

**NJLA College and University Section
ACRL/NJ Chapter
Executive Board Meeting
Minutes
May 6, 2005**

Alexander Library, Rutgers-New Brunswick and Sprague Library-Montclair State

Present: Ruth Hamann, Karen Hartman, Fran Kaufmann, Mary Mallery, Annemarie Mascarenhas, Marc Meola, Penny Page, Steve Shapiro (Rutgers-New Brunswick); Nicole Cooke, Luis Rodriguez (Montclair)

Call to order: 10:03 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 11 meeting were approved with one correction.

President's Report—Fran Kaufmann

- **New Contact Information for Kaufmann**

Fran started a new position as Assistant Director of the Union County College Library on May 2. She does not have her new email account yet, so board members should continue to use her home email or contact her by phone at her new office number, 908-709-7019. She has completed her Master's in History at Rutgers-Newark and will be receiving the degree on May 20.

- **NJLA Conference Follow-Up**

The expanded two-hour lunch timeframe seemed to work very well. Fran also requested a specific room setup with a podium and microphone but no dais, which seemed more comfortable to most members. She received one complaint that the vegetarian meal was bad, and she forwarded this on to Heidi Cramer. Karen Hartman complained that she was pulled out at the beginning of the Research Forum, which she was moderating, regarding a drawing for end-of-conference doorprizes. This has apparently been done by NJLA for the past few years to encourage members to stay until the end of the conference. Karen suggested that there should be some communication from NJLA to committee chairs whose programs might be affected, in order to avoid confusion. If any committees have program expenses that were included in their budget proposals, you must submit these to NJLA, with receipts, using their Reimbursement Request Form [part of the Program Proposal Form on the website under "Annual Conference"]. Fran received an email requesting program handouts and PowerPoints for posting on the NJLA website. The User Education Committee has posted their handouts on their webpage at our chapter website. Mary Mallery has also added material from the poster sessions to our website [see under "What's New"]. Jim Marcum has posted his material on Fairleigh Dickinson's website. Fran took pictures of the poster sessions and our award winners and luncheon speaker, and these are also on the website. Luis Rodriguez suggested sending program summaries to the NJLA/CUS and VALE listservs as well. NJLA voted to

increase dues for 2005; the increases will affect those in income categories above \$40,000. However, there will be no more additional charges for joining sections.

- **New Section/Chapter Officers**

Congratulations to the new incoming officers for 2005/06: Marc Meola-President; Nicole Cooke-Vice President/President Elect; Julie Maginn-Member at Large. Penny Page will serve another term as Secretary, and Ruth Hamann continues her term as Member at Large.

- **Award Winners**

The following awards were presented at the College and University luncheon at the NJLA conference:

Norma Blake (State Librarian)—Distinguished Service Award

Martin Kesselman (Rutgers)—Research Award

James Robertson (NJIT)—Technology Innovation Award

- **ACRL Chapters' Council**

Fran will attend the Chapters' Council meeting at the ALA conference on June 26 and will report on our chapter activities. She is also running for Secretary of the Council.

- **VALE Users Conference**

Joan Getaz, co-chair of this conference, has already reserved the Busch Campus Center (Rutgers-Piscataway) for next year's program on Thursday, January 5. We will co-sponsor again, and Marc Meola will work with Joan on this. Fran and Ruth Hamann will work on the poster sessions again.

- **NJLA/CUS Listserv**

Fran reminded everyone to use the new section listserv for posting messages. This is a closed list open only to NJLA College and University section members. She will send another email to section members reminding them of procedures for posting.

- **Letters of Acknowledgement**

Fran will continue Julie Still's policy of sending letters of acknowledgement to Executive Board members and committee chairs. These will go out in early June.

- **ALA President**

Leslie Berger, director of Princeton Public Library, has been elected president of ALA.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter—Nicole Cooke

The spring 2005 issue has been mailed. Nicole received criticism from John Bushman at Rider University regarding the article on Cuban libraries. The board discussed whether to offer Bushman a chance for rebuttal in the next newsletter issue. Since the article was factual and did not include any endorsement from our section, and since we have not provided space for letters to the editor, the board felt that we should thank Bushman for his comments and let him know they were discussed at our meeting. Marc and Nicole will respond to him via email. They will advise him of ALA's statement regarding the "Resolution on Access to Information in Cuba." Several

board members noted that they had not received the spring newsletter issue; Fran will check on this with NJLA.

Legislative Liaison—Luis Rodriguez

Luis was not able to participate on Legislative Day.

Job Shadowing—Luis Rodriguez

Luis will be sending out an announcement soon for the Job Shadowing program for summer. He will gather statistics on participation/contacts for the annual report.

User Education—Annemarie Mascarenhas

The committee met briefly during the NJLA conference. The planned summer program has been postponed until October (tentative date 10/21); it will include some of the contributors to Vib Bowman's *Plagiarism* book. The next meeting is May 20 at Brookdale (10:00 a.m.), when new officers will be elected. Annemarie and Ruth Hamann will be presenting at the LOEX (Library Orientation Exchange) meeting in Louisville in May.

Technology Committee—Mary Mallery

Mary has been elected chair for the upcoming year. At the June meeting the committee will be thanking outgoing chairs Margaret Deng and Barbara Belicose (who is moving to Maine).

Research Committee—Karen Hartman

The committee will meet on May 20 at Seton Hall to review activities, begin planning for next year, and elect a new chair. The conference programs were well attended, especially the morning program on Qualitative Analysis (full-house).

Old Business: none.

New Business:

- **Future of ACALIBS Listserv**

Fran received an email from Jeris Cassel, who hosts the ACALIBS listserv for us. She asked if ACALIBS will be continuing now that we have both the NJLA/CUS and VALE listservs. There are 114 members in ACALIBS, 143 in NJLA/CUS, and 269 in VALE. Board members were concerned that if we dropped ACALIBS some of our chapter members who aren't in NJLA or in a VALE library would be abandoned. Luis will check with Judy Kohn to see if there are any policies regarding what can be posted on the VALE listserv. Fran and Marc will contact Pat Tumulty to see if we can open the NJLA/CUS listserv to all our ACRL chapter members.

- **Chapter Blog**

Marc and Mary opened discussion on the possibility of creating a blog for our section. The NJLA Information Technology Section created a blog for their conference programs. The NJLA board expressed some initial reservations about this, but they are now looking into blog software. The California Library Association and the Public Library Association have blogs, and Mary distributed information on Stephen Bell's Keeping Up blog for librarians, which might be a good model for us. Google offers free Eblogger, which makes it easy to set up an account and start posting. This is a good way to share news, but some members expressed concern that it might be difficult to get contributions on a regular basis. Fran will ask if other ACRL chapters have blogs. Mark and Mary will draft a proposal for creating a section/ chapter blog and will bring it to our June 10 meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is June 10 at Rutgers-New Brunswick (no teleconferencing). This will be a meeting of the incoming and outgoing executive boards and committee chairs. Marc will contact current committee chairs and ask them to invite new chairs to attend. We will have lunch afterward at the Rutgers Faculty Club (dutch treat); Penny will make the reservation.

Adjournment: 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny B. Page
Secretary