**ACRL NJ/NJLA CUS Meeting**

Friday, Nov. 19, 10:00-12:00 PM

Online via Zoom

Zoom Link to Join Meeting: [**https://fdu.zoom.us/j/98474426600**](https://fdu.zoom.us/j/98474426600)

**I. Welcome**

**In Attendance: Hilary Westgate, Nicole Potdevin, Christine Jansen, Dan Kipnis, Melissa Hofmann, Maria Deptula, Joan Dalrymple, Joe Lauderback, Gary Marks, Healther Dalal, Katie, Hoen, Eric Jeitner, Cara Berg, Kate Hossain, Leslin Charles, Kim Lynch Adriana Mamay, Sara Purifoy**

II. Approve minutes from Oct. 15th meeting:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o5C8QnDH5LdS3a-5q8WlKJTowe15WxWsBru03Kp_Kw0/edit?usp=sharing> (Point of interest: [**The additional minutes about our joint meeting with YASS**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BshIf5GHKyN68b2O0GDGELhV_eJjgO3DhFX1W2br5Qk/edit))

**III. Reports (Executive Board and Committee Chairs, see below for more details)**

**IV. Old Business**

* Bylaws Committee
  + Checking in - new items to discuss?
  + Reconvene Bylaws Taskforce (December meeting) Who’s In?
    - Gary, Hilary, Nicole, Kate H., Joe L.,
    - [**https://cus.njla.org/sites/cus.njla.org/files/BYLAWS-10-10-16.pdf**](https://cus.njla.org/sites/cus.njla.org/files/BYLAWS-10-10-16.pdf)
* Anti-Racism Work
  + <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oEeh2Co-lg0qk_9bYdTsRNyBcZxGkUhAD217ERMr7Pg/edit>
  + Checking in - Melissa, Heather & Janelle to add to NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ webpage
* **Name Change**
  + **Started discussing during 2018 open membership meeting**
  + **Ideas: NJAL (in line with recent conference name change), Garden State Academics**
* **Discussion: Do Committees need their own bylaws?**

**V. New Business/Announcements**

**Reports (Executive Board)**

* President (Hilary Westgate)
  + Newest newsletter! <https://cus.njla.org/content/newsletter/fall2021/>
  + ACRL Webcasts (2 free per year) -- Selection Form: <https://forms.gle/JpJRCi3U5Z8eiVHaA>
    - **Vote on two**
  + NJAL Conference on Jan. 7, 2022 (virtual) -
    - Keynote announcement and conference teaser went out this week
      * **Trevor Dawes – EDI in Libraries**
      * **Keynote presentation will be recorded but breakout sessions will not be**
    - Registration will open during the last week of November
    - **Scheduling underway and going well**
    - New features for virtual networking-- NJALC Slack Work Space (with a Breakout Session to describe how to use it) and provide several informal ‘Themed Lunches’ for you to connect with others who have similar interests **- optional, five available**
    - Questions?
  + NJLA Conference (June 2022) - CUS Luncheon and Awards (Adriana will share more info!)
  + VALE Update:
  + **Edge Partnership dissolved and VALE physically moving to TCNJ as their affiliate in March 2022.**
  + **This change shouldn’t affect member services**
  + *Since its inception in 1998, VALE was housed at William Paterson University. After undertaking a strategic planning process in 2013, VALE partnered with and transferred fiduciary responsibilities to NJEdge. The union of VALE and NJEdge was for the purpose of VALE to make use of NJEdge’s 501(c)3 status to support VALID - the VALE Open-Source Library System (OLS) Project. By March 2016, the VALID project ended as the open-source backbone of the technology was no longer being supported.*

*The VALE-Edge relationship remained intact. Initially Edge charged VALE an administrative fee that has since increased 230% from the original amount. Throughout the partnership, VALE has continually faced pressure to increase revenues and seek membership from organizations outside of NJ and outside of academia. This combination of pressure to become more of a commercial organization combined with the increasing cost of Edge affiliation led the VALE Executive Committee officers to consider alternatives to the partnership.*

*From this has come an opportunity for VALE to collaborate with The College of New Jersey, which would become VALE’s new fiduciary affiliate. The concept has been heartily endorsed by TCNJ’s executive administration. This would place VALE back into a partner relationship with an academic institution whose mission and strategic vision are consonant with that of VALE.*

*The anticipated timeline for this transition is by March 2022. This new affiliation will have little effect on VALE members. There will be updated billing, website, email, and listserv addresses. ConsortiaManager, the renewals timeline, and the annual conference will all remain the same.*

*This transition has been announced to the VALE Members Council and is still in progress. The VALE Executive Committee will have more information to share after the new partnership has been finalized.*

* Vice President (Nicole Potdevin)
  + NJAL Conference - breakout sessions reviewed and accepted
  + **Met at the end of October to review sessions - there are many interesting presentations and round table submissions.**
  + **Scheduling change: 4 sessions will be offered throughout the day instead of 3 so attendees can attend more. They will be shorter.**
* Past President (Alyssa Valenti - can’t attend, Department Chairs meeting)
  + NJLA Nominations - NJLA is seeking nominees for Secretary and President-Elect. Anyone who is an NJLA member can run! It would be great to get more academic librarian presence on the NJLA E-board. If you’re interested in running or even learning more about what service on the NJLA E-board is like, please reach out to Alyssa!
  + NJAL Conference -
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* Secretary (Sara Purifoy)
  + Introduction
* Member at Large (Maria Deptula and Kate Hossain)
  + Nothing to report
* NJLA Executive Board Liaison/Honors and Awards Liaison (Adriana Mamay)
  + (I’ll be late; I have a class)
  + I’ll be attending the NJLA Executive Board meeting on November 23rd
  + The NJLA Conference will be held in person from June 1-3 at Harrah’s in Atlantic City
    - Program Proposals will be accepted from now until November 30th
    - Any type of event that we want to host (CUS luncheon, Academic Librarians Mixer, program session connected to one of the awards, etc.) needs to be submitted as a program proposal
    - Details can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5JlU5RabwmkFwuUuJaLVmnQpUWrpKCcja32lrdDhKDYNqdg/viewform>
  + I reached out to the contact people for the 4 CUS Awards (Distinguished Service, Research, Technical Services, Technology Innovation)
    - Nominations will be accepted from December 1st to April 1st
    - Contact people, if there are any changes that need to be made to the award descriptions, please let me know
    - Adjustments to the awards were made for everyone who reached out to me
    - This is where the descriptions can be found: <https://www.njla.org/honors-and-awards>
    - I’ll be presenting a poster at NJAL about the 4 CUS Awards and fielding questions from interested attendees
* Website Liaisons (Heather Dalal and Janelle Bitter)
  + Janelle met with Sara to help her with the role of secretary. It was decided that the web liaisons will upload the meeting minutes for ACRL-NJ Exec once approved.
  + **Minutes to be uploaded to the website once approved.**
* Social Media Chair (Theresa Agostinelli)
  + *(Hilary added)*: We will share the CUS Newsletter to our social media.
* Legislative Representative (Gary Marks)
  + Info Lit Bill passed Senate Education Committee, paving a path for a full Senate vote. Assembly companion bill still in committee. <https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2020/Bills/S3500/3464_S1.HTM>
* LibraryLinkNJ Liaison (Bonnie Lafazan)
* NJ Librarians Connect-Wellness Wednesdays (Adriana Mamay, Cara Berg, Alyssa Valenti, Bonnie Lafazan, Hilary Westgate)
  + Our last meeting of the year was held on November 17th and featured Virtual Pictionary with Gary Marks, Game Show Host Extraordinaire
  + It was attended by several public librarians in addition to the WW Task Force and was enjoyed by all
  + The Task Force will work on a Program Proposal for NJLA to be submitted by November 30th **- Discussing and hosting a session**
  + New dates will be offered in 2022
  + Let us know if you’re interested in hosting a session!
    - **Does not need to be wellness related - options are open to networking, communicating with each other informally, downtime, recharging, personal interests of value, etc.**

**Reports (Committee Chairs)**

* Archives (Kim Lynch and Stephanie Sussmeier)
  + Met on 11/15; shared updates and had a discussion on sensitive/harmful content in our collections
* Assessment (Christina Connor and Eric Jeitner)
  + Met virtually on 11/16. Director of Assessment at Ramapo College, Dr. Michael Unger was a special guest speaker. He provided insights and strategies to institutional assessment and accreditation review, and it was also discussed how librarians can play a role in institutional assessment.
  + Planning our final virtual meeting for the Fall semester to take place in December. The co-chairs want to hear from committee members their suggestions about conducting hands-on assessment-related workshops throughout the Spring. Joe Louderback, co-chair of the Reference and User Ed Committee, has expressed interest in possibly working together.
    - **Looking ahead to spring semester- would like to do more hands on, building projects/workshops**
    - **Opportunity for a crossover approach to offer mini workshops within a meeting**
  + Christina Connor collaborated with Joe Louderback on a piece for the NJLA CUS/ACRL-NJ Chapter Newsletter entitled *Successful Professional Development Opportunities through Committee Collaborations.*
* Bibliographic Control and Metadata (Colin Bitter, not in attendance)
  + No report
* Research (Melissa Hofmann and Daniel Kipnis)
  + We met on 11/15/21 to discuss possible expansion of the research award. Given concerns about possible overlap with Tech Award submissions, voiced on the feedback [Google doc we shared](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KqepoqdwtnVUEzTo4W0KYGwn6AmrVSJruEOhMyYuE74/edit), we decided to meet with the Technology Committee to talk about parameters and overlap. Research Committee members also expressed concern about expertise and feeling qualified to judge other forms of scholarship, such as data sets. Given these concerns and the time constraints to submit a proposal for the NJLA Conference (Nov. 30)/the beginning of awards submissions (Dec. 1), we decided to keep the Research Award and Forum as is for this year and explore expansion possibilities. We also brainstormed ways to support NJ librarians’ research needs, such as a book club that would read through books/chapters about research methods and discuss/network.
  + **non-traditional scholarship examples: podcasts, data sets, software scripts, webpages**
  + The Research Committee will submit a proposal for a joint double session with the Technology Committee for NJLA 2022.
* Marketing & Outreach (Gary Marks)
  + Currently assessing the NJASL panel program and designing survey for NJASL members to assist future planning. Looking to do the same program in Spring.
    - **Article about this available in the newsletter.**
  + NJALC poster **at NJAL** on CUS Committee’s, Panel on Library Marketing & Outreach during COVID, Panel on the NJASL Program
  + **Committee taking December break (have meet monthly since July)**
* Newsletter (Joan Dalrymple and Katie Cohen)
  + The Fall 2021 issue was published on Wednesday: <https://cus.njla.org/content/newsletter/fall2021/>
  + Leslin Charles requested articles from the issue to include in the national ACRL chapter newsletter. Katie sent two articles for her to consider.
    - **Good for national exposure**
    - **Each chapter is invited to submit content every Spring and Fall.**
    - **Question: How will the newsletter be distributed - needs follow up and clarification**
* Nominations (Cara Berg and Steve Shapiro)
  + No report - next meeting in early December
* Reference and User Education Committee (Joe Louderback and Kaitlyn Clohosey)
  + Last meeting on October 29; topics of discussion included update from the membership, ideas for anti-racist pedagogy, and tips for scheduling library instruction
  + Next meeting: December 3, 10:00am; guest speaker to address serving Gen Z students
* Technology (Maria Deptula)
  + The Committee met on November 8th and discussed:
    - NJ ALC (formerly VALE) Conference Round Table proposal’s acceptance
    - Proposal the Research and Technology Committees for a joint session at the NJLA Conference in June 2022.
    - Submitting a short note for the NJLA CUS/ACRL-NJ Fall Newsletter about the Technology Innovation Award with a Call for Submissions

**Next Meeting Dec. 17**