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NEBIC Meeting - April 30, 1999

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Welcome by Dawn Thistle.

June Program Report:
Mary MacDonald gave a report on our June program. There is a website up for registration for the June 11th program at URI in Providence, entitled: "Evaluation with a small 'e': Practical methods that work." [http://home.earthlink.net/~esmejake/nebic.html](http://home.earthlink.net/~esmejake/nebic.html)

The speakers are varied and have a lot expertise in a wide range of areas. There will be a keynote speaker, William Rando, who will speak about 45 minutes. Registration and final details about technical assistance are being worked out. NEBIC can get some money from ACRL for the program if it is needed. There will be information about where to get lunch. Dawn will collect receipts and there is also a form from ACRL for vendors and other expenses. The speakers should send in details about the technical side of their presentations. The auditorium can seat about 500 people, so there should be plenty of room.

Nominations for Next Year:
Mary McDonald is running for Vice-Chair.
Julie Whelan is running for Secretary.
Nominations will be open one more week. Another announcement will be made by email distribution list. We will ask Jayne to have the webpages ready to go for the election.

Point of Order
As a point of clarification, it was asked and answered: if for any reason the NEBIC Chair cannot be present at a meeting, the Vice-Chair would fill in for the Chair.

NEBIC Listserv
A NEBIC listserv idea was discussed and agreed about. Just because you receive messages (like this one) from Laurie Sabol about NEBIC does not mean you are subscribed. Subscription instructions have been sent, and are also added at the end of this message.

WEB-in-BI-Program:
The ongoing NEBIC program called "Web in BI" was discussed. Some areas of New England are finding it difficult to set up or maintain a program. There have been several very successful events including programs at Springfield and Wentworth. There haven't been any other new programs for this. Laurie will continue to serve as coordinator for the program. She has advertised it in the ACRL newsletter and it will be advertised on the new medium of the listserv.

Laurie has put together a template so people can easily organize an event. These are usually very informal groups that serve as a platform for people to talk about their library concerns. Anyone interested in using web to teach would benefit from running one of these sessions. The consensus seemed to be that the program should continue. A possible change of name, such as "roundtable discussion group" was suggested to broaden the topic areas. People can talk
about "experiments" rather than "accomplishments" which is less intimidating. It's a forum for sharing and idea gathering, rather than "presenting in depth."

**Brainstorming New Ideas:**
These included exploration of web resources, instruction at different levels, strategic planning for outreach to high schools, information literacy skills or partnering with public libraries. Others were interested in distance learning through the web, electronic tutorials, instruction online, studying student response to electronic framework in libraries. There were several ideas that emerged as possible next program topics: 1) Information Literacy; 2) Integrating Library Services in Distance Learning Programs; 3) Instructional Design—best practices; 4) Library in the Curriculum. There was some discussion about getting library courses for credit at various colleges and how that works.

There were several ideas about how to present NEBIC programs; how many programs to try to handle for the coming year; and when to hold these events. There was some discussion about whether the group could get a program together for the Fall, 1999. It was suggested that NEBIC may be able to sponsor a Fall and Spring event. Suggestions included asking about attaching to a pre-conference program through ACRL; partnering with another association, such as MLA; or finding out about professional credits for school librarians to encourage attendance. Laurie Sabol will check into some of the possibilities of anchoring a NEBIC program to an ACRL/NE event.

Attendees shared experiences about library BI classes that involved "library in the curriculum" and how library components are integrated into the courses. Librarians are also involved at very different levels within their colleges with faculty, administration, and committees. People shared how they "marketed" the library within their institutions.

**Next NEBIC Planning/Steering Committee Meeting:**
The next meeting is Friday, August 13, 1999 from 10am--1pm at WPI in Worcester. Information will be posted on the NEBIC webpage.

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