LC name and subject authority files with new LC headings as they appear. They also standardize headings for filing purposes, correct MARC tags and subfields, and deblind cross-references. Parke Lightbown of Auto-Graphics stated that A-G can generate name changes automatically from tape files but will not change invalid tape entries. Cross-references can be added to the library's file as a by-product of the authority process. A-G also allows local headings and cross-references to be added to a library's own authority file. The new DG chair will be Charles Clement.

The Library and Information Technology Discussion Group considered consortia and automation. Bob Walton of the Texas State Library discussed the problems that a consultant finds with consortia that purchase automated systems. Walton noted that more than half of the requests for purchase issued in 1982 were for multilibRARY projects and that many of these projects involved libraries which had banded together only for the automation project. Consortia are now finding that their big costs are for labor (people to run the consortia) and communications. A real problem is governance within the consortium. Richard Luce of Boulder Public Library reported on the IRVING Library Network (ILN) project, which involves five major public libraries in the Denver area. The goal is to connect the local computer systems (two DataPhase, two CLSI, and one homegrown UNIVAC system) through a Common Network Language. The system design calls for microcomputers at the front end of each library's computer. They expect

to complete the design phase in July and then to solicit bids from vendors and sign a contract by January 1984. Ray DeBuse, of the Washington Library Network (WLN), spoke on the acquisitions project. He noted that 70 percent of the orders from WLN libraries are now going through the electronic ordering system to vendors. They are anticipating implementation of the BISAC electronic order format if and when it becomes a standard. Diane Mayo was reelected chair. It was decided that the future format of meetings would be that of a true discussion group, with a topic and chances for questions.

Please send any items of interest to ISAS members to Jean Swanson, Texas Medical Center Library, 1133 M.D. Anderson Blvd., Houston, TX 77030.

Long-Range Plan Implementation Committee Under Way

This spring LITA president Carolyn Gray appointed the Long-Range Plan Implementation Committee, giving it the following charge:

The Long-Range Plan Implementation Committee is charged with developing an implementation plan to carry out the recommendations set forth in the Goals and Long-Range Planning Committee's final report. The Implementation Committee shall accomplish four tasks:

- The development of goals and objectives that will direct LITA to focus on access to information through technology.
- The refinement of the organizational structure outlined in the recommendations to effectively carry out the goals and objectives.
- The development of an implementation plan to effect the change from the current structure to the one being proposed.
- Coordination with the Bylaws and Organization Committee to revise the bylaws to reflect the new structure.

Members of the committee are Nancy Eaton (chair), Susan Crooks, Heike Kordish, Elizabeth Willson, Joan Maier McKean, Robert Miller, Richard Sweeney, James C. Thompson, Judith Karbas (RTSD Liaison), and Donald Hammer (ex-officio).

The committee met numerous times during ALA/Los Angeles to review its charge, gather member input, select a course of action, and agree on the timetable for carrying out the charge. The committee agreed that the LITA goals and objectives statement in the *ALA Handbook of Organization* needs to be revised to encompass the intent of the *Final Report* (October 1, 1982) of the LITA Goals and Long-Range Planning Committee and that this revised goals and objectives statement should form the basis of the new organizational structure.

The tasks that lie ahead include: communicating the committee's charge and timetable to all ALA divisions; telephone discussions with LITA section and committee chairs; drafting a new organizational structure; soliciting membership feedback via the *Newsletter*; holding open hearings at the 1984 Midwinter Meeting; revising the organizational structure and soliciting a straw vote from membership; drafting bylaws changes; and finalizing the organizational structure, goals statement, bylaws changes, and *ALA Handbook*. Final comments from all

are due by May 1, 1984. A final report and recommendations will go to the LITA Board at the Dallas Conference.—Nancy Eaton.

LITA Function Statement —First Draft

The first task of the Long-Range Plan Implementation Committee was to draft a new function statement for LITA, which will serve as the basis of the new organizational structure. You are invited to comment on this statement:

The Library and Information Technology Association shall concern itself with the planning, development, design, application and integration of technologies within the library and information sciences environment; with the impact of emerging technologies on library service; and with the human effect of automated technologies on users. Its focus shall be on inter-disciplinary topics such as telecommunications and systems integration rather than on specific task applications, with the intent that appropriate activity-oriented ALA divisions will subsume new technological applications as they become incorporated into the field. Within this area, LITA shall foster research, promote the development of appropriate standards, disseminate information, and provide a forum for the discussion of common concerns. Goals for LITA are:

1. Monitor new technologies with potential applications in information sciences.
2. Develop models of future library automation use.
3. Look at human effects of automation on users.
4. Facilitate attempts by members to get grants for research.
5. Become the experts on non-application issues such as telecommunications and systems integration.

Give the Committee Some Feedback

1. Does the function statement reflect what LITA's current goals should be? Yes No
2. If you do not feel this function statement is an adequate reflection of LITA's mission, how would you revise it?

Please send all comments and suggestions to Elizabeth Willson, 1415 N. Dearborn Parkway, Apt. 5A, Chicago, IL 60610.

LITA Audiocassettes Available

Audiocassettes of the LITA preconference, "Online Catalogs, Online Reference: Converging Trends," are now available. The institute focused on how the computer will be used in the next ten years to automate beyond technical services and the circulation desk and how computer-based and computer-assisted catalog and reference services will be provided directly to the public.

A full set of nine cassettes is \$40. Individual presentations are available at \$5 each. LITA members receive a 10 percent discount. Orders for cassettes should be placed with Information Yield, 311 Stonecrest Dr., Syracuse, NY 13214.

Video and Cable Communications Section

Bob Katz
Section Editor

VCCS Bash a Smashing Success

This year VCCS sponsored an open house in the LITA suite. Food and beverages helped to create a warm and friendly atmosphere where members and nonmembers could meet. Turnout was so encouraging that it is hoped this will be an annual event.

Committees

Recent committee appointments include: Robert Miller, Atlanta Public Library, chair of Distribution and Exchange; Thomas Szudy, Cuyahoga County Library, Parma, Ohio, chair of Utilization; Nora McMartin, Chula Vista Public Library, Calif., chair of Program Planning. Representatives to the LITA Long-Range Plan Implementation Committee are Robert Miller and Mary Deibler. (Any suggestions or comments from VCCS members are welcome!)

Video Showcases at ALA

In addition to showcasing videotapes produced by libraries across the nation, VCCS welcomed two guests to the video showcases. Laura Schneider, from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., explained that the gallery loans 16mm films and 3/4-inch videotapes to libraries at no charge. The films and tapes may be used in the library, over cable TV, or duplicated for home circulation. Topics range from artist studies to gallery tours. Call Schneider at (202) 842-6220 for further details.

Monday night, Joe Leonardi, operations manager of the media center at the Long Beach Museum of Art, explained the museum's facility to assist video artists in production of tapes.

VCCS Program

"Cable Communications—Interaction: Information Delivery in the 1980's" was opened by George Beers, dean of Fine Arts and Telecommunications, De Anza College, with an overview of cable television. He said that by the year 1990 there will be more than 2,000 cable services and channels available. Fiber optics will permit almost unlimited channels, and data communications will be an important part of cable television services. Beers urged librarians to become involved with the cable decision-making process at all levels of government.

Kenneth Dowlin spoke on library applications of cable communications. Dowlin pointed out that libraries are losing ground in terms of new uses of cable technology. One key to library cable use would be interconnecting systems in one geographical area. However, because there would be little profit for cable companies, interconnects are a low priority. Libraries must get involved with technology and not allow commercial firms to fill the library's role as an information provider.

Data transmission over cable was addressed by Richard Boss of Information Systems Consultants, Inc. Although the use of

coaxial cable for data transmission has advantages over telephone lines, it may be a long time before libraries get into the act. Cable companies will assign priorities to businesses with higher traffic than libraries would have. Coaxial has its drawbacks. One problem is that rural areas are not wired. In addition, only 1 percent of the cable in the U.S. is two-way. Boss suggested the use of microwave as one alternative. For the present, Boss urged librarians to be "involved watchers" of the data transmission picture.

Interactive video was discussed by Richard Adler from the Institute for the Future. Adler described the Knight-Ridder "Viewtron" project that will debut in Florida in 1983. The types of services that may be available through videotex include basic information retrieval, electronic mail, computing, and computer-assisted instruction. In addition, telemonitoring and transaction services will be available.

Send items for this column to Bob Katz, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12210.

Standard Fare

Pierre Badin LaTes II
Column Editor

The Technical Standards for Library Automation Committee (TESLA) met three times at ALA/LA.

Sandra K. Paul reported on the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Committee on Library and Information Sciences and Related Publishing Practices (Z39). Effective July 1, Paul became chair of Z39 and Theodore Brandhorst of ERIC became vice-chair/chair-elect. ANSC Z39 was recently incorporated and is in the process of preparing bylaws and applying to ANSI for status as an accredited standards-making organization rather than a committee. In recognition of its new status, Z39 is sponsoring a contest for a new name. Send any ideas to American National Standards Committee Z39, Building 101, Room E-106, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, DC 20234. The Z39 subcommittees on serials holdings at the detailed and summary levels met together and revised the charge for the subcommittee on detailed holdings. Copies of the charge can be obtained from the address listed above. Also, a subscription to the Z39 newsletter, *Voice of Z39*, can be obtained from the same address. The newsletter is recommended as a valuable source of information about current library, information-science, and publishing-standards activity.

Paul E. Peters, a new TESLA member, is also the ALA's official voting representative to the ANSC X3 Committee on Computers and Information Processing. Peters noted that X3 is producer-oriented while Z39 is more consumer-oriented. Peters has been designated the liaison between X3 and Z39's Subcommittee on a Standard for Computer Software Numbers.

R. Bruce Miller has been compiling data about VDT health-related issues as a TESLA project. A report of his findings was published in the June 1983 issue of *Information Technology*

and Libraries. Since publication, Miller has gathered other data. At a TESLA meeting Miller discussed ion imbalance and the negative effect it has on VDT operators. Ion imbalance occurs when positively charged dust particles strike a display screen and are bounced back directly to the operator. This contributes to a high positive-ion situation, which increases irritability, fatigue, and depression. Some suggestions for preventing ion imbalance are to use devices that capture the positive ions, use a grounded antiglare device on the terminal screen, or use fans to increase air circulation around VDTs and thus reduce the possibility of the positively charged ions bouncing directly back to the operator.

TESLA is developing a survey for the purpose of obtaining information from vendors about the specific abilities of their systems to handle data in the MARC formats. The survey needs only final board approval before it is distributed.

Gary McCone, another new TESLA member and a MARBI representative, informed TESLA that MARBI expects to com-

plete its work on the holdings format in September. Areas that still need to be dealt with are the issues of related data and implementation.

Of importance throughout the TESLA meetings was the charge from LITA President Ken Dowlin to emphasize standards and communications during the coming year. Issues and concerns relating to standards, such as a mechanism to identify standards that need developing or updating, the importance of communication standards and encouraging their use, and the relationship of economics to the development and use of standards, were among the topics discussed.

The committee is interested in your concerns regarding standards; noncommittee members are encouraged to attend TESLA meetings, join in discussions, and offer suggestions. Another means of communicating concerns to TESLA is to write to the chair, Ruth C. Carter, Head, Catalog Dept., G-49 Hillman Library, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

ALA/Los Angeles

Vendor/User Discussion Group

"The Politics of Contract Management" was the topic of the session chaired by Richard Rowe, president of F. W. Faxon. Kevin Hegarty, director of Tacoma Public Library, gave a brief overview of the elements that should be included in a contract and reviewed some of the problems incurred between DataPhase and the Tacoma Public Library during implementation. He candidly admitted that some of the harshest steps he had taken had been somewhat counterproductive, leading to problems with relationships with DataPhase and his staff. Hegarty recommended careful documentation of all actions/inactions during implementation to be summarized in a weekly status report. He stated that consultants have an obligation to counsel their clients on the dangers of contracting for products not yet developed.

Susan Epstein, consultant, gave some cautionary remarks about performance bonds. She described how these began as "completion bonds" in public works departments where the contracts awarded were very different in nature, i.e., one could determine with certainty when the project was finished and when specifications were not met, and the vocabulary used was standardized across the industry. The situation is very different in library automation, and libraries may be lulled into a false sense of security. Epstein pointed out that the performance bond company is similar to other insurance companies, that their legal staff is generally committed to the avoidance of payouts, and that litigation would be lengthy, possibly two to three years in the courts. She recommended that libraries require a benchmark test before the contract is signed, testing for peak and average loads for the first and fifth years with a configuration similar to the one planned. Epstein stressed that it is important to assess the risk involved before taking major punitive steps against a vendor.

Karin Trainer, associate university librarian at Yale, was formerly director of technical and automated services at New York University, which automated first with CLSI but has since converted to Geac. NYU developed the specifications for Geac's online catalog and is currently conducting the first pub-

lic test of that product. Trainer reiterated that litigation is very expensive and the outcome unpredictable. She quoted an attorney's comment that "it is a crap shot dependent on the vagaries of judges." She noted that trust is lost in a project failure, particularly between the library and its parent institution as well as its clientele. Trainer outlined positive steps for avoiding major problems:

1. Use care in selection. Check vendor's references thoroughly.
2. Don't do business with people you don't like.
3. Know what you are contracting for, i.e., the terms in the RFP and contract.
4. Keep in close touch with the vendor.

During the question-and-answer period, members of the audience expressed interest in more information on the positive aspects of contract management. Rowe indicated that tentative plans call for a two-day institute at the Dallas Conference on the "Realities of Contract Management." In other business, Jim Long, OCLC, was elected chair of the DG. Brian Aveney expressed his thanks to Rowe for his superb job in getting this group organized and off to a solid start.

Midwest Library Service sponsored a luncheon for all attendees. Informal discussion centered on the controversy surrounding which standard will prevail for the variable-field-length format to be used to transmit order information. Ernie Muro of Baker & Taylor outlined the options as (1) BISAC III variable-length format or (2) a MARC-compatible format. The small group of book vendors and librarians present agreed that the BISAC III format was preferable because it is ready to be implemented, suits acquisitions needs well, and is efficient and economical to transmit over telecommunications systems.—
Pat Barkalow, Pasadena Public Library.

CLASS Change

CLASS announces an official change of name from California Library Authority for Systems and Services to Cooperative Library Agency for Systems and Services. The new name is a more accurate reflection of the nationwide orientation of the organization.

Consultant/User Discussion Group



The Consultant/User Discussion Group takes shape at this preliminary gathering in Los Angeles. From left to right are: Sandra K. Paul, SKP Associates; Robert Mason, Metrics Research Corporation; Brigitte L. Kenney, Infocon, Inc.; Jean F. Porter and Don Adam, Adam Group, Inc.; Charles C. Stewart and Ernest A. Muro, Baker & Taylor Company. The group will aim to improve communications links between librarians and consultants, clarify the roles of each, and share individual experiences. Watch for a meeting at ALA Midwinter.

US MARC Advisory Group

The US MARC Advisory Group, which includes the RTSD/LITA/RASD Committee on Representation in Machine-Readable Form of Bibliographic Information (MARBI), representatives of the national libraries and the bibliographic networks, and interested observers, met to discuss additions and changes to the US MARC formats.

Several sessions were devoted to the proposed US MARC format for holdings and locations. The format is described in the March/April issue of the *RTSD Newsletter* (p.25-27). The next phase of this project calls for systems analysis of the format—identifying processing functions (such as input, display, edit, compress) and developing generally applicable pseudocode to support them. In order to provide the systems analysts with a working draft of the format, discussions at the June meetings concentrated on the fields for location and call number and for enumeration and chronology. It was determined that strict limits should be placed on record complexity and that options should allow data to be recorded in either coded or textual form. An effort will be made to resolve any remaining problems so that a working draft can be approved in September.

The group also discussed proposed revisions to the films format that aimed to (1) correct bias in the present format toward projected graphics, (2) add data elements for two-dimensional graphics, and (3) add data elements for archival control (for use with collections of original and historical graphics). Discussion points included the use of archival elements outside the archival control format and the structure of the 007 field.

In addition to these items, the agenda for the September 14-16 meeting at the Library of Congress included proposals on integration of the bibliographic formats, microcomputer software, and the statement of principles. Further information may be obtained from: Library of Congress, Processing Services, Automation Planning and Liaison Office, Washington, DC 20540.—*John Attig, Pennsylvania State University.*

Legislation and Regulation Committee

The topic on everyone's mind was S.66, the cable bill that had just passed the Senate less than two weeks prior to ALA/LA. As mentioned in previous *Newsletter* issues, S.66 takes away much of the regulatory control state and local governments have over cable companies, especially in the areas of

public-access requirements and franchise renegotiation. Under the provisions of S.66, when the cable franchise comes up for renewal the local government can no longer negotiate with other cable companies unless it can prove that the current company has not fulfilled the terms of the original contract. This means less incentive for the cable company to upgrade present equipment to newer technologies, since there is little chance the franchise can be given to another company that would upgrade.

Carol Henderson of the ALA Washington Office asked that anyone from libraries using cable write to the office telling how cable technology is being used and how S.66 would affect the library or the community. The ALA Washington Office feels that no cable bill is necessary, but if there has to be one an alternative to S.66 should be proposed, one that will make better provisions for franchise renegotiations and public access. Examples of libraries using cable in any way, including programming and data transmission, would be extremely valuable for the Washington Office to use in testimony on future cable bills in the House of Representatives.—*Mary Boulanger.*

Further reports from ALA/Los Angeles will appear in the Winter *LITA Newsletter*.

Decisions of the LITA Board of Directors: ALA 1983 Annual Conference Los Angeles

Election Results. The 1983 LITA election results were as follows:

LITA Board: Nancy Eaton, vice-president/president-elect; Pat Barkalow, member-at-large.

ISAS Executive Committee: Mary Ghikas, vice-chair/chair-elect; Carol Parkhurst, member-at-large; Pat Earnest, secretary.

VCCS Executive Committee: Joyce Capell, chair; Charles Kritzer, vice-chair/chair-elect; Henry Lattimore, member-at-large; Mary Boulanger, secretary.

LITA Orientation Forum. The board thanked Bonnie Juergens for organizing the Orientation Forum at Los Angeles. A motion was made by Ken Dowlin and seconded by B Kenney that:

It become policy for LITA to schedule an orientation session early in the Annual Conference for the purpose of providing information to the committee members and new board members on the affairs of the Division. Action to be carried out by the past-president. [1]

Division Presidents' Dinner. Gray reported on the buffet dinner LITA sponsored for the presidents and vice-presidents of the other divisions of ALA. The purpose of the meeting was to determine whether or not such meetings were needed to discuss mutual problems, to prevent duplication of plans and programs, and to exchange ideas.

Emerging Technologies Committee. After discussion on LITA's place and responsibilities within ALA, a motion was made by Ken Dowlin, seconded by Hugh Atkinson, and voted that:

A committee will be established to determine new technologies,

not yet in use in libraries, which should become program topics for LITA in the immediate future. Purpose of programming these topics is to speculate on or help determine their application to library/information service problems. The name of the Committee is the Emerging Technologies Committee. It is to be chaired by the past-past-president. There will be three members; the chairs of the two sections: Ad Hoc-Life of two years. [2]

Computer Hardware Vendors and the Library Market. Hammer reported that one of the lessons already learned out of the preparation for the LITA national conference has been that computer hardware vendors and manufacturers are not aware of the library market and, therefore, are indifferent to it. This problem has led to difficulties in getting hardware firms outside the library field to exhibit. Hammer suggested that this was an area that LITA should be working in, i.e., to give LITA and the library field more exposure in the hardware vendor area.

The board recommended that more local people be added to the Baltimore National Conference Exhibits Committee in order to make direct contacts. For the long-range national problem, the board recommended that the Long-Range Plan Implementation Committee add this matter to their concerns.

Consultant Hiring by LITA in Program Activities. The question raised was whether or not LITA should pay members who are private consultants to develop and carry out programs or other activities for LITA. It was felt that LITA should have a policy on this matter and the board asked Vice-President Dowlin to appoint a committee to study this issue.

Additionally, it was requested that the subject be broadened to include competition from members who are also consultants who hold competing institutes and workshops in conjunction with ALA Conferences.

JMRT/LITA Representation. The board agreed by consensus that the chair of the LITA Membership Committee should be the permanent LITA representative to JMRT and should work with JMRT on mutual activities.

LITA Scholarship Award. President Gray received approval from the board for her efforts to establish a LITA Scholarship Award. CLSI, as the donor, is in agreement with the actions taken in establishing the award. The board agreed by consensus that the LITA Awards Committee should administer the scholarship program.

Proposed Consultant/User Discussion Group. Ernest A. Muro and Charles Stewart, Baker & Taylor Co., presented to the board a petition to establish a Consultant/User Discussion Group within LITA. The function statement would include responsibilities to improve communications between libraries and consultants, including educational materials and seminars; assist in standards discussion and developments regarding the role of consultants; help libraries to better define the needs and goals that can be aided by consultants; and help consultants share their individual results and perceptions on market trends.

After discussion, much of which dealt with the matter of assurance that the discussion group would hear librarians' viewpoints as well as consultants', the motion was made by Atkinson, seconded by Eaton, that the board:

Approve the establishment of a Consultant/User Discussion Group. [3]

Legislation and Regulation Committee. David Brunell reported on S.66, the bill concerning cable regulation. Among other things, the committee will send to libraries and others concerned an informational packet on S.66 and its impact on libraries. The committee is also working with the Coalition in Opposition against S.66, a rather informal organization that includes many groups outside the library field. After discussion, a motion was made by Atkinson, seconded by Kenney, and voted that:

\$200.00 be made available for educational activities for the Legislation & Regulation Committee. [4]

Policy on Cosponsorship of Programs. Kenney reported on the results of her subcommittee's compilation of program cosponsorship policy statements from the other ALA divisions. She presented a draft

definition statement of cosponsorship to the board and a draft of a form to be used as a written cosponsorship agreement. Atkinson also submitted a draft policy statement on cosponsorship. After discussion, a motion was made by Atkinson and seconded by Juergens that: the definition for co-sponsorship be accepted, eliminating paragraph III, Cooperation, and to be preceded by policy statement formulated by Atkinson. [5]

ISAS Report. Thompson, ISAS chair, reported on two publications that are being completed. *The LITA Bibliography of Library Automation* will soon be published by Pierian Press, and a pamphlet on how to get started in automation is now being considered by the LITA Publications Committee. The board expressed its appreciation to Anne Adler, the editor of the *Bibliography*, for the excellent job she did.

ANSI X3 Representative Report. Paul Peters reported on the activities of the ANSI X3 Committee. On behalf of the LITA TESLA Committee, he requested a reaction from the board to the MARC-compatibility survey questionnaire that TESLA has drawn up. The board gave its approval by consensus for TESLA to continue its planned survey.

Program Planning Committee Report. Sue Tyner reported that the Vendor/User Discussion Group is planning a preconference for Dallas. The general subject will be contracting and vendor relations.

Board Enlarged. A motion was made by Atkinson, seconded by Eaton, and voted that the:

Nominating Committee devise a ballot to add the three new expanded members of the board in such a way to ensure a series of staggered exits and entrances from and to the board in the ensuing years. [6]

LITA National Conference Steering Committee Report. Berna Heyman reported that thirty-five thousand preregistration booklets were printed and about thirty thousand were mailed out on various mailing lists.

She reported that so far three vendors had contributed to the general costs of the conference or to food activities. They are F. W. Faxon Co. for the conference portfolios and CL Systems and Blackwell North America for food activities.

Discussion took place on the conference budget and on the unfortunate error of scheduling the tutorial on Yom Kippur. The board noted the error with regret.

Publications Committee Report. Michael Gorman presented a plan for the creation of a LITA monographic series of which the first two volumes will be the proceedings of the LITA national conference and the proceedings of the "Online Catalog, Online Reference" preconference.

A motion was made by Gorman and voted that:

a separate publications series (name to be established) be established. [7]

After discussion, a motion was made by Gorman and voted that the:

price for ITAL to nonmembers be increased from \$20.00 to \$25.00 (means that member price increase nominally to \$12.50). [8]

Gorman then brought up the committee's recommendation regarding the reimbursement of costs for various editors to attend ALA Conferences.

A motion was made and voted that:

the ITAL editor, managing editor, and the editor of the *LITA Newsletter* be reimbursed for expenses in attending annual and midwinter conferences. Funds to be taken from ITAL budget—travel and accommodations only. The time at the conference to be directly related to editorships and be reviewed in two years. [9]

Telecommunications Committee Report. Joan Maier McKean presented the recommendation of the committee that LITA buy a Velcro display backdrop for use at Conferences that will cost about \$859. McKean also suggested that LITA acquire an Osborne I microcomputer for use in exhibit booths for the LITA game as she cannot provide the micro from NOAA indefinitely. No action taken.

Long-Range Plan Implementation Committee Report. Eaton re-

ported that the committee has planned for three opportunities for members to comment on the committee's reports and recommendations. Additionally, hearings will be held in Washington at ALA Midwinter and a final report will be made to the board in Dallas.

VCCS Report. Among other matters, Joyce Capell brought up a conflict in scheduling at the national conference between the Blue Sky Studios tour and the VCCS workshop.

A motion was made by Eaton and seconded by Kershner and voted that:

the Program Committee for the National Conference try to re-schedule the tour to Blue Sky Studios so that it does not conflict with the "cable interaction" program and that registrants be notified and the change reflected in the final schedule. [10]

LITA Dues Increase Proposed. After discussion, the motion was made by Dowlin and seconded by Atkinson that:

the Budget Committee be directed to explore the question of a dues increase for LITA and report to the board at Midwinter. [11]

RTSD Board Representative Report. Lois Kershner reported that the liaison to the RTSD Bylaws Committee was not effective because the activities of that committee were after the fact and did not help to avoid duplication of activities.

A motion was made by Kershner, seconded by Eaton, and voted that:

the LITA representative to RTSD Bylaws be discontinued, its purpose being better served by the liaison at the planning level. [12]

Expansion of LITA Staff. A discussion took place concerning assistance in the LITA office because the board would like to see LITA move into additional areas, and there are goals for the coming year that need to be developed. An executive committee should be formed to work more closely with the executive director to set new directions

for LITA. LITA should be regarded within ALA as the technology resource area and that would require a computer or telecommunications person to help the executive director and to work on other projects. Monitoring legislation and regulation in Washington concerning telecommunications is another possible function. The level of this position would be junior professional, and the position would be reviewed in two years time. A meeting will be held with the deputy director of ALA to determine the feasibility of these ideas.

More Documentation on Board Agenda Matters. A motion was made by Kershner, seconded by Atkinson, and voted that:

if at all possible, descriptive documentation for Board of Directors agenda items be obtained and distributed prior to meetings. [13]

Meetings adjourned.—Don Hammer, LITA Executive Director.

VOTE TALLY FROM THE ELECTRONIC MAIL SYSTEM

Ballot 1 (April 20, 1983): Concerning approval to include section editors of the LITA Newsletter on EMS.

Board Member

Hugh Atkinson 0
 Mary Diebler Y
 Kenneth Dowlin Y
 Nancy Eaton Y
 Carolyn Gray Y
 Bonnie Juergens Y
 Brigitte Kenney Y
 Lois Kershner Y
 James Thompson Y

Key: Y = Yes 0 = Not voting

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Board Member	Motions (in order of appearance in the "Decisions")												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Atkinson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Capell*			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Diebler	Y	Y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dowlin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Eaton	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gray	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Juergens	Y	Y	0	Y	Y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenney	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kershner	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thompson	Y	Y	0	Y	Y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Board authorized Capell to replace Diebler representing VCCS at meetings 2 and 3

Key: Y = Yes N = No A = Abstain 0 = Absent

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