

## 2002-2003 BLFC Election Committee Annual Report

### **Committee Members:**

Jo Burgess (chair)  
Jennifer Bryan  
Becky Cape  
David Frasier  
Elizabeth Larson  
Mary Strow (BLFC liaison)  
Saundra Taylor

### **Committee Charge:**

1. Continue to update and revise the Election Committee Manual.
2. \*Accomplish other duties as specified in the By-laws.
3. Explore alternative methods of balloting (paper, electronic)
4. Incorporate procedures for addressing/signing ballot envelopes into the Election Committee Manual.

### **Summary of Activities:**

The committee conducted four elections and conducted the committee preference survey. It also investigated electronic balloting and reported on their findings to BLFC. It should be noted that while Jo Burgess was on family medical leave from mid-March through mid-May, Becky Cape served as acting chair.

### **Committee Preference Survey:**

The annual committee preference survey was conducted in the early spring. The surveys were sent out in early March, due back on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The results of the survey analysis were submitted to the BLFC secretary and to the Libraries Human Resources Officer. Nine librarians asked not to be assigned to a committee (some because they were serving continuing terms).

### **“Peer Review in Annual Merit Evaluation for the Purpose of Salary Increments” Ballot**

On April 15, the Committee sent out a ballot to all Bloomington Librarians to vote for or against the proposed revisions. The ballots were due back on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The revisions were approved by a vote of 33 to 6.

### **BLFC Primary and Election:**

The BLFC primary ballot was distributed in April, due back by May 1<sup>st</sup>. After the committee had contacted all of the candidates who had received at least three votes in the primary ballot to determine their willingness to serve, a BLFC election ballot with 20

candidates was prepared and distributed, due back on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Five representatives were elected.

It was later brought to the attention of the Election Committee that one too many representatives had been elected (a mistake that had started the year before). Since there was a tie for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> places, the committee met and broke the tie with a coin toss. The candidates elected were Nona Watt, Cecile Jagodzinski, Diane Dallis and Frank Quinn.

### **IULFC Faculty Review Board Election:**

The ballot for Bloomington representatives and alternates to the IULFC Faculty Review Board was distributed on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and was due back on June 13<sup>th</sup>. One tenured and one untenured librarian were elected to serve. And one tenured and one untenured librarian were elected to serve as alternates. Ann Bristow and Erika Dowell were the elected representatives while Jennifer Bryan and Elizabeth Johnson were the elected alternates.

### **Electronic Voting:**

The Committee investigated the question of whether electronic voting might be a viable alternative for BLFC. The Libraries IT department said they did not have the proper servers, software or staff to support such an undertaking. Private vendors of voting software were looked at, but cost was prohibitive. UITS provided a written proposal with associated costs which was forwarded to BLFC. It was decided that at present, the cost was prohibitive.

### **Procedural Issues:**

Ballots were photocopied or printed rather than being sent to MAXI. Pre-addressed return envelopes were provided with the first ballot sent out, but not subsequent ones.

Submitted by Jo Burgess, BLFC Election Committee Chair  
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