**ACRL NJ/NJLA CUS Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, March 18, 10 AM-12 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, Sara Purifoy, Maria Deptula, Adriana Mamay, Alyssa Valenti, Bonnie Lafazan, Christina Connor, Eric Jeitner, Janelle Bitter, Joan Dalrymple, Joe Louderback, Kaitlyn Clohosey, Kim Lynch, Daniel Kipnis, Melissa Hofmann, Yuji Tosaka**

**Special Guest: Emily Drabinski**

**Absent: Gary Marks, Heather Dalal, Cara Berg, Steve Shapiro**

II. Approve minutes from February 18th meeting: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xLci92fhdYtkjdYp6LcUydRNl4cyyYGEmH0Q2ZIPdR4/edit?usp=sharing>

**\*Special Guest at 10:15:** Emily Drabinski, Candidate for ALA President! <https://www.emilydrabinski.com/>

* **Emily referred to** **ACRL NJ/NJLA CUS as a “Mighty Fighting Organization”**
* **States that she is not interested in reforming ALA, but instead interested in changing the narrative of how we share what we do and seeing if ALA can build collective powers to support all sectors of librarianship, including academic librarianship, by advocating for librarians to be seen as a network, not a building**
  + **Communication of statements to use at the local level would be useful, especially where pandemic health and safety of library workers are concerned**
  + **Find the issues across the ecosystem and address them strategically based on who can benefit most - this would potentially include an analysis of power and structure to promote the need for communication shifts within the organization**
* **Membership affordability concerns**
  + **ALA Membership committee is working towards making necessary changes, but change is slow**
* **Membership decline concerns**
  + **56,000 members when Patty Wong ran two year ago**
  + **There has been a 10,000 drop - now is 46,000**
  + **One-Way vs Two-Way Marketing Campaigns**
    - **First step is to identify needs - avoid one-way marketing strategies**
    - **Two-way engagement around issues that are relevant and timely that focus on what is happening at local, state, and national level**
* **ALA Programming**
  + **Emily wants to focus on programming that is analytic and research based, which would speak more to the needs of academic librarians**

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

**IV. Old Business**

* Bylaws Committee
  + Will work to meet in April/May - Gary, Hilary, Nicole, Kate H., Joe L., Janelle
* Name Change
  + Ideas: New Jersey Academic Librarians (in line with recent Conference name change), Garden State Academics
* Reminder: 4 CUS Awards (Distinguished Service, Research, Technical Services, Technology Innovation)
  + Nominations will be accepted from December 1st to April 1st
  + **(deadline might be extended)**
  + <https://www.njla.org/honors-and-awards>
* ACRL Chapter Newsletter
  + Asked Leslin for how we can be added to the ACRL Chapters newsletter distribution **(waiting to hear back)**

**V. New Business/Announcements**

* **Elections will launch in April**
* **Virtual vs in-person meetings next year?**
  + **Makes a lot of sense to have virtual meetings throughout the year because everyone is from across the state**
  + **June transition meetings have traditionally been in person – this is when committee chair changes occur.**
  + **New and old leaders attend to transfer leadership**
    - **Hope is to have it in person this year**

**Reports (Executive Board)**

* President (Hilary Westgate)
  + News - New job **Congrats, Hilary!**
  + **- hilary.westgate@gmail.com – please use until further notice**
  + **CUS Luncheon at 2022 NJLA Conference**: June 3, 2022 - *The Academic CommUNITY* -- on Friday, June 3, 12:30-2 pm, Wildwood 3
    - Please note: No a la carte option for luncheon alone, but can do the one-day conference registration
      * **However, the Conference Future committee will consider this option for the future.**
  + Bonnie Lafazan has offered to be our **Social Media Coordinator** to help manage and post to our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts. Thank you, Bonnie!
    - **If you have something to promote, forward that information to send out on these channels. – send to both Bonnie and Hilary**
  + Reminder to vote in both the ALA elections (if you are a member) and our upcoming elections (timeline?)
    - **Congrats to Emily for winning the 2022-2023 Presidency!**
    - [**https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/drabinski-wins-2023-2024-ala-presidency/**](https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/drabinski-wins-2023-2024-ala-presidency/)
  + Follow-up webinar information from ACRL:

I wanted to share the link to the “*Research and Writing: Success with High Impact Practices and Collaboration”* webcast recording: [**https://youtu.be/aNr41JMWiqo**](https://youtu.be/aNr41JMWiqo)

Additionally, here are links to the two Padlet activities from the webcast:

* Discussion #1 – Brainstorm

<https://padlet.com/sedele/hb24wdp0l7vjcbzy>

* Discussion #2 – Opportunities

<https://padlet.com/sedele/c8mf3t4qy4mx8kn3>

* + NJLA Equity Scholarships - Due Date of April 15
* Vice President (Nicole Potdevin)
  + Please nominate yourself or others for the NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ [Distinguished Service Award](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.gle%2FmfrBuD3ejGmZXfVc8&data=04%7C01%7Cpotdevin%40fdu.edu%7C9a821943b1e34ed198b908d9df6c98b0%7C3224fad94bcc4d47ae9886ea3c6b3b13%7C1%7C0%7C637786480718454904%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=1DQ94RT4YYLXJkIPFV5MAg78bT1At%2BO8OmBVStffIi0%3D&reserved=0), deadline for nominations is April 1st
* Past President (Alyssa Valenti)
  + Congratulations to Heather and Adriana for their elected positions to the NJLA executive board! It is great to have academic representation in this leadership!
  + NJLA Strategic Planning - If you are interested, an operations plan has been approved by the NJLA Executive Board. You can see the plan [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bHV_QY3XgPE-KfMZAmZ7qhKaJoF3LwXcB9MHpS9KQOc/edit?usp=sharing). We also shared a current strategic plan ‘[report card](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CW_16xj4-PgOXwG4Hsnuh003ptwXuT1w/view)’ with the board if you’re interested in seeing how NJLA is addressing metrics in the current strategic plan. Finally, beginning in late April/early May, there will be targeted focus groups to various stakeholders and there is one for academic librarians/library workers. Be on the lookout for an invite for participation.
* Secretary (Sara Purifoy)
  + No report
* Member at Large (Maria Deptula and Kate Hossain)
  + Nothing to report
* NJLA Executive Board Liaison/Honors and Awards Liaison (Adriana Mamay)
  + NJLA crafted a [statement](https://www.njla.org/njla-statement-in-support-of-the-ukrainian-library-community) in support of the Ukrainian Library Community
    - **Will post on social media in further support**
  + Poster session proposals are still being accepted for the NJLA Conference in June
    - Librarians, administrators, and library school students from across the state are invited to submit proposals for *poster sessions* at the June 2022 NJLA Annual Conference. Share your innovative library program ideas, success stories, research studies, problem solving and more! Please complete the online [proposal form](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http://njla.memberclicks.net/message2/link/5425fb9c-9614-4b42-b354-ae04494cf3b8/19__;!!Lk717V2mwtwfTQCNnA!IVzpnpeXqkc0h3KLX01ipBZTXpGQa2xtSET9suS3hJwXq2NWsA-0vxCfWbH9Sw0AS6kl$) by *March 18, 2022*. Contact Stephen Hrubes at [shrubes@monroetwplibrary.org](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http://njla.memberclicks.net/message2/link/5425fb9c-9614-4b42-b354-ae04494cf3b8/20__;!!Lk717V2mwtwfTQCNnA!IVzpnpeXqkc0h3KLX01ipBZTXpGQa2xtSET9suS3hJwXq2NWsA-0vxCfWbH9S1MBxlhw$).
  + NJLA Scholarships
    - The New Jersey Library Association, in partnership with Rutgers University School of Communication and Information (SC&I) Department of Library and Information Science (LIS), New Jersey State Library, and LibraryLinkNJ, will be offering new Equity Scholarships of $8,500 each beginning in the Fall semester (September 2022) through the Winter/Spring semester (January 2023).
    - https://www.njla.org/scholarship
  + The ***NJLA Professional Development Committee*** is conducting the second of three planned surveys, this one on Personal and Professional Career Development. Your responses will help us develop programs and events outside of the annual conference. Please distribute this survey widely to your New Jersey library worker colleagues, even if they are not NJLA members. Please complete the survey today. Deadline is ***March 31, 2022.***
    - [***https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jEnojp8lyFvSMzodnhs6\_QUqoAaKEEPCVdLGpT-qRKU/viewform?edit\_requested=true***](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jEnojp8lyFvSMzodnhs6_QUqoAaKEEPCVdLGpT-qRKU/viewform?edit_requested=true)
  + Nominations for the 4 CUS Awards (Distinguished Service, Research, Technical Services, Technology Innovation) will be accepted until April 1st
  + <https://www.njla.org/honors-and-awards>
  + Once the nominations period has closed, I will forward all received nominations to the pointpeople of each award so they can meet with their committees and select winners
* Website Liaisons (Heather Dalal and Janelle Bitter)
  + Heather would like to step down as web co-liaison after this year, with hopes that someone else will assist Janelle and it can be a rotating two-year term. So please consider serving as a co-website liaison!
  + Have been making an effort to keep exec board and chairs/co-chairs on website correct, and add/delete email addresses from listservs as appropriate. Please let us know if you have any corrections.
  + **Looking for someone to replace Heather – please consider stepping up**
* Social Media Chair **(Bonnie Lafazan)**
  + Bonnie agreed to take on this role. Any flyers, events, etc, please email me at [bonnie-lafazan@berkeleycollege.edu](mailto:bonnie-lafazan@berkeleycollege.edu) or Hilary ([hilary.westgate@gmail.com](mailto:hilary.westgate@gmail.com)) so that we can post.
  + **Twitter, Facebook, Instagram**
* Legislative Representative (Gary Marks)
  + Winter Legislative Digest in process- Info Lit bill reintroduced in January (Senate)
  + Aiming for March 18th publication date. If you have topic suggestions or legislative questions please reach out.
* LibraryLinkNJ Liaison (Bonnie Lafazan)
  + LLNJ Strategic Planning for 2022-25 has begun! **Please fill out the member survey!:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LLNJMember-Survey>

This is not just for library directors or libraries who receive delivery, it is SO important for everyone, no matter what library you work at, or whatever your position may be to fill this out!

* + Also, sign up to be a part of strategic planning focus groups. LLNJ Strategic Plan - [Focus Group Sign-up](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LLNJFocus-Groups)
  + Note, some really good programs are coming up: <https://www.smore.com/j561f-on-the-calendar?ref=email> Of note: W*ell, What Now? A Series for Mid-Career Librarians* - **Presented in Partnership with NJLA:** [Understanding Your Personal Brand & Building a Leadership Presence](https://librarylinknj.org/calendar/webinar-understanding-your-personal-brand-building-leadership-presence)Wed, April 13th @ 10AM

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* NJ Librarians Connect-Wellness Wednesdays (Adriana Mamay, Cara Berg, Alyssa Valenti, Bonnie Lafazan, Hilary Westgate)
  + Our proposal for the 2022 NJLA Conference was accepted for June 3, 2022: *Embracing the Opportunity to Connect with Wellness Wednesdays*; Friday, June 3, 11:30am - 12:20pm; Wildwood 18 & 19
  + We had our first spring session on Weds., March 2, 2022
  + Remaining Spring Dates:
    - Weds., April 6, 2022
    - Weds., May 4, 2022
  + We will have a rotating chair for this group (by season) - let us know if you’d like to work with us! B. Lafazan is the rotating chair for Spring 2022. **Please also know we are always looking for volunteers to lead or co-lead sessions.**

**Reports (Committee Chairs)**

* Archives (Kim Lynch and Stephanie Sussmeier)
  + **Spring meeting is scheduled for early May.**
* Assessment (Christina Connor and Eric Jeitner)
  + The last meeting was on February 24 (Zoom). The conversation focused on the capture and use of reference statistics.
  + Next meeting is scheduled for March 22.
  + Met with Joe and Kaitlyn from the Reference and User Education Committee to plan a joint-committee meeting in April on issues of interest to both groups.
  + The same two committees intend to host another Summer Workshop this year on a TBD date.
* Bibliographic Control and Metadata (Yuji Tosaka)
  + Had a regular spring meeting on March 17 (Zoom).
  + The agenda included discussion on upcoming implementation, new official documentation, and training for the revised RDA cataloging rules, and latest BIBFRAME developments (MARC replacement).
  + Research Subcommittee had drafted survey questions to assess recent changes in cataloging/metadata units across New Jersey academic libraries. After final refinements, the subcommittee will distribute the survey to gain a snapshot of the post-COVID library technical services landscape (though we are not quite out of the woods yet!).
  + DEI issues continued to be discussed. Several BCMC members had also attended the LibraryLinkNJ skill-sharing conversation on “Addressing Bias in the Library Catalog” (Zoom, March 8). Conversation focused on LCSH “Illegal aliens” (changed Nov. 2021), changing (and re-labeling) Cutters in LC call numbers based on the word “Negros” [which remained valid until 2021, e.g., D547.N4, Negroes in World War I], and developing inclusive metadata statements. Despite some small projects, the sense of the room was that widespread momentum remained hard to find in the larger cataloging community, reflecting the daunting nature of the work required to address DEI issues in library data in any comprehensive manner.
  + The meeting also included discussion with a state library representative (regular committee member) on how the state library may be able to provide better access to electronic state government documents.
  + Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 14 or 21 (Zoom).
  + Technical Services Award Task Force sent out another call for nominations this week (April 1 deadline).
* Research (Melissa Hofmann and Daniel Kipnis)
  + Have received two physical book submissions
    - **2 physical book submissions so far**
  + Will send out another call next week
* Marketing & Outreach (Gary Marks)
  + Met with NJASL to plan spring outreach initiatives following the fall panel program.
  + Spring call for organizing subject specific panels
    - Survey to be distributed today <https://wpunj.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eJ82nh3kWaZotdY>
  + NJASL members overwhelmingly looking for professional development opportunities with academic colleagues.
  + Diversity & Inclusion Program 3/25 <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B_WfEqr6TEf_TdoH12s7EdtamtAnmdQR/view?usp=sharing>
* Newsletter (Joan Dalrymple and Katie Cohen)
  + Spring 2022 Proposed Dates:
    - 1st call: 2/7
    - 2nd call: 2/28
    - 3rd call: 3/28
    - 4th call: 4/11 if necessary
    - Deadline: Monday, 4/18
    - Publish: Monday, 4/25
  + Please consider submitting announcements, articles and/or photos, and encourage your colleagues to do the same.
* Nominations (Cara Berg and Steve Shapiro)
  + We have nominations for VP/President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and Member-at-Large. More to follow soon!
  + **Will work to make voting accessible to everybody**
* Reference and User Education Committee (Joe Louderback and Kaitlyn Clohosey)
  + Met with chairs of Assessment Committee to plan spring workshop - date April 29
  + Reference & User Ed meeting on Feb. 25 - guest speaker Alison Cole, Felician University, presented on OER; potential topics for spring workshop were discussed
  + Next meeting date is scheduled for March 25
  + **Please forward any OER initiative at your institution**
* Technology (Maria Deptula)
  + No meeting this period.
  + Waiting for submissions for the Technology Innovation Award.

**Next Meeting April 22, 2022 - Please note, this meeting has a different Zoom link (in agenda).**