

International Collaboration Committee of ATLA--Minutes  
Tuesday, 24 June 2008—9 am-4:20 pm  
Westin Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario

Present: Chris Beldan, chair, Paul Stuehrenberg, vice chair, Mariel Voth, Eileen Crawford, Board rep, Barbara Kemmis, ATLA Staff Liaison, Maggie Tarpley, secretary.

Welcome: C Beldan opened the meeting with prayer. He reported that B Kemmis will join us for lunch.

Approval of September 07 minutes: The minutes from the 27-28 Sept 07 ICC meeting at ATLA HQ in Chicago were read & approved with the following corrections: 'Deluca' is the correct spelling of Mariel Deluca Voth. A copy of the agenda will be attached so that numbering corresponding to items in the minutes is explained.

Elizabeth Johnson of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX, has been appointed by D. Norlin to replace M. Voth. ICC needs to refer her to the Web site so that she can read the responsibilities of Board members.

Because P Stuehrenberg first served as Board liaison, his term needs to be clarified.

Report on Theological Book Network (TBN): E Crawford distributed a report (See attached). Crawford has promoted TBN in the Kessler Newsletter for pastors and provides information for donors to her library that duplicates will be sent to TBN. She suggested that ICC might encourage TBN to promote their program through clergy newsletters and other venues. She also suggested that we remind ATLA of TBN by including a brief blurb in the ATLA newsletter on how to send excess books & journals to TBN and emphasizing the need for journals.

Report & review of spending for 2007-08: C Beldan emailed a copy of the items spent from the 07-08 ICC budget (See attached). Some corrections were suggested including the omission of M Tarpley's air fare for Chicago in Sept 07.

Budget for 2008-09: The 08-09 budget is \$10,000, up from \$7,500 in 07-08, and including an increase to \$1500 per trip as the subsidy for member travel for international library business. Stuehrenberg & Tarpley will be funded to travel in 08-09. E Crawford will attend BETH at her own expense. If there are funds available, Crawford will receive travel assistance.

ICC Database Review:

- E Crawford asked that a committee be appointed to look over the database to see if it needs to be revised.
- The DB will be promoted during the poster session if we feel that it would be useful. The question was raised: Should the DB be incorporated into the new ATLA Web site due this fall?

- Study of the current entries in the DB to learn who has already provided documentation and other assistance to international schools would provide names of persons from whom to request contributions to the ICC Wiki. ICC should “brainstorm” about how to increase the use of the DB and its value for the Wiki & others.
- Committee appointed Beldan & Crawford to work on the DB update with the cooperation of other ICC members.
- ICC will request that ATLA IT make the DB password-protected or else pull it from public view & archive it until password protection is provided.

#### ICC Web Site Review (Current & Future):

- C Beldan collected Google statistics to track visits and the ICC Web had nearly 1000 hits over the year.
- ATLA is moving to a new content management system & when Beldan rotates off the committee in 09, a replacement with Web skills would be welcome. Kemmis reported that the new ATLA site will be kicked-off in July 08 and by 1 Nov 08, portals should be ready and perhaps the ICC fall meeting should be scheduled near that time; the dates of 6-7 Nov 08 & 10-11 Nov 08 were proposed.
- Space limitation was queried and Kemmis said space was not a problem.
- Content liability, especially for non-English material, was queried & Kemmis said ATLA is studying content liability and invited examples of policies.

#### ICC Wiki Review:

- Luba Zakarov asked if there could be a Russian Wiki that would be a section of the ICC Wiki similar to the Spanish language Wiki link.
- Personal copyright issues were raised about materials placed on the Wiki and what sort of use & acknowledgement we are promoting. Beldan will ask Kemmis about the copyright policy of the ATLA Wiki.
- Wording changes and layout adjustments were made to the ICC Wiki home page in response to some feedback received from visitors as well as ICC. A redesigned logo was suggested and members are working on this.
- We will invite library associations to become official partners those & that agree will be named in our sponsorship statement on the Wiki home page.

#### B Kemmis Report:

- IFLA/OCLC Fellowship The fellows visit ATLA headquarters. For 6 fellowships, 53 applications (4 or 5 for the theological slot) were received for the 09 grant. Criteria include strong English skills to receive full benefit of the program. Per Kemmis suggestion, Crawford volunteered to draft a letter to all the applicants for the theological slot after the winner is announced & ICC will approve. Questions arose including: Should ATLA join IFLA & what is the cost?
- Currently, 12 Chinese seminaries are operating in the US. They belong to SCATLA (Southern CA Theological Library Association) but not ATLA. Cindy Lu is interested in these schools and is talking about organizing them within ATLA. Lili Ma is attending ATLA for the first time from a Chinese seminary in Southern CA.

Planning for the Thursday ICC Roundtable:

International guests will be introduced. Roundtable attendees will be encouraged sign up for the ICC Wiki list serve and even become contributors.

Program:

### **ICC Theological Librarian's Manual Wiki**

ATLA, June 26 2008, Westin Hotel, Ottawa

<http://wiki.atla.com/wiki/index.php/ICC>

**Mission statement** The ICC wiki is a collaboratively-developed repository for digital materials which are useful for beginning or continuing theological librarians around the world in the various aspects of their work.

#### **Other examples of librarian wikis**

- Library Success: A Best Practices Wiki <http://www.libsuccess.org>
- Library and Information Science Wiki <http://liswiki.org>

#### **Questions for consideration**

1. Is the following list of topics from the wiki home page relevant to today's librarianship? What would you like to see added?

##### **Current list from the wiki**

1. Professional Tools
  2. Handbook of Librarianship
    - 2.1. Administration and Organization
    - 2.2. Collection Development and Acquisitions
    - 2.3. Cataloguing and classification
    - 2.4. Public Services
    - 2.5. Serials
    - 2.6. Technology and Library Automation
    - 2.7. Information Literacy
    - 2.8. Archives
  3. Products and Publications
  4. Religion and Theology Information Useful to Librarians
  5. Freely Available Resources on the Internet
  6. News, Events, and Conferences
  7. Grants, Awards, and Scholarships
2. What can we do to encourage suitable contributions? international collaboration?
3. Are there changes we can make to encourage input from you and your colleagues?

#### **ICC Grant Procedures Review:**

- Beldan requested that members look at the ATLA Professional Development Committee grants Web site as a model for us to revise the ICC Grants site.
- A recent grant recipient asked if the terms of her grant had been fulfilled. Discussion was postponed until the November 08 meeting.
- Suggestion was made and agreed on that for the 08-09 ICC grant period, the funds be split into two parts with a deadline to be determined:

- Offer to ATLA members 10 \$100 awards for the 10 best articles in English for the ICC Wiki. If RLIT becomes an associational collaborator, Spanish articles will be accepted for consideration.
- Offer \$1000 as done the past two grant periods

Assignment of ATLA Newsletter Articles:

The secretary will contact these persons for the quarterly newsletter:

1 July 08—Luba Zakarov for the Moscow conference

1 October 08—M Tarpley for IFLA or the CALA conference in Kenya

1 Jan 09—Chris Anderson for the Africa U./Drew collaboration

1 April 09—P Stuehrenberg for Hungary, Fiji or Singapore

Reports from any Travels:

- M Voth attended a regional theological conference in Buenos Aires in May 08 & presented the ICC Wiki with the results that there is now a Spanish section on the Wiki.
- M Tarpley consulted at the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary in Nigeria in February 08.

ICC Documentation—Chair and Secretary Ring Binders:

The 2 binders were brought to the meeting by Stuehrenberg who recommended that the materials contain be combined and then sent to the ATLA archives at Yale. In the future the secretary will be responsible for submitting on paper the minutes & any items distributed at the meetings to the Yale ATLA archives and also submit an electronic file of the minutes to the ICC Web site. The job responsibilities of the secretary, Web master, and the chair should be revised to reflect the archives and Web responsibilities. Any material generated by the chair should be submitted to the archives.

Thoughts on Videoconferencing to supplement and/or replace the Fall ICC meeting:

Distance conferencing such as video, telephone, and Skype were discussed as possibilities for supplementing discussions but the fall conference will be maintained.

Sarah Corkery took a picture of the ICC members.

The ICC wishes to thank Mariel Voth for her 4 years of exemplary service to the committee and ATLA and her superb representation of the Americas.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.