INCOL Directors' Meeting Official Minutes of Friday, October 20, 2006 (Approved May 18, 2007)

Call to order: at 9:45 AM at the Davenport Hotel, Spokane, Washington, by Kristi Kirkpatrick

Present: Ann Johnston, (NIC), Janet Lyon, (Pend Oreille County); Bette Ammon, (Coeur d'Alene Public); John Hartung, (Kootenai-Shoshone Area Libraries); Pat Kelley, (EWU); Joe Reiss, (Post Falls Public); Kristie Kirkpatrick, (Whitman County); Hans Bynagle, (Whitworth); Mary Carr, (SCC); Pat Partovi, (Spokane Public); Eileen Bell-Garrison, (GU); Beth Lindsay (WSU), Anne Cheadle (Latah County), Peggy Bryan (Whitman County Library), Amanda McKerughan (Stevens County Rural Library) Jennifer Ashby (Asotin County), Andriette Pieron (Neill Public); MaryAnn Goodwin (SFCC), Mike Wirt (Spokane County Library District)

Minutes: John Hartung moved and Pat Partovi seconded to approve the minutes from May 12, 2006. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: Hans Bynagle distributed the treasurer's report which included the general fund, the courier fund, and revenue and expense detail from July 1 – October 17, 2006. There were no significant changes to the 2005/06 general fund. It does not include the Continuing Education assessment from the October 18th workshop. These are the only unencumbered expenses.

Business:

a. Courier service: The courier fund is in the red \$245.42. On November 17th at the Foley Center Library at Gonzaga University from 9:30 AM – 3 PM there will be an Inland NW Courier Systems meeting sponsored by INCOL & WIN. The intent is to review current courier arrangements and routes, identify challenges and develop a courier plan. Brenda Bailey-Hainer, executive director of BCR, will open the meeting and make a presentation.

The courier is paid on a monthly basis, include fuel surcharge (averaging @ 10.5 %). The surcharges been going down. Hans estimated the courier assessment rate was approximately 9%. Libraries get a credit if they notify INCOL that they are closing on certain dates and don't need courier service.

Hans noted that the year began with a negative amount and we are currently borrowing against the general fund. Hans hopes we pay our bills in a timely manner!

b. Next meeting at Clark House: A meeting at the Clark House at 9:30 AM on May 18th, 2007, was scheduled. Other places, such as the Spokane Club and the MAC were also suggested as meeting places. Please send ideas for speakers and topics to Kristie. They do not necessarily have to be library-related.

Pat Kelley suggested the topic of gaming as a teaching tool. It teaches critical thinking. She suggested someone from Cyan or EWU's new B.A. program in computer science – multimedia programming & development.

Bette Ammon said this was a theme at the ILA conference in Moscow a few weeks ago. Steven Abrams from SIRSI Dynix) spoke. The focus was to make instruction more interesting to high school and college students. Mary Carr suggested tying this to a CE workshop for staff.

Joe Reiss suggested something about social networking and Kristi suggested inviting a legislative representative to speak.

c. October 18th Continuing Education conference: Bette Ammon and Mike Wirt said their staff had favorable comments about the workshop

Adjourned business meeting at 10:25 AM.

At 10:50 AM Kristi introduced author Jess Walter. He is a former reporter for the Spokesman Review and author of "Every knee shall bow", "In Contempt", "Over tumbled graves", and "Citizen Vince". He was an Edgar Allen Poe award winner last year. His latest book is "The Zero", which has been nominated for the National Book Award.

Urban developer Rob Brewster spoke during lunch and Davenport Hotel historian Tom McArthur gave a presentation about the history of the hotel.