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National Forum on Information Literacy

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National Education Association
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OCTOBER 10, 2006
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**NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 2, 2007,
10:00AM-3:00PM,**

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

ATTENDEES:

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

Abdelaziz Abid, Program Officer, UNESCO (presenter)
Amy Borgstrom, Associate Director for Policy, AmeriCorps (presenter)

Beverley Becker, American Association of School Libraries
Lisa Boyd, National Library of Medicine
Patricia Breivik, Nehemiah Communications
Barbara Cambridge, National Council of Teachers of English
Craig Gibson, Association of College and Research Libraries
Sue O'Neill Johnson, Consultant
Barbie Keiser, Consultant
Miriam Lund, Department of Education
Angela B. Ruffin, National Library of Medicine
Marianne Ryan, Purdue University
George V. Smith, Institute for Museum and Library Services
Gordon Smith, California State University
Carole Sund, National Education Association
Robert Wedgeworth, ProLiteracy Worldwide
Christy Wright, Prince George's Community College
Karen Zill, Alliance for a Media Literate America

NATIONAL FORUM'S OCTOBER, 2006 MEETING – HIGHLIGHTS

- Amy Borgstrom gave a comprehensive presentation on Americorp, its diversity of programs, and the importance and impact of volunteers in the non-profit arena.
 - Patricia Senn Breivik discussed background of the first Information Literacy Summit in the U.S. held on October 16th at the National Education Association. Its primary purpose was to raise awareness among US policy makers in terms of sustaining America's competitive advantage in a global society. The Summit's sponsors included the Committee for Economic Development, Educational Testing Service, and the Institute for a Competitive Workforce, an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the National Education Association. Breivik also reported on latest international information literacy developments in Scotland, Finland, and Sweden.
 - Abdelaziz Abid shared a brief history of UNESCO's role in promoting information literacy on the international level and the significance of capacity building in its efforts; provided a "living in the world of contrasts" perspective on the information haves and have nots; discussed UNESCO's dedication to building a knowledge society reflective of the world's diversity; described the division's current priorities are teacher education and the education of young women.
 - Sharon Weiner gave update on the development of a new National Forum website, soliciting comments. Sharon also shared a request from Dane Ward Associate Dean for Public Services, Illinois State University to establish a state "official" affiliation with the National Forum. Request currently under discussion.
 - Lana Jackman provided an update on the Forum's strategic planning efforts.
 - Acknowledgement of Craig Gibson of George Mason University's service since 1997 as Recording Secretary of the National Forum on Information Literacy and announcement that Dr. Ann Perrault of the University of South Carolina will be the new Recording Secretary of the Forum.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF MEMBER REPORTS

Barbie Keiser

- Discussed Freedom of Information Around the World Report
- Returning to Slovenia for follow-up on information literacy sponsored institute.
- SLA 2007 conference in Denver information literacy/workforce development workshops.
- Dorothy A. Williams report on Information Literacy in the Classroom: Secondary School Teachers' Conceptions – www.rgu.ac.uk/files/ACF-4DAA.pdf

Lisa Boyd

- Discussed latest National Library of Medicine Medline Plus publications – all subscriptions are free. Programmatic funding available at the Regional Medical Library network.

Beverley Becker

- National Conference on Assessment in School libraries in December 2006 in Chicago. Task Force established to discuss learning standards in school libraries.

Karen Zill

- Announced National Media Education Conference – research summit on media literacy education.

Craig Gibson

- University of Manitoba's international immersion information literacy program
- Book – Student Engagement and Information Literacy (2006) including a chapter on the use of service learning by non-profits.

Barbara Cambridge

- Announced that the National Literacy Coaching Clearing House redefined literacy coaching. www.literacycoachingonline.org
- Availability of grade level information literacy maps.
- NCTE and ALA partnership re: series of middle school lessons inclusive of information literacy activities.

Gordon Smith

- Discussed California State University System's involvement in information literacy student assessment and remediation activities; considers ICT literacy as a 3rd foundational literacy.
- CSU supporting a variety of system funded projects including faculty intervention strategies.
- Visibility of California program to impact current plan to nationalize curriculum frameworks.

Bob Wedgeworth

- Reported that US not a super power when it comes to the status of adult literacy.
- According to the 4th national report on Adult Literacy, approximately 90 million Americans are at or below basic literacy levels.
- Verizon has a new literacy program; inherited Marco Polo program.
- ProLiteracy Press offering test product materials for teenagers
- Dollar General launched of the independent blue-ribbon National Commission on Adult Literacy.

Marianne Ryan

- Discussed purpose and recruitment process for the information literacy endowed chair at Indiana University at Purdue.

Patricia Senn Breivik

- New book written with Gordon Gee, President of Vanderbilt University, targeting heads of colleges and universities entitled, Libraries in an Internet Age, published by ACE.

Christy Wright

- Doctoral student at Morgan State; focus of research on training of information literacy academic librarians.

Carole Sund

- Reported that NEA, one of the largest professional unions in the world
- Benefits of Read Across America program
- Dollar General's contribution to literacy programs hit by national disasters.

Sue O'Neill Johnson

- Discussed the benefits and challenges of participating in InfoShare.
- Does volunteer grant development work for international librarians.

Miriam Lund

- Discussed the Department of Education's School Libraries Program authorized under the No Child Left Behind act.

Thanks again to Ms. Carole Sund and the staff at National Education Association for graciously hosting this month meeting. We sincerely appreciate all efforts to support the mission of the National Forum on Information Literacy.

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AGENDA

1. Approval of May 2006 minutes
2. “AmeriCorps and Information Literacy”. Ms. Amy Borgstrum, Associate Director for Policy, AmeriCorps will be our guest speaker. The NGO community, both here and abroad, is a critical partner in our on-going efforts to mainstream information literacy. “AmeriCorps is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connects more than 70,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet our country’s critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.”
<http://www.americorps.org/>
3. Dr. Breivik’s update on the Forum/ETS Summit, Oct. 16, 2006
4. Abdelaziz Abid from UNESCO will share insights on his organization’s information literacy activities.
5. Update on Strategic Planning for the Forum
6. Feedback on New Forum Website and Use of Yahoo Groups
7. Members’ Reports. Please email a copy of your report to s.weiner@vanderbilt.edu so that we can append them to the minutes. This is particularly helpful for members who cannot attend the meeting.
8. New Business
9. Schedule January Meeting

*****Lunch will be provided - A special thank you to our host, *National Education Association and Ms. Carole Sund.***