

NJLA College and University Section/ACRL-NJ Chapter

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Executive Board Meeting on Friday, September 13, 2013

Videoconference between Montclair State University & Rutgers University

*Attending: Gracemary Smulewitz, Melissa Hofmann, Siobhan McCarthy, Nancy Weiner, Joan Dalrymple, Alyssa Valenti, Lisa DeLuca, Adriana Kuzyszyn, Steve Shapiro, Romel Espinel
Excused: Denise O'Shea, Mary Mallery, Susan Bucks, Roberta Tipton, Sharon Whitfield, Heather Dalal, Ma Lei Hsieh*

The meeting began at 10:08 AM

- The meeting began with introductions from new and existing members.
- The minutes from July were approved.

President's Report (Gracemary Smulewitz):

- We would like our focus for the fall to be on state-wide participation, including the VALE conference, and running programs. Any ideas for programming that would be helpful to the larger community in academic libraries should be sent to Gracemary, who is already working on proposals.
- The VALE committee hasn't met yet, so there will be no report on that. She will send out notes after the meeting.
- SCARLA Committee: SCARLA has asked if ACRL-NJ could work with them on issues of embargoes and dissertations; the predominant issue being that when dissertations are put into open repositories, it prevents them from being able to publish in journals. Gracemary is working with the group and their adviser to try and set a date for a discussion. If we were to have a panel discussion, who should we invite to speak and what should be represented?

Discussion on the proposed programs followed.

On embargoes:

- Suggestions for types of panelists to invite include: a former PhD student who was affected, a publisher, someone from an Open Access publisher (or an OA advocate). Ideally a student, publisher, Open Access representative, and a Repository representative.) The group would like a joint-session to happen in the Fall, but because of short notice we will aim for mid-November. SCARLA is also interested in having the program be counted as a colloquium for SCI students.
- There is also the possibility of involving other library schools (Long Island University, Pratt, Drexel, online programs, etc.) Additional ideas should be sent to Gracemary. Zara Wilkinson (who in charge of the shadowing program) may have a contact list for contacts at local schools.
- We will aim for the SCARLA program for early November, other programs may need more time for preparation.

Other programs:

- There may also be some programs that were suggested for VALE that would be better suited as stand-alone programs. Assessment can be discussed in contexts of instruction, access services, student services, etc. also vocabulary and communication between librarians and students.
- For the program on Retraction: Lisa will check on the availability of a speaker. Possibly to be scheduled before Spring Break, but after VALE (which is January 10th).

Vice President's Report (Nancy Weiner):

- Regarding programming for academic librarians at the state-wide level: Many instruction librarians might be interested in programs on assessment. This will also support our mission of 'adding value'. As observed from the chapter's council meeting at ALA, New Jersey does not offer as many as some of our counterparts so this would be a good time to start branching out.
- The NJLA conference meeting was pushed back until October, so there is no update at this time.

Discussion of the NJLA conference survey:

- We do not have the final results of the NJLA Conference Survey.
- Regarding the preliminary results: most of the responses to why one did not attend the conference were due to the cost, location, and timing of the conference, as well as availability of academically orientated programs.
- Denise may have ideas on how to better collaborate for programs with NJLA, especially on 1) logistically, how do we do it? 2) how do we come up with ideas? and 3) what topics should be covered? This will be on next month's agenda.
- Programs involving Makerspaces might be a good opportunity for collaboration with public libraries for the NJLA conference.
- Lisa mentions that the ACRL webinars were well attended, so it would be helpful to promote to members the availability of ACRL programming. According to the ACRL agreement, we can hold 2 workshops for free.

Committee Reports:

Marketing and Communications (Mary Mallery, submitted by e-mail):

- We completed and distributed the results of the NJLA Conference Academic Librarian poll in August.
- Mary attended the NJLA Conference Committee meeting on Aug. 21st, and they emphasized that co-sponsorship among the sections is very important for getting funding approval for outside-NJ speakers. There will be a Leadership meeting for NJLA Section and Committee leaders on October 1st at South Brunswick Public Library which either the CUS President or VP should attend to represent the CUS and propose some Conference programs for other sections to sponsor with us.

- James Keehler gave a new CUS Drupal Website training session at Middlesex County College on Aug. 27th
- Please ask everyone to send updates for the CUS Website to Mary. The Marketing Committee will have their next meeting in October.

Membership (Lisa DeLuca): There are two new committee members this year: Kate Scherler from Passaic County Community College, and Erin Ackerman, who is the new Social Sciences Librarian at TCNJ. She would like to start thinking about a VALE poster for membership, and tie it into ACRL national.

Newsletter (Joan Dalrymple): Sharon Whitfield attended the last Marketing Committee meeting, and the committee decided that they should do a VALE poster about the changes in format of the newsletter (to Drupal). They put together a list of the dates for calls for submissions for the next issue; the first call will go on Monday, September 16, with 2 additional calls, with a submission deadline of October 28. They expect to release the newsletter on November 18. They may call for a volunteer from the Marketing Committee to help look at the newsletter before it goes out. Gracemary will be asked to write an article as the President. Some ideas for inclusion are: changes with the state medical schools and how this impacts libraries (incl. Rutgers/UMDNJ, Rowan, etc.) Another idea is to spotlight a different library in each issue. They are looking for submissions of videos, photos, and links to boost connectivity. Articles should be about 1,000 words. Also, usually articles are submitted at the last minute so it would be helpful to get submissions earlier.

User Education (Nancy Weiner, on behalf of Ma Lei Hsieh and Heather Dalal): The annual joint meeting with the SIL committee was held on July 30. Members were instructed on how to create accounts for the website and to make updates themselves. Three subcommittees were formed for projects:

1. IL education in library schools in NJ and neighboring states
2. Use of Discovering tools among NJ colleges
3. Transitioning from High School to College – students' IL skills

The program held on July 30 at Rider (“How do you do research?” presented by Beth Bloom and Marta Deyrup) had 27 attendees, who seemed to really enjoy the session and many stayed afterward to watch additional videos. More than 30 people attended the Curriculum Mapping workshop on August 5 at the College of St. Elizabeth, including a handful of school librarians.

Nominations (Steve Shapiro): Nothing to report. He will start contacting potential candidates in the coming months, and is open to suggestions.

Technology (Alyssa Valenti and Romel Espinel): The Technology Speed Dating joint program with LibraryLinkNJ was very successful, and we are scheduled to do that again. They would like to hold an event in or around Gloucester (South Jersey) to represent academic libraries. They are also going to solicit for new members for the Technology Committee, as recent attendance has been low. There has also been talk of VALE and NJEDGE working together, which Alyssa will try to find more information about.

Research (Melissa Hofmann): The committee has a new member, Anu Paul (Scholarly

Communications Center, Rutgers University Libraries). She will also try to solicit for additional new members, collect ideas for getting more nominations for the forum, and what more the committee can do for the community.

Legislative Representative (Adriana Kuzyszyn): There is now a legislative tab on the website, she will add a RSS feed to keep information up to date. She also received a lot of feedback from Tim Dodge (council legislative rep) on how to promote legislative issues to the section.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Siobhan McCarthy