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FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR LIRT: A ONE-DAY LONG-RANGE

PLANNING INSTITUTE

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The Library Instruction Round Table held a one-day Long-Range Planning Institute at the Sheraton Washington Hotel on Friday, January 4, 1985. The LIRT Executive Committee,繱븍봊鰻몽﯁죤뿣䮥䵍�⫰ӀԐ

team building and strategic planning.

The opening remarks by Marilyn Segal, Vice-President/
President-Elect, and Mary Popp, President, addressed issues
facing LIRT and focused on the strategic planning process
to be followed. Linda Dougherty, Past-President, reviewed the history of the LIRT orga-
nizational structure. Jeniece Guy, ALA Staff Liaison, provided background information

was a review of preliminary goal statements which had been submitted by parti-
cipants. Following the review Mr. Tyson led the group in a brainstorming session to identify additional preliminary goal statements. An organization goal statement is a declared intention to achieve an outcome which is attainable, at least in part, through
the efforts of the organization. In other words, each goal statement is one answer to
the question, "What should our organization be, have, or be able to do to accomplish its
mission?"

Phase Two was designed to enable participants to choose among the preliminary goals
and to set priorities for the goals which had been selected" Mr. Tyson led the group in
the use of the "concensus" technique which is used to evaluate the degree of agreement which exists in the group on each goal statement. Statements

of the group, it is tabled. If acceptable to 25% or less of
the group, it is' rejected. Next the group used the nominal group

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THE LIRTREPORT

(Editor's note: This new column, prepared by the LIRT Public Relations/Membership
Committee, will appear in each issue of the LIRT News to keep you informed about
LIRT committee activities.)

LIRT AT ALA-CHICAGO: There will be a LIRT table at ALA in Chicago this summer,
contrary to reports given-ar-ALA Midwinter. Space for small presses and grofes-sional exhibits has been made at the Cont i nent a l Hotel, about two blocks from
the Hyatt. Help out the LIRT PR/Membership Committee and sign up to staff the
LIRT table, using the form on the next page.

BI LITERATURE UPDATE: Look forward to the June issue of LIRT News for the annual

update of the annotated bibliography on library instruction, provided by LIRT's Continuing Education Committee.

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a resour-ce guide of successful BI programs, courses, speakers,
instructors, and consultants, compiled by the Continuing Education Committee,
will be available at ALA in Chicago. Watch for an announcement from the Publi-
cations Committee in the June issue of LIRT News.

LIRT BROCHURES: At the Midwinter Public Relations/Membership Committee meeting, Tobey Birch (California School of Professional Psychology) and Marilyn Barr (Philadelphia Free Library) reported that LIRT information/membership brochures
had been made ava i Iable at the California Clearinghouse on Library Instruction
program at the CLA annual convention in Los Angeles and at the AASL convention
in Atlanta. Any LIRT member attending a librarians' professional meeting with
a bearing on library instruction can obtain supplies of the brochures for dis-tribution at the meetings from Tobey Birch, California School of Professional Psychology, 2235 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90057.

OUTREACH: Randy Hensley (University of Washington), Rosa Babcock (El Centro Com-
munity College) and Judy Wagner (Schamburg Public Library) are assisting in identifying and contacting Midwest-area librarians and library organizations with
an interest in library instruction for an outreach mailing in late spring, in
hopes of attracting newcomers to the LIRT program at ALA-Chicago.

MORE OUTREACH: The PR/Membership Committee also discussed the need to identify
school, public and.special librarians who are engaged in library use instruction
in informal rather than formal "bibliographic instruction" or "library instruction"
programs. Any ideas? We're looking for the rhetoric of self-identification.

In the next issue I'll report on activities of LIRT CommitteeℐŁ搡♅送䍔ᘗ噀ӀԐ

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library, library awareness, and library competence. Library use is presented
as a series of activities including searching, retrieving materials, eval-uating material, summarizing, and, if necessary, retracing earlier steps.

Vincent, C. Paul, "Bibliographic Instruc-
tion in the Humanities: The Need to

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- -technical skills versus imagination,
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