NJLA College and University Section/ACRL-NJ Chapter  
Executive Board Meeting on Friday, March 6, 2015  
http://cus.njla.org/  

Attending at Montclair State University: Katie Maricic Cohen, Cynthia Coulter,  
Joan Dalrymple, Elizabeth Leonard, Siobhan McCarthy, Nancy Weiner  
Attending at Rutgers University: Susan Bucks, Heather Dalal, Adriana Mamay, Amanda Piekart, Rebecca Sloat, Gracemary Smulewitz, Alyssa Valenti.  
Excused: Erin Ackerman, Kate Hossain, Mary Mallery, Denise O’Shea, Steve Shapiro,  

The meeting began at 10:27 AM  

President’s Report (Nancy Weiner):  
- Nancy noted that her report was going to be based on the outcome of the VALE meeting that was scheduled for March 5. Since the meeting was postponed, Nancy indicated that the discussion would be tabled until the next meeting. Taras Pavlovsky is trying to reschedule the meeting and will let everyone know the date once it is set. In response to Gracemary’s question about the VALE committee restructuring, Nancy reported that according to the bylaws, NJLA-CUS could establish a new committee if necessary.  

Vice President’s Report (Elizabeth Leonard):  
- Elizabeth thanked Steve Shapiro for his tireless assistance with the luncheon speaker, Edward Tenner.  
- Distinguished Service Award: Voting is complete and results will be announced shortly.  
- NJLA Conference planning is underway.  

NJLA Executive Board Liaison Report (No report):  

Legislative Report (Adriana Mamay):  
- National Library Legislative Day will be held in Washington, DC on May 4th and 5th. Headquarters is the Liaison Hotel. Adriana will post information on the CUS website.  
- Adriana wrote a blog post on the NJLA Conference blog about CUS related sessions. There is one preconference, six session on Tuesday, and six on Wednesday. Adriana will send it out to the listserv.  

Committee Reports:  

Marketing Committee (Mary Mallery emailed report to Nancy):  
- March Member Spotlight is on Katie Maricic Cohen. See: http://cus.njla.org/node/581  
- Mary downloaded the past ACRL-NJ Exec Board Minutes from the old CUS Wiki. Do you want the Marketing Committee to set up a Minutes Archive page off the Exec Board Website at: http://cus.njla.org/execboard? – Nancy responded yes to this.  
- Next Marketing Committee Meeting is Monday, March 16th via Adobe Connect. Please let me know if you have any items for the agenda or updates for the CUS Website.  

Newsletter (Joan Dalrymple):  
- The Committee thanks Sharon Whitfield for her participation. She has stepped down to pursue her doctorate. We welcome Rebecca Sloat as the new co-editor.
For the April newsletter we have a feature article by Jennifer Hunter about her first year as an academic librarian; and various announcements. We need more articles.

Katie suggested articles about the social media survey. She will be preparing an article for Library Hi Tech News based on the VALE poster. She will do a variation for the newsletter. Also, she suggested doing an article in each issue that highlights the activities of a different CUS committee to increase interest. Another suggestion was to include announcements about member's life events, retirements, weddings, etc. The survey revealed that members want to know more about fellow librarians.

Katie reported that the Committee was informed by Mary Mallery that they have accomplished their goals.

The newsletter committee will be meeting soon.

Rebecca Sloat introduced herself. She is currently a coordinator in the technical services department at Rutgers University where she has been for 11 years. Prior to this, she worked at Swets for 10 years. She has an English degree. Rebecca helped to set up the faculty newsletter at Rutgers.

Heather reported that she and Meghan Dempsey are working on an article about the ACRL Framework for the newsletter.

Membership Committee (Erin Ackerman emailed report to Nancy):

- The Member Services committee doesn't have much to report other than that we are looking toward what we can do for the NJLA conference. To that end, thanks for the information about tables at the conference. Last year members of our committee worked with the NJLA Membership committee at a general hospitality/membership table and the NJLA Membership committee has indicated they would love our help again. But if we would like to have a separate table for NJLA-CUS, we could certainly do that and probably use a lot of what we did for the table/poster at VALE. I would need help staffing it, as we are a tiny (2-3 person) committee and my co-chair is currently on maternity leave. I'd love to hear what the exec board's thoughts are on NJLA-CUS having its own table. I definitely think, in light of changes with VALE that now is a great time to be advertising the benefits of NJLA and CUS membership. I do wonder if many academic librarians who are not already members of NJLA attend the conference. Do you have a sense of that?
- Nancy responded to Erin that it may be best to work with the NJLA Membership Committee at the welcome/hospitality table since it may be difficult to staff a separate table.

Nomination Committee (Nancy Weiner):

- Steve Shapiro submitted the ballot to NJLA. Heather Dalal is running for Vice-President/President Elect and Jen Hunter is running for Secretary. Running for Member at Large are Susan Bucks and Megan Dempsey. Gracemary is on the NJLA Election committee and she is aware that the potential candidates have confirmed their candidacy. Also, the election committee was successful in getting more academic librarians on the NJLA slate.

Research Committee (Cynthia Coulter):

- Submission numbers: 5 for Award, 4 for Forum, with one research submitted for both categories. There was one dual submission, which was approved by Nancy.
- The Research Committee is now half of what was on the roster from last year. Many
members never responded to my emails. I ended up calling them, then they revealed that they no longer wanted to participate. There are still 5 active members, including myself.

- Cynthia tried to remove the names from the Drupal page, but couldn't figure out how to do this. I looked back at my notes, and there were instructions about how to add members, but not how to delete. I contacted James Keebler about getting help for this matter, but did not hear back. I will resend this email.

- Cynthia posted the research committee submissions on google drive along with a doodle poll, hoping to have members meet in person and discuss research and decide awards and forum. Only one person responded. I then posted a rubric on the google drive, and have asked everyone to return this filled out rubric by March 8. As of today (Thursday, March 5th), I have one member who has completed the rubric, besides myself.

- Cynthia registered for the NJLA Conference for Wednesday, April 22.

- Cynthia will bring a laptop, projector, and speakers to NJLA Conference, just in case people need backup equipment.

- Cynthia will try to get people to join the committee at the NJLA Conference.

- Nancy stressed the importance of having past chairs remain on the committee to assist with the transition. This is an ongoing problem with committees in general.

- Cynthia proposed that consideration be given to combining the Research and Technology Awards. Alyssa responded that the Technology Committee would have to discuss this before a response could be given.

**Technology (Alyssa Valenti):**

- There are four nominees for the award: Bergen Community College; Hudson Community College; Seton Hall University; Rutgers University. The competition will be held on March 20 at Seton Hall. After the competition the winner will be announced. All candidates will present at the double session at the NJLA Conference.

- Alyssa presented at the NJLA Micro-Conference, “Let’s Get Comfortable with Coding!” as the academic library representative. After discussing with Alan McGinley the need for more academic librarian involvement, Alyssa plans to join the Professional Development Committee next year.

**User Education (Amanda Piekart and Heather Dalal)**

- We met online on Feb 13. We tabled some conversations until we know the future of the VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee which meets jointly with CUS User Ed. Members shared concerns about potential changes to VALE might impact future librarians - especially since VALE is often free and CUS has a membership fee.

- The CIA (Cross Institutional Assessment) Project will resume in April with a training session for Rutgers Librarians. Seton Hall and Rider University have also submitted papers for the project. These universities may open up the training sessions to other interested librarians unaffiliated with universities currently collecting student research papers.

- Our ACRL IL Framework subcommittee is collaborating on an invited article for a special issue of *Communication in Information Literacy* concerning the ACRL IL Framework issues, building off the "open letter" circulated in December and January.

- Next meeting is April 10.
Job Shadowing (Nancy Weiner)
- Nancy reported that William Patterson had two people shadowing at their library on February 20. There is interest in job shadowing, and the partnership with the LibraryLinkNJ Mentoring program has increased visibility.

Old Business:
- Regarding the Member Spotlight, Elizabeth suggested merging the monthly profile with a profile of the winner of the Distinguished Service Award for one month. All agreed this is a good idea.
- ACRL Webcasts: the committee previously discussed participating in the April webcast but a location had not been secured. Gracemary recommended setting up panel discussion if we decide to go ahead. She will also check on other rooms.

New Business:

Good of the Order:
- Mary Mallery was quoted in the March/April issue of American Libraries, “A Career of Our Own,” by Marta Deyrup.
- J.P. Porcaro, New Jersey City University, is running for ALA President.

Next meeting: April 10, 2015, at 10:00.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Bucks

Secretary/Treasurer