Notes from INANE "business" meeting

August 2, 2012, Montreal, Quebec

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The meeting was convened at lunch time in the Marriott Chateau Champlain. Peggy Chinn chaired the meeting, attended by those registered at the conference. The following are the agenda items, along with brief notes based on discussion.

1. Thanks to those who made this conference possible -
   - Program Committee: Laurie Gottlieb, James Costello, Molly Dougherty, Susan Henly, Geraldine Pearson, Sally Thorne, Peggy Chinn
   - CJNR staff: Laurie Gottlieb, Joanna Toti, Amélie Desrochers
   - Curly Dog Communications Inc. Staff: Lisa Lipowski, Caroline Désilets

2. Report of the Web Resources group: see the full report sent to the email list. Highlights:
   - Email list – Suzanne Smith and Kathy Schoonover-Shoffner
   - Web site - Linda Thede and I do the typing. Wendy Budin manages the Who's Who information. Everyone on team monitors content to make sure up to date. Also, the Montreal organizers have been terrific to give us information on this conference so that the web site has been current all along the way!
   - Blog and Facebook - Leslie Nicoll
   - Judith Lewis, Jan Fulton and David Keepnews are rotating off this year
   - Contact Peggy Chinn or Suzanne Smith if you are willing to get involved!

   Highlight from the report: as a non-organization, we have three avenues for being a non-member:

   - Yahoo email
   - Who's Who
   - the new "application" form that we now use as the basis for adding someone to the Yahoo email list

   None of these provide a "membership" list. The web team members have been debating whether or not we need or want this, and currently are taking the position that our "non-membership" approach is just right … one might say it is perfectly "INANE"! However, this issue is open for discussion at any time

3. Leslie Nicoll gave a brief report about the Blog and Facebook. The Blog was recently re-designed in a very attractive magazine format. Cherry

Ames was present at the conference to provide live blogs about what was happening.

4. Report of the 2012 organizing group - Laurie Gottlieb
    a. Finances have been a challenge, but the staff believes that expenses will be covered.
5. 2013 conference - Geraldine McCarthy and Joyce Fitzpatrick
    a. Joyce gave a brief overview of the plan for 2013 in Ireland
6. 2014 conference - Leslie Nicoll
    a. Leslie gave a brief overview of the plan for 2014 in Portland, Maine
7. Future conferences:
    • 2015 - Las Vegas (Carolyn Yucha)
    • 2016 - London - Jean Gray, Gary Bell
    • 2017 or beyond? We can post additional conference locations and hosts any time someone is inspired to set it up!
    • Two years advance planning is ideal – so no later than 2015 we will need volunteers!

8. Several addition items and issues were identified with some discussion during the meeting and subsequently during the conference:
    • The need to have better inclusion of international editors and publishers. Vallire Hooper, Sue Hoyt, Donna Nickitas and Jan Fulton volunteered to connect with ICN and Sigma Theta Tau to explore collaborating at the time of their conferences. In addition, they will explore other ways to connect North American editors with editors in other countries to develop better involvement worldwide
    • As in other years, the matter of INANE remaining a non-organization vs. becoming more formally organized was raised; in the absence of extended discussion this matter was not pursued.
    • A question arose concerning the sustainability of the Margaret Comerford Freda award. This year, a small group of volunteers established the award and selected the first recipient. Suzanne Smith volunteered to organize the award committee for 2013. In future years we anticipate that participation on the committee will be open to everyone, and that nominations will be invited from everyone on the email list. Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins made a commitment to sponsor this award for 5 years – through 2016.
    • Peggy reminded the group that we (consistent with INANE tradition) welcome ideas and initiatives from anyone in the group; the email list can be used to share ideas and get something organized at any time.