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National Forum on Information Literacy

NATIONAL FORUM ON INFORMATION LITERACY

CABLE IN THE CLASSROOM,
25 Massachusetts Ave., NW Suite 100
Washington, DC 20001

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ATTENDEES:

Lana Jackman, Mélange Information Services, Co-Chair
Sharon Weiner, Vanderbilt University, Co-Chair

Beverley Becker, American Association of School Libraries
Mary Ellen Davis, Executive Director ACRL
Frank Gallagher, Cable in the Classroom
Woody Horton, Consultant
Barbie Keiser, Consultant
Marianne Ryan, Associate Dean Purdue University Libraries
Mary Ternes, National School Boards Association
Karen Zill, Alliance for a Media Literate America

BRIEF MEETING – HIGHLIGHTS

Severe weather impacted member attendance at the February Forum meeting, hosted by Frank Gallagher of Cable in the Classroom, in their beautiful new state-of-the-art facility 2 blocks from Union Station.

- October, 2006 minutes approved.
- The scheduled speaker was not able to attend.
- Jackman gave brief report on the National ICT Literacy Policy Council. The Information Literacy October 2006 Summit Final Report is available on the Forum website.
- Attendees discussed ideas that resulted from a Steering Committee conference call meeting. The Committee was established to examine future options for the Forum at the national and international level. Until a permanent administrative home/partnership is found for the Forum, many public and/or private opportunities cannot be fully realized because of its current organizational structure. Attendees asked Lana and Sharon to develop a document outlining what specifically would be involved in providing and “organizational home” for the Forum.

- Karen Zill – discussed the upcoming AMLA national conference in June, 2007.
- Frank Gallagher – Cable in the Classroom’s survey collaboration with state departments of education to see how literacy language is used in curriculum frameworks; Media Smart website’s research article on the media and information literacy; launched an initiative, “ Navigating Children’s Landscape”, to help people learn about safety issues, information literacy, and the media.
- Barbie Keiser – serves on the SLA board of the World Computer Exchange; Exchange is in the process of revamping its website and promoting information literacy programming.
- Woody Horton – discussed the background history leading to the submission of the Forum’s collaborative (UNESCO & IFLA) proposal to the State Department supporting a World Congress on Information Literacy in 2008. Estimated cost is \$1 to 2 million dollars. The US Ambassador in Cairo is extremely supportive of the initiative and a final decision should be forthcoming sometime in March of 2007.
- Mary Ternes – provided an overview on the NSBA January 2007 Leadership Conference, highlighting David Warlick’s Landmark Project (www.davidwarlick.com); NSBA is hosting an email discussion group to dialogue on student needs relating to such issues as social networking, cyberbullying, and media literacy; NSBA also received a \$50,000 grant from the Carnegie Foundation to develop a school board guide focused on improving adolescent literacy, available at www.nsba.org.
- Beverley Becker – AASL rewriting learning standards and also conducting a longitudinal survey investigating the media library uses. www.aaslsurvey.org
- Marianne Ryan – working with faculty at Purdue University on developing problem-based learning 4 credit courses such as nursing informatics; undergraduate research grant program focusing on the use of primary sources; the direction of the Endowed Chair on Information Literacy still under discussion.
- Mary Ellen Davis - Working with other discipline-specific professional organizations on integrating information literacy standards; task force established to review current information literacy competency standards.
- Sharon Weiner – reported on the varied activities of the International Alliance. She distributed a flyer she received from the editors of a new journal entitled *Communication in Information Literacy*, submission deadline for spring, 2007 inaugural issue is March 15. (www.comminfolit.org)

Thanks, Frank, for having us once again...we really appreciate it!!