

**NJLA College and University Section  
ACRL/NJ Chapter  
Executive Board Meeting  
Minutes  
March 11, 2005**

**Alexander Library, Rutgers-New Brunswick; Robeson Library, Rutgers-Camden; Sprague  
Library-Montclair State University**

**Present:** Margaret Deng, Ruth Hamann, Karen Hartman, Nancy Madacsi, Mary Mallery, Penny Page (Rutgers-New Brunswick); Pat Fazio (Rutgers-Camden); Frances Kaufmann, Carol Nurse, Steve Shapiro (Montclair)

**Call to order:** 10:20 a.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the February 4, 2005, meeting were approved.

**President's Report—Fran Kaufmann**

- **ALA Draft Strategic Plan**

Fran sent the URL for the plan earlier; she submitted feedback to ACRL by the Feb. 22 deadline.

- **ACRL Virtual National Conference**

In response to member complaints about costs of the national conference, ACRL will be offering webcasts for two days of the upcoming national conference. As a kickoff, they offered a free webcast on March 10, but there will be a fee of \$165 for the conference webcasts. This will include access to printed proceedings for those days. If anyone is going to the national conference, please give us highlights at our May meeting.

- **ACRL Dues Increase**

The ACRL Board has proposed a dues increase of \$10 for 2006, and an additional \$10 the following year (up to \$55 from the present \$35 annually). This will go to the membership for a vote on the spring ballot. More information is available on their FAQ page: <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlmembership/duesfaq.htm>. Although some members have suggested pulling ACRL out of ALA, the affiliation helps keep dues down because of the many support services they get from ALA.

- **Many Voices, One Nation @ Your Library**

ALA President Carol Brey-Casiano started this nationwide program that celebrates diversity in literature. She asked for recommendations for the reading lists (YA and adult lists) from state library organizations. Fran and Nancy Madacsi recommended a non-fiction adult book entitled *Boardwalk of Dreams: Atlantic City and the Fate of Urban America*, which is scholarly but very accessible.

- **ALA Legislative Day (May 3-4)**

NJLA will be participating in this program, which offers a chance to meet and talk with

legislators in Washington, DC, about library issues. They would like to have more academic libraries involved. If anyone wants to go, let Fran know by March 18. In the past, participants had to pay all their own costs, but NJLA has sometimes provided a bus (not sure this time). Fran will get more details and email to us. If she is available, she will try to participate.

- **NJLA Election Ballots**

All NJLA members should have received their annual election ballots by now. NJLA has been encouraging more academic library involvement. Mary Mallery from Montclair State University is running for President, and there are two other academic candidates running for Members-At-Large. The College and University Section ballot was included in the mailing; Nicole Cooke is running for President, Penny Page for another term as Secretary, and Julie Maginn for Member-at-Large. Please remember to vote! Fran thanked all those who have served as officers or have agreed to run.

- **Communication with Members**

Fran sent an earlier email message to test the new NJLA CUS member listserv. Pat Tumulty is working on guidelines for using the listserv, but in the meantime it is okay to go ahead and post messages (email Fran for information). This is a closed list; only paid members of the section will be able to use it. Fran will re-send her test email about the list.

According to NJLA statistics, there are currently 143 members of CUS, which is the fifth highest section membership. There are 311 national ACRL members in our chapter. However, we only received 153 mailing labels from ACRL for our newsletter. Apparently this is due to a problem with setting communication preferences in the ALA online membership information. When setting preferences, it is necessary to check off the box for ALA and selected outside organizations, because state chapters are included there. Otherwise the member's information will not be shared with the state chapter. Fran will send a message to ACALIBS about this. Pat will bring extra copies of the spring newsletter to our luncheon at the NJLA conference and will save some copies for a possible fall program. We will also have ACRL ribbons for members to attach to their name badges at the conference.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Newsletter--Pat Fazio**

The spring issue will be mailed in the next few days. On future issues, Pat suggested acknowledging the Central Jersey Regional Library Co-op for their support in printing the newsletter, and the Board approved. Pat will email Nicole Cooke about this [note: this was done on the Fall 2004 issue].

### **Membership--Carol Nurse**

No report.

### **Job Shadowing--Luis Rodriguez**

No report.

### **Legislative Liaison--Luis Rodriguez**

No report.

### **Technology--Margaret Deng**

The committee met on March 10 at Monmouth University to hear the presentations of the nominees for the Technology Innovation Award. There were five presentations:

Rutgers--Ejournal Platform

Seton Hall--Co-browsing at the Reference Desk

NJIT--Next Generation Integrated Library System

VALE--Q & A NJ Virtual Reference

William Paterson--Integrating the Library into the WP Connector Portal System

The winner will give a presentation at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, Apr. 13, at the NJLA conference and will be acknowledged at the luncheon that day. Fran suggested in the future offering the nominees' presentations as an open program. Mary Mallery will ask the nominees for permission to include their PowerPoint presentations on a special webpage that she will develop for us.

### **Research--Karen Hartman**

The Research Award winner has been selected and will be one of four presentations scheduled for the Research Forum after the luncheon on Wednesday afternoon. There will also be a program on "Qualitative Analysis for Librarians" in the morning at 9:00.

### **User Education--Ruth Hamann for Annemarie Mascarenhas**

The committee is working on a summer program similar to that held last year for school and academic librarians. They are still looking for a speaker.

### **NJLA Liaison--Nancy Madacsi**

The last NJLA Executive Board meeting was held at Rutgers SCILS. The Board voted to establish a student chapter at SCILS; Dan O'Connor will facilitate.

### **NJLA Conference Planning--Fran Kaufmann**

Fran has asked John Gibson from Camden for technical support for our luncheon speaker. Elizabeth Kirk plans to go "low tech," but if anyone else has equipment/technical needs let Fran know. Fran will pick up our luncheon speaker on Tuesday evening and take her to dinner. She will meet her on Wednesday morning and will ask Marc Meola to help show her around and visit particular sessions of interest. Lunch will be provided for our award winners; Sister Anita Talar at Seton Hall does the award certificates.

## **Old Business--Fran Kaufmann**

Fran sent feedback to ACRL on the 2005 Strategic Plan. We will have to demonstrate how our activities relate to this plan on our next annual report.

## **New Business**

The June meeting of our Executive Board (June 10) will be a joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming boards. The meeting will be held in person at Rutgers-New Brunswick, and Fran suggested going to lunch at the RU Faculty Club afterwards. Penny Page will make the reservation.

Committee chairs should send email notices to appropriate listservs with details on their upcoming conference programs.

Nancy Madacsi pointed out that the NJLA History and Communications Section is offering two conference programs that may be of interest to our section members. On Tuesday, Apr. 12 from 4:30-5:20 Pat Reeling will be giving a history of the MLS in Jew Jersey. That evening there will be a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the RU MLS. On Wednesday at 3:30 Dr. Ray Frey of Centenary College will be talking about writing the history of New Jersey. Nancy will post information about these programs on the VALE and CUS listservs.

**Reminder:** There will be no meeting in April due to the NJLA conference. The next meeting is May 6, and we will be teleconferencing between sites.

**Adjournment:** 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny B. Page  
Secretary