
Minutes of the 25th Annual Meeting of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians

“Christian Librarianship: Occupation, Vocation or Ministry”

July 11-26, 2005 Union College, Lincoln Nebraska

Tuesday, July 14, 2005

Welcome

Bruce McClay welcomed everyone to the conference. He asked people who were attending an ASDAL Conference for the first time to stand up. There were three people, Tina, Christy and Mary Ann.

Devotional

Robert Fettrick, chair of Religion Department, Union College

He shared a story – Elizabeth lived in Hungary. It was a two day journey to Budapest. She was leaving her small village to go to New York City. Her father had given her a U.S. twenty dollar bill. A man came and said, “you have the wrong kind of money.” He left with her money, came back and handed her two one dollar bills.

Third class would not have described their quarters adequately. She got seasick. She met a young man who wanted to go to NJ to start a hardware store. He said, “Marry me and come to NJ.” Elizabeth said, “no thank you. My job is “to bring my family over.” Elizabeth met another young man who was going to Ohio. This man proposed to her as well. She said no thank you.” The boat landed at Ellis Island. Elizabeth didn’t have any documentation. A man said to her, “give me one good reason why I shouldn’t send you back to Hungary.” She had a piece of paper written in English, but she couldn’t understand a word of it. Her family didn’t know what the document was. She gave the man the document. The paper was her birth certificate. That made all the difference. The man said, “You are an American citizen. Welcome to America, welcome home.” Elizabeth was Robert Fettrick’s mother.

Lessons to be learned----

Satan wants to steal the birthright that is ours. Read Philippians 2:7

Elizabeth would not deviate from the task set before her. “Our citizenship is in heaven.” So many times I meet people standing in the wrong line. They don’t know where they are going or why. Our job is to help people realize they are citizens of the kingdom of heaven, help people move from the wrong line to the right line.

He mentioned a book by Thomas Mann about being a research librarian. God has the time for each one of us. He has the answers. As librarians, the greatest job you have is dealing with people. You can help them understand they are citizens of the kingdom. They can be happy, fulfilled in Jesus.

Welcome

Dave Smith, president of Union College, came to give greetings. He talked about books and how many changes are happening in libraries.

Linda Mack then asked members of local arrangements committee to stand. She gave them thanks and asked for a round of applause. She talked about ASDAL and obtaining money through the Hiltz Scholarship. The conference theme, "Christian librarianship: occupation, vocation or ministry" was announced and highlighted.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS - "The Wanderings of an Adventist Christian Librarian." Dr. George Summers, Emeritus Librarian, Loma Linda University

The speech was a very interesting survey of what Dr Summers has accomplished during the last 50 years.

A copy of the speech can be accessed on the ASDAL web page
<http://www.asdal.org/minutes/summerswanderings.html>.

Here is a short excerpt near the end of the address.

"Have things always been rosy? No, but they have been challenging. There have been a few serious problems along the way. I have chosen not to include them. "Forgive and forget" is an exercise that clears the mind and saves friendships. That concept has always been important to me.

Sixteen years service to LLU have taught me to cultivate my personal relationship to Jesus Christ and my appreciation for the University. One of the events that I cherish the most happened to me after I retired and moved back to Loma Linda. The library faculty at Loma Linda recommended to the Board of Trustees, through the Vice President of Academic Administration, that I be given the honorary title of "Emeritus Librarian." My membership card reads, "Loma Linda University Faculty, valid for life."

RESPONSE TO DR. SUMMERS' ADDRESS

Larry Onsager, Dean of Libraries, Andrews University

George is the reason I feel guilty when I save paper clips. Saving paper clips and counting rubber bands – librarians spent a little too much time doing that. George introduced me to my first library conference. He said, "Have a good day, go out and meet people." I met people I know to this day.

George knew how to integrate his faith and his profession. From him I learned how to provide outstanding library service. I learned how to become a Medline searcher. We had fun with George as well...

Tributes written by Kitty Simmons, Maynard Lowry, Keith Clouten, Vera May Schwartz, and John Hart were read.

Carlene Drake came to the microphone to add some comments about George. She asked several librarians at LLU to make comments. The following are a few of the comments:

- Early entry into automation
- Beginnings with the SDA Periodical Index
- A Christian gentleman
- Socially integrated
- Always involved in the profession outside the denomination
- Jim Nix said “if he gave you his word, he would be willing to lose his job before he’d go back on that word.”

“The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians would like to honor you, Dr. George Summers, for your lifetime commitment to the library profession.” Larry presented a scrap book to the Summers of comments and tributes.

BREAK

PRESENTATION - “Managing Electronic Resource Collections: The Moving Metadata Target”

Mike Showalter, MLS Product Manager Serials Solutions

Mike talked about the Serials Solution product

Federated searching – where do I begin?

Link resolving – is a predictive technology

The common thread: data

Challenge – link bibliographic data with holdings metadata

ISSN challenges – Print or eISSN

- Historical publications
- Incorrect ISSN
- Old ISSN
- Mistyped ISSN

Data Solutions: Work-Level Identifier

- Aggregate everything at the top level
- Don’t have to use the ISSN as the identifier, are included but not used as the identifier

Mike gave us an inside look at the authority database, how their database works.

How often does vendor data change? A lot more than you think!

All the data goes into the unified knowledgebase

- Helps overlap analysis
- Benchmarking for resource usage
- Can evaluate resources with overlap analysis – make value-based decisions by placing resource in context with the rest of your collection.
- Can predict or compare usage with benchmarking

PRESENTATION - “Taming the Kitty: the Trials and Tribulations of joining Michigan’s MeLCat Resource Sharing System”

Steve Sowder, Systems Librarian and Sallie Alger, Head of Bibliographic Services; Andrews University

Steve:

MeLCat is a statewide system connecting libraries throughout the state

The goal is to connect all of them, 550 libraries, in three to five years.

Essentially it is a system for request of interlibrary loans

The main system, a Union catalog, is located in Lansing.

As we change records, the change is reflected in about 30 seconds.

MelCat uses item type, Itype. Andrews did not use item type and we had to make a change. We had about 30 days to do that.

Andrews came up live on the system in March 30, 2005.

We pay a once-a-year fee for courier service of \$1300.00

The system has a visiting patron – a student can be at another library, check the book out there, not use ILL.

Steve did a demo on how the system works

Sallie:

Benefits:

- MelCat is self initiated – an advantage
- 2-5 day delivery rather than 10 days or more for ILL
- Have been able to network across the state of Michigan

ILL won't disappear – we will always need to borrow from other states

James White Library will feature MelCat at our library fair in September

It has been an interesting experience. We are a net lender

The state contracted with a medical service. They deliver medical supplies across the state, and now deliver these books as well.

The program is going quite well, working out of the circulation department. We work some with ILL as well. Typically, we send out more items than we get.

Patrons must abide by the borrowing library rules.

LUNCH

PRESENTATION - "Nebraska Memories"

Shannon Behrhorst, Nebraska Library Commission

The Commission visited all the public libraries in Nebraska. Most libraries serve between 69-5,000 patrons. There are only a few large libraries in the state.

The project is to digitize Nebraska-related historical and cultural heritage materials and make them available on the Internet.

Nebraska Library Commission has some past history on digitization – government publications online

Western Trails – contributed 500 images each

Nebraska State Documents – working on that project now

Shannon showed examples of some of the pages

What we learned on these projects:

- Training – well attended – increased knowledge on digitization
- Software options – Content DM
- Learned about the content in the state

- Equipment – set up a scanning center at the Commission

Project Basics:

- CONTENTdm hosted at NLC – Digital collection management software
- Technical Infrastructure
- Training for participants
- Content
- Funding for Projects

Training

List of the metadata used for Nebraska Memories guidelines

What is in the scanning Center?

- Scanner
- Photoshop
- CONTENTdm

PRESENTATION - “The Questia.com Factor: Symbol of a Professional Dichotomy” Lauren Matacio, Instruction Librarian, Andrews University and Sabrina Riley, Library Director Union College

Information formats undergo major changes every few hundred years.

The book has stayed the same until a few years ago. The computer provided amazing new ways to store information.

Electronic resources – next new format

This format has brought librarians many challenges

This study compares experiences of undergraduate students using completely electronic Questia.com vs. books, electronic resources and especially librarian help.

Sabrina described Questia.com

- Books online – about 56,000
- Can add notes to pages
- Can create bibliographies
- Other e-book companies were selling to librarians, etc., Questia is marketed directly to students
- Could students use the Questia database without librarians’ help

Two areas to examine in the study

- Content of the database
- What were students attitudes
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Took 100 titles of books analyzed using several criteria,

- Reviewers reviews
- Did it contain a bibliography or index?
- Holdings in various libraries

Questia has about 500 periodical titles. It is a resource for undergraduate students and high school students.

We collaborated with three English professors in a total of four sections. Most students were sophomores.

One group received instruction in using Questia, one did not receive instructions.

What were students' experiences?

The second survey was done after they started using Questia.

Questia is quite small and has some bias. It is stronger in fine arts, humanities. It is also heavily weighted with older materials that are in the public domain.

Periodicals – only 25% were recommended for undergraduate audience – others are more specialized items.

What were students' experiences?

- Less than half said they would use it again.

How did the instruction session impact the students?

- Students who had the instruction session became excited about using the product.
- Some experienced technical problems.

The traditional library received high recommendations. An overwhelming number preferred the library.

What did students like about the traditional library? There were two main factors.

- humans in the library, students could ask questions
- The number of different resources we could provide – wider variety

What does this say Roles of librarians? We have many challenges ahead of us.

Change – how have librarians responded?

- Threat
- Laissez-faire – whatever
- Opportunity

Students are more comfortable in talking to other students.

Librarians may be threatened – they may be arrogant, waiting to be approached, resentful.

Characteristics of a threatened librarian

- Reactive
- Short-sighted
- Negative: it's the patron's fault
- Oppose change
- Usually library focused

Characteristics of a laissez-faire librarian – apathetic group

- Passive
- Tunnel vision
- Neither resist nor pursue change
- May be either library or patron focused

Characteristics of an opportune librarian

- Proactive

- Far-sighted
- Embrace change by using it to improve services and collections
- More likely to be patron focused – accept change when it helps people

Skills for successful change

- Listen for signals to change
- Articulate rationale
- Develop relationships to promote trust
- Be willing to drop tools which hinder
- Adopt new tools

Core professional values

- Access
- Confidentiality/Privacy
- Democracy
- Diversity
- Education and lifelong learning
- Intellectual freedom
- Preservation
- The public good
- Professionalism
- Service
- Social responsibility

The dichotomy in our professional lives includes constant change, but the values remain the same.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

We are beginning the 25th year of ASDAL.

A special issue of *ASDAL Action* was passed out to attendees. Copies were made available to other non-attending members.

BREAK AND GROUP PHOTO

BUSINESS SESSION I

Prizes for each business session:

1st winner - Genevieve Cottrell

2nd winner – Marilyn Crane

Announcements:

Sabrina: ALICE Board meeting is tonight at 7:00 pm

Loading the bus at 7:30 am. Meet in Rees Hall parking lot,

List of departure times for people needing rides to flights etc., make sure and put correct times

Carlene Drake: two positions open at Loma Linda University – looking for an archivist and medical reference librarian.

La Sierra University two positions open: public services and reference librarian

Three librarians introduced themselves as first time attendees at ASDAL, Yanira, Jane, Colleen

Are there any librarians that have retired this past year?

Gary Sherer will be retiring this next year.

Margaret Von Hake ?

Wolfhard Touchard, Esther Tyler

The first **Business Session** was called to order by Bruce McClay, ASDAL President.

Prayer: Bruce McClay

Tony Zbaraschuk has been recommended to be Parliamentarian by the Executive Committee **Voted** to have Tony serve.

President's Report – Bruce McClay

The main item Bruce worked on was the December issue of the *Journal of Adventist Education*.

A motion was made to formally thank Annette for all the work she did on the issue. Patricia Beaman was responsible for the ad placed in the journal. Each Adventist college and university that does not subscribe to the Journal of Adventist education got a complimentary copy.

Clayson, Mann, and Yeager law firm. Outcome, Margaurite Hilts gave \$10,000 to ASDAL. Ended up with \$9,141.48. ASDAL had to pay lawyers, so the organization got \$7,141.48. This brings the total in the Hilts Scholarship to \$21,607.52. We can begin awarding the scholarship.

Paulette reported on an innovative way of raising money for the scholarship. Mrs. Holman from Oakwood College passed away. In her memory, the Oakwood library staff raised \$300. Paulette asked administration to match that. Administration didn't match the amount, but did add some money to the funds.

Bruce had mentioned did not want his ASDAL plaque. The Executive Committee raised funds to cover that cost. The plaque will be given as usual.

Secretary's Report – Marge Seifert

Moved to accept the minutes of the 24th ASDAL Conference held in Florida as published in the Fall *ASDAL Action*.

Voted

ASDAL Action Report - Sallie Alger

We will put together a special packet for the next conference.

ASDAL Action, will need more articles during the year. We also need book reviews. We need to have more personal stories, what is going on in your library and what is happening with people. Please send information.

We could possibly change the style of the newsletter, put an article or feature on the front page. A suggestion was made. Place a self-addressed envelope in the packet to get more returns for the conference.

Announcement of newly elected officers and committee members

President elect – Ruth Swan

Constitution and Bylaws Committee – Tony Zbaraschuk

Scholarship and Awards Johanna McClay

SDA Classification Advisory Board Stan Cottrell

Site Planning Committee – Ralph Koehler

Statistics Committee – Jim Ford
SDA Periodical Index Board – Paulette Johnson

Coordinators
Oversees library (2 yr term) – Sergio Becerra
Publicity – Christy Berry
Membership coordinator - Genevieve Cottrell – 1 year

Executive Committee Recommended the SDA Librarian's Listserv Coordinator be an official position – maintain and manage the listserv.

Moved to table this issue till Thursday.

Voted.

Nominations were opened for the Nominating Committee. A group of people were nominated.

Voted the following individuals to be on the Nominating Committee:

Adu Worku
Christina Thomson
Carlene Drake
Lauren Matacio
Larry Onsager

Nominations were opened for the Resolutions Committee. Several names were placed in nomination.

Voted the following individuals for the Resolutions Committee:

Heather Rodriguez-James
Warren Johns
Paulette Johnson

Motion to adjourn.

Voted

Wednesday, July 13, 2005

Missouri River Valley Tour
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitors Center
Arbor Day Farm & Arbor Lodge
Peru State College Library
Dinner cruise

Thursday, July 14, 2005

DEVOTIONAL

Rudy Dennis, Union College Band Director

A question that perennially haunts me: What is the most significant thing you as a librarian do?

The story: I had a chance to go to St. Louis to play in a brass ensemble.

The air conditioning went out on the trip, then the engine stopped working.

I had a man stop to help me in a remote exit in Missouri.

The man was an Elvis impersonator. I was in need. When Elvis came by, I didn't care who he was, I needed his help.

He took his time, did an act of kindness.

Matthew 25:40

What is the most significant thing that you as a librarian do?

Wealth of nations by Adam Smith – what makes economies work so well is specialization. Pastors are expected to be unselfish and Christ like, any Christ like actions you exhibit in front of students will be 10 times more powerful than anything a pastor could do. You are not paid to be kind and Christ like. You make your most effective impact when “you act like Elvis.”

**PRESENTATION – “The Seventh-day Adventist Librarian- Minister Extraordinaire”
Bruce McClay, Walla Walla College School of Nursing Library & ASDAL President**

Three things I would like for you to know.

- This is not a usual presentation with PowerPoint etc.,
- Little library research and writing focuses on this topic. It is based largely on personal experience
- I will share personal experiences that have worked for me

A baseball bat in Bruce’s hands may be worth \$20.00. But a baseball bat in Barry Bonds’ hands is worth a championship. What do you have in your hands? All I have is a degree. Most of you have years of experience in your hands, but what else do you hold in your hands? You have great gifts in your hands. Librarians don’t often think of themselves as ministers, but I want you think that direction this morning.

There is no calling that has allowed me as great an opportunity to influence the lives of students as being a librarian. As a librarian, I’m a neutral person, pastors come with a barrier, so do teachers. Think of ways to shatter the “librarian” perception.

Another advantage you have is that students frequently come to you for a need, maybe a research need. But that can open the door a crack, and you can seize the opportunity to help a student in another area.

What about your student workers, how do you relate to them? Casual words in the easy flow of conversation helped a student worker of mine.

Seek an opportunity when you know someone is hurting. It is safer to stay in your office, but I found the student and prayed with the student about her Grandma. Later I received a note from the student saying thank you. The note came almost a quarter later.

You can help students you know, but what about students you don’t know. If you hear about a student who is hurting, send an email letting them know you care. “We prayed for you in our worship.”

Research in education shows a major factor in student retention is positive continual interaction with faculty and staff. Orient your workers to customer service, and remind them of this often.

Dr Karen Tetz has done research with elderly people. Relationships influence the perception of the quality of care as much as the actual care itself. Relate that to the library.

Another power you have in your hands is belief, the gift of vision. Here is an example:

“What’s wrong?”

“I failed that test.”

“If you failed, I bet you a Baskin Robins.”

Bruce says, “I win more of those than I lose.”

Get across the idea, you are smart, you will be a good nurse!
An email from a student said, “thanks for believing in me.”
We can all be channels to let students know we believe in them

1 Corinthians 15 Christ’s love compels

Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students p. 229 “He (teacher) should see in every pupil the handiwork of God.”

Rich Carlson made that comment on Monday, “see in each student a miracle in the making.”
There should be unconditional positive regard from parents, teachers and librarians – help those that struggle with learning.

Has anyone seen the movie “The day after tomorrow?” Books were burned in a fireplace to survive. Books are not worth much when a life is at stake.

No one ever asks me how many students did you pray with? Did you cheer a student this year, cry with a student?

Hugging. We fear hugging, because it will be taken the wrong way. Always ask and never do it in private, but, it could be just what the student needs.

What you have in your librarian hands is worth infinitely more than a baseball bat in Barry Bonds hands or a basketball in Shaquille O’Neal’s hands.
You are a minister!

PANEL DISCUSSION - “Faculty Status Revisited”

Linda Mack, Chloe Foutz, Carolyn Gaskell, Margaret von Hake, Annette Melgosa

Library literature is full of articles on the topic of faculty rank.
Hopefully this topic will be a catalyst for further discussion.
How can ASDAL help in the entire process?

ACRL is continually revising standard for librarians. A new draft statement mentions that library services will be of the highest quality possible.

Carolyn will share her experience at chairing the committee at Walla Walla.
Chloe will take a historical view of ASDAL’s involvement
Annette will present an international view
Margaret will share an experience from this past academic year.

Carolyn

In 1989-1990 rank and tenure committee said, “we can’t give you the same status as regular faculty.” We worked as separate but equal. For the last five years Carolyn has served on the rank and tenure committee, which was very eye opening.

She talked about how librarians can write their peer evaluations so other faculty can understand them. The emphasis is still on course evaluations, but Walla Walla is moving towards a university. There has been a revision of guidelines – faculty are being required to do more research.

Not everybody is the same, Fine Arts are not the same. Aviation is not the same. Business CPA endorsements are important. How can we accommodate the differences but have a core?

The same adjectives are used in evaluations, excellent, showing promise etc.

All librarians should be involved in instruction in some way, so there can be course evaluations.
There are some things we can do internally that can help librarians be the same as other faculty.

We need to focus on what our mission is, how we provide service to the campus and what our professional goals are.

One thing we have struggled with is pay – faculty get additional funding for summer quarter and professional development. That used to be predicated on rank, now it is predicated on degree. Right now we must have a second masters degree to advance, Carolyn has tried to say that years of service would be the way to advance. We don't have time off in the summer, time for Sabbaticals. Carolyn doesn't know how Senate will deal with this. That will start this fall.

Chloe – History

Rank and tenure is little bit like shoulder pads in women's clothing, it comes and goes.

Dr. Everett Dick's book *College of the Golden Cords*. "The most important feature is to know God and form a life pattern of service for Him."

Union College was the first college to be accredited. That was done in 1905 by the New York Board of Regents. That came from need to have medical students accepted in accredited institutions.

In the 1920's a drive began again.

In 1927 the General Conference voted down Union's request to be accredited.

The president and a number of excellent scholarly instructors left Union College.

In the mid 1930's the college started a drive to become accredited. Again, in 1935 it was turned down from the General Conference. In 1936 the General Conference began to let colleges apply for accreditation.

In 1937 PUC, Union, and EMC were accredited. Faculty status varied from campus to campus. During the 1970's we really got inquiries. That was the time period when colleges enrollments were going down.

Librarians were part of the teaching component, they really were part of the team.

The big fight was, public services people yes, but what about technical services?

ASDAL formed a rank and tenure committee. A survey discovered rank and tenure meant different things on different campuses. The committee presented its findings to ASDAL and disbanded.

Annette – International perspective

Every country has their own way of doing things

In the Anglo library world outside the US, it is quite different. Librarians are not really seen as faculty; professional, yes, but different. There is a problem of equality as far as salaries, and librarians don't get same benefits and professional development.

In England, librarians are chartered. They must go to a library approved school to get their degree. They must then work as a librarian, create a portfolio, submit all that, then they become chartered. Salary is based on chartership. The next rank is fellowship, which includes added years of service, etc.

In the Philippines there is an equivalent of ACRL. This group looks to ALA for a lot of guidance. Universities do what they can afford to do.

Now at Newbold they worked out a system, kind of following what happened in the US.

At Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines, librarians used to get half of the professional growth. Help came from the division – librarians must be ranked.

Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies is a graduate institution. What is equal to course syllabi? We suggested that statistical reports, various other reports would be an equivalent. The school bought that philosophy. Resource person for academic personnel =

academic advising. We need a second masters' degree for associate professor, a doctoral degree for full professor.

Margaret – Experience at CUC

At Columbia Union College we have had faculty rank for decades.

In the 1980's a board reviewed the programs of the college, they were cost cutting.

Every time we got a new academic dean, we had to fight the battle of rank again.

Librarians have been thought of as administrative faculty.

There is increasing pressure from accrediting associations for assessment and appraisal. CUC has developed a faculty-wide appraisal form. Margaret recommended the other two librarians be promoted to full professor. The vice president of Academic Administration asked, "Do you have documentation?"

This spring Margaret again recommended the librarians be promoted to full professor.

This time Lee and Margaret were advanced to full professor, beginning July 14, 2005.

The committee should not hold the librarians to a higher standard than their profession does.

Margaret shared a few statistics from a Maryland survey.

Reviewed messages – there were 48 represented

29 non SDA institutions

10 Independent Maryland colleges

41 give faculty status

22 have faculty status and rank,

9 have faculty status and parallel rank

4 nominal faculty status, no faculty rank

6 faculty status, but no information about rank

Tenure

26 gave information about tenure

13 have faculty rank or parallel rank and have tenure

9 have no tenure

4 no faculty have tenure

4 had faculty status, no faculty rank information and said they don't have tenure

Linda Mack: comments

Andrews is constantly reorganizing the faculty system. Teaching vs. other library duties is looked at. One thing is missing – library service – where is community service or service to the church? At Andrews, benchmarking is a big deal. Another big deal is what our professional organization says.

Linda proposes – do we want to reinstate an ASDAL committee to look at these issues again?

On the ASDAL website, establish a clearinghouse so we don't have to reinvent the wheel.

BREAK

BUSINESS SESSION II

Announcement:

Banquet will be in the President's Dining Room, at the far end of the main dining room.

Prayer: Bruce McClay

Treasurer's Report – Lee Marie Wisel

There are a couple of irregularities – owe Andrews about \$300.00 for SDA PI. Florida Hospital College sent \$500 for SDA PI to Lee, she deposited the money, then had to write a check to Jim Ford.

Domain registry refund

Lee got notice from the domain registry company, then found out it was a scam. She did pay the correct domain registry company out of her own money. She is trying to get the money to pay herself back

Last year it was asked the ASDAL books be audited. Lee checked with several sources. The Executive committee ultimately has the responsibility for seeing that task is accomplished.

Voted that the report be accepted.

Tony Zbaraschuk, our Parliamentarian had to leave early. Tony appointed Carolyn Gaskell to take his place at the business sessions today.

Adventist Resources Report – Jim Ford

There are changing structures for Adventist Resource Centers

Mary Ann Hadley – SWAU spoke.

Tony Zbaraschuk presented bibliography of Adventist Resources

Reported on guidelines for images set up by a taskforce. The guidelines are on the web at:

www.andrews.edu/car

There was a brief discussion of OCR vs. typing.

Jim Ford was re-elected and Mary Ann Hadley was elected to the AR Planning Committee.

Oversees Library Coordinator – Annette Melgosa

Oversees planning committee was set up to plan a special ASDAL workshop day for overseas librarians.

Annette had the opportunity to visit four libraries during the year, among them Zurcher in Madagascar, Solusi, Helderberg all in Africa.

The *Journal of Adventist Education* asked Annette to coordinate the issue on libraries. A number of ASDAL members wrote articles. The special issue came about as a result of the existence of ASDAL

In the ALICE Board there is a growing feeling the church needs to become involved to help coordinate some of the activities we have been doing on our own. It could help bring other institutions online. That would help the organization. The church could help coordinate some of these things. We need to send a representative to the GC Board of Education to address some of these issues.

A suggestion for another issue of *Journal of Adventist Education* could be issues relating to higher education.

Should we set up a liaison from ASDAL to the GC Education dept?

Publicity Report – Patricia Beaman

Florida Hospital published a picture and story in *Southern Tidings* about the 2004 ASDAL Conference.

The *Journal of Adventist Education* Dec/Jan 2005 was a special issue on libraries. ASDAL was given a free ½ page color ad including free design.

Announcements of the 2005 ASDAL Conference were placed on Plus Line.org.
Ads were placed in all the union papers for the 2005 conference

Membership Coordinator – Genevieve Cottrell

We have several new members, Carol Harrison, Dan Maxwell from Southern Adventist University, Jane Ogora from Columbia Union College.

Gen received email from South America with questions about joining ASDAL.

We currently have about 104 members.
Gen is hoping to work with Lee on the membership list.

How do you promote ASDAL?

Web Site Coordinator – Stan

Things are not too much different than a year ago.
Stan has begun a blog about the conference, and will keep it going throughout the year. It will be posted on the web page and will have information about new things.
The ASDAL website was moved from the CUC server to the Southern server during this past year.

A special thank you was given to Stan for his work!

SDA Classification – Stan Cottrell

The schedule that is on the website is the latest one we have. Marilyn has not had time to do many changes in the last year. She promises to add in the new divisions.
Email Marilyn if there are new E.G. White books that are not on the list.

A question was raised about the Dewey Decimal System. Maybe we can get a cutter system together for the E.G. White materials. At Union College they assign a W for books by E.G. White with a cutter number for the title.

Scholarship – no report

Statistics – no report

Constitution and Bylaws – no report

ALICE Board – Carolyn Gaskell

Membership is steady at 17 members.

The number of databases ALICE oversees is ten. There are two new databases this year: Humanities Index and Communication and Mass Media Complete.

Carolyn has been serving as both Project Manager and Alice Board chair. We will be recommending to the ALICE Council that Margaret von Hake chair the ALICE Board for a two year term, and Carolyn serve as project manager for two years of a three year term. That is all Carolyn has offered to serve.

There have been membership inquiries from:

- Zaoski Seminary
- Hernán Hammerly on behalf of a school in Bolivia

- Nancy Vyhmeister working with the GC in developing a graduate program in religion and leadership for Helderberg College, Babcock University (Nigeria) and University of East Africa-Baraton (Kenya). Future institutions: Solusi University (Zimbabwe) and University of Central Africap-Kigali (Rwanda)

Other recommendation to the ALICE Council:

- Procedures for a library's withdrawal from a database project.
- Lobbying effort with the General Conference in concert with SDA PI, ARS etc. to increase their support for libraries world wide in relation to the above.
- Ralph has been able to develop a consortium in Germany.

SDA Periodical Index Report – Jim Ford

There was a lot of technical talk at the meeting.

The Index is on a lean budget, they are getting by, but there is not a lot of cushion.

Next edition of the CD ROM will be available by mid August.

About four institutions present at ASDAL receive a CD ROM.

The future of the CD-ROM was discussed. Folio runs on a very old computer.

Four criteria for an alternative;

- Easy to install,
- Run from the computer
- Cheap
- Could be read but not copied or distributed by other people

The good news is that we have about 4,000 links from the Index, to *Ministry Magazine*, 1,300 to *Journal of Adventist Education*.

Union papers have a variety of formats for electronic versions. We need to find a standard way of doing their files so they can be linked to. We will work at that project this year

Question:

Do we get any money from the two Adventist publishers?

We have upon occasion gotten some funds, but there is not a regular funding source from them.

Library Ad Hoc committee – Annette Melgosa

The committee is active again.

The Membership consists of Annette, some from North America, some from South America.

They need print and online formats. Divisions will need to translate to their area of the world.

The Committee is looking at a manual for schools. They need to publish standards for tertiary level. The General Conference will put some money into the project.

Voted to adjourn the meeting.

LUNCH

PRESENTATION: “The Uncommon Commons”

Ruth Swan, Associate Director of Libraries, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Define the word common - Ordinary, cheap, something shared

Yahoo's definition:

Joint, belonging equally to or shared equally by two or more, widespread, prevalent

Shared information

Shared resources

Shared services

Commons are not yet widespread or prevalent.

Investigations in preparation for establishing a commons

- Information commons
- Information courtyard
- Technology courtyard
- Virtual commons
- Digital commons

Working Definition:

Bring information, resources and services together to enable one stop access (shopping)

Why? For customer-centered service - using Office, checking e-mail, doing something else. Students don't want to move physically to do that. They want all resources in the same place.

Customer bonus

What will it cost us? Will it be human resources, reference assistance, computer technical assistance?

Case Manager: One person "owns" the referral, making sure the customer is satisfied before the project is completed.

Referral consultancy: One person makes sure the person is aware of people who could help.

Staffing options:

- Staff with students
- Schedule appointments with professionals when needed
- Staff persons a % of the time at the desk
- Staff with specialist from all information support areas

Digital Resources

- Computers
- Printers
- Scanners
- Production software – Office suite/Dreamweaver
- Digital resources
- Print resources
- Internet access

Space options:

- Large open space in or near the library, may not be in the library itself
- Private areas to consult with users
- Modular furnishings to support group and individual collaborative digital access

- Rooms to practice productions or work collaboratively
- Multimedia suites

Where can I start?

Intellectual commons: creating spaces to allow customers to share ideas

Use what you already have.

Level one: conceptual implementation

- Think digital!
- Use what you already have.

Level two: (physical implementation)

- Build on what others already know and have done
- Design spaces to support digital retrieval, use and production
- Think collaboration
- Use (repurpose) what you already have

Early Adopters

- University of Iowa
- Indiana University
- University of Toronto
- University of Southern California

What have we learned?

- Library usage may increase dramatically
- Circulation of print resources may decrease
- Customers love the commons concept, won't want the commons to close
- Cost for staffing can be high
- Administrative interest and support is critical
- Must have sufficient staff for the commons and traditional services
- Continual staff training
- Need for widespread input into planning

Biblical model of commonality

Acts 2:14 – had all things in common

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

REPORTS FROM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Public Services/ Instruction – Christy Berry

Had many questions, we could have talked much longer.

Talked about the need to collaborate with each other, make a list of Public Services Librarians and specialists.

Electronic version of poster sessions, link from web page

There should be more discussion and questions posted to the listserv including collaborative instruction plans, databases

Using the web site to share tools

More articles for *ASDAL Action*, more sharing of what we are doing

Challenges we are facing:

Students going to other students, rather than librarians
Basic information desk rather than a reference desk
Importance of training, how to answer questions and how to refer questions
How to teach freshmen who have had no instruction
Getting connected with professors, collaborating directly
Library Fair

Technical Services - Sallie Alger

Budget
How the fiscal year is handled
Special requests for materials
How to handle the budget when the money is used up
Faculty who do their own buying
Collection development and acquisitions
Liaison activities
Do faculty do the collection development, or go through liaisons?
Shared ideas on cataloging issues, how to deal with backlogs
Mentioned creating a 595 field to put the name of the department who will be interested in a periodical
In favor of online resources in favor of print
Off-site storage, need climate controlled atmosphere – an analogy to the leftovers in the refrigerator
Talked about sharing lists of cataloged periodicals to help each other
Connection – new cataloging product, tips in using
Did a little grumbling, but not too bad!

Directors – Genevieve Cottrell

Student worker motivation in libraries
Libraries send links of free databases for school libraries
Have had several groups ask for representation to GC, need recognition, support
Key people mentioned included Garland Dulan,
Include regular features before these key people at all times
Get representation at Spring Council, will have many issues from the GC at the all Council
Can purchase hardware and software from the GC at reduced prices
Have links to various resources on the GC web site
ASDAL conference in 1968, a member be appointed to serve on the board of education
SAIL – sending materials to International libraries
A plan is very important
Could we fund a position that could coordinate all these activities? Would someone volunteer?
Are reference and circulation statistics going down? What is happening at other institutions?
Having an IT person available
Leadership skills
Student workers ownership, have a student worker association,
Job descriptions, student mentors, wage scales, interview process, dress codes, expectations you have of students. All revolves around customer service. One place had HR come talk to their students.
Dr. Summers volunteered to look into indexes and how they are funded, their structure.

BUSINESS SESSION III

Two books were given away

European Chapter – Ralph Köhler

Had a conference in 2003, next one will be held July 24-27, 2006, Colognes, France How many would like to come?

Have three divisions with different languages, will have more training

Have a mailing list to share together

Have a small SAIL Germany program

Have done visitations to schools

Friedensau is planning a new library building. The goal is to finish in 2008.

If you have ideas for planning, let Ralph know

South American Chapter – Sergio Becerra

Country went into very tough economic situation

The Acquisitions budget was cancelled for a couple years, except for periodicals.

Things are getting back to normal now.

Have quite a big enrollment of foreign students from all over the world. Had about 500 new foreign students this year.

The chapter, hasn't done very much with our project. We have had ideas about cooperation in Spanish speaking countries. There is such an imbalance between the schools. Some have professional librarians, others do not. They have sent librarians from Bolivia to Argentina, Montemorelos librarian came for a week. GC education department has been stressing professional librarians.

Brazil – working at digitizing Review – coming from White Estate

Chile University is planning on building a new library. The present building is badly designed

We must continue supporting non-professional librarians in their desire to get a degree

We would like to hold a conference in 2-3 years.

We would like to initiate digitizing *Adventist Review* in Spanish

Linda Mack read a **report** from Wendy Young.

Linda also received a couple of e-mails from Wendy. This is what Wendy said.

We started in July 2004 gathering SDA librarians in Africa So far we have 23 members with more lined up.

Three newsletters have been circulated.

Members have signed up for an email newsletter.

We would like to propose that ASDAL Africa members be given special fee.

People of Africa want to associate with other professionals

Moved we empower Wendy to establish the ASDAL Africa chapter.

Voted

Heather James – Inter-America

Northern Caribbean University has been going through accreditation, Adventist and other accreditation. The school did get accredited. They were given recommendations for the library.

The school has given 10% of capital to increase library resources. They have been doing renovation to the Technical services area. They need additional staff, but we won't get that.

Finally, administration understands we need to improve our holdings, databases, books and computers.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee – Steve Sowder

The following changes are all insertions.

Article X

The Membership coordinator will contact the members that have allowed their membership to lapse and ask them to reconsider.

Moved, voted

Article XII

Distance Education Coordinator will be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Moved, Voted

Article XIII

List serve manager is appointed by the Executive Committee and manages the SDA-Librarian listserv.

Moved, Voted

Article XIV

The Constitution may be amended or rescinded by two-thirds of those voting. The Bylaws may be amended or rescinded by a majority of those voting.

Moved to adopt a change in the numbering of the articles.

Moved, Voted

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Moved, Voted

New business:

Issue of rank.

Moved to reestablish the standing committee for rank and tenure.

It was decided the committee will consist of five members, will keep the same number as originally.

Voted

It would be helpful to have a training workshop, a station where we could teach each other something. That would work well for Technical services – to show each other techniques, instruction in a specialized area One suggestion is that instead of breakout sessions, do training,

We would like to recommend that we send someone to the European Conference from ASDAL to represent the group.

Moved that the Executive Committee study the possibility of sending an official representative to oversees chapter meetings or conferences.

Voted

Why don't we have a library school in Adventist universities? There were a number of schools giving minors years ago. Many library school in the U.S. have closed; they are not easy to maintain. There is the matter of ALA accreditation as well. It would be very expensive to operate.

Monday we mentioned expanding the SDA PI to include books. If there is an interest in this, should begin to talk about this. It would be a good idea. We need to look at the materials scanned by the GC Archives, need to link to those items to give added full text.

Maybe we need a parallel program, and we may need to do pilot work. We means anyone interested and anyone who wants to help. Warren Johns is willing to begin the process.

A suggestion was made to have a representative to work with the GC

Moved that ASDAL empower the Executive Committee to study the best way to create a liaison to the General Conference.

Voted

ALICE discussed sending a three person delegation to the GC Education meetings.

We need to lay initial groundwork by discussing this with Garland Dulan, then try to get on their agenda.

They could link to ALICE, SAIL, from the GC web site. Garland feels there is a five year window for education.

We need for someone to coordinate efforts with databases etc.

ALICE would like to begin this discussion.

The survival of ALICE is at stake. Libraries are sometimes offered much better bargains regionally. The primary responsibility is to our institution. The casualties would be our sister institutions overseas. This is an ALICE issue in function, but we need to lay groundwork.

ALICE negotiates very well, but the GC could do it better, and we must convince them of that.

ALICE is central to this decision.

Next year's conference will be held at Southern Adventist University.

ALA is June 22-28

We are hoping to have ASDAL before ALA.

Moved that the business session be closed.

Voted

ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST LIBRARIANS

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT for May 31, 2004 to May 31, 2005
Presented July 14, 2005

Balance on hand May 31, 2004		11,631.28
INCOME:		
Dues	1930.00	
Subscriptions	20.00	
Scholarship	15.00	
2004 Conference	4902.50	
SDAPI	500.00	
Hilts Estate	7951.28	
Domain Registry Refund	85.00	
TOTAL:	15,403.78	
		27,035.06
EXPENSES:		
ACTION	546.47	
Administration	100.50	
03 Conference	56.41	
04 Conference	2547.81	
05 Conference	300.00	
Transfer to Community Foundation	4000.00	
Attorney fees	500.00	
TOTAL:	8051.19	
Balance on hand May 31, 2005		\$18,983.87
Lincoln SDA Credit Union – March 31, 2004		\$4,963.24
Interest	49.89	
Lincoln SDA Credit Union – March 31, 1999		\$5,013.13