

**NJLA College and University Section
ACRL-NJ Chapter
Executive Board Meeting
Minutes
March 10, 2006
Alexander Library, Rutgers-New Brunswick**

Present: Ruth Hamann, Nancy Madacsi, Julie Maginn, Mary Mallery, Marc Meola, Penny Page, Luis Rodriguez, Steve Shapiro, Karen Topham

Call to order: 10:08 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes were approved with one correction.

President's Report—Marc Meola

- NJLA Conference—There is a link from our webpage to the conference schedule. We have two programs on Tuesday: Digital Repository Development in the morning and the Technology Innovation Forum in the afternoon. The keynote speaker that day will be Nancy Pearl. On Wednesday we have our luncheon from 12:30-2:30, plus several programs throughout the day: Open Source Software Development, Web Usability Studies, and Collaboration in Research and Publication in the morning, and the Research Forum in the afternoon. The poster sessions (chaired by Mary Mallery) are scheduled from 2:30-3:30 on Tuesday and Wednesday; the Wednesday session will feature academic libraries. Our luncheon speaker, Pam Snelson (incoming ACRL president) will be arriving Tuesday night, and we will plan to take her to dinner. We have a \$225 allocation from NJLA, and Marc will check with the conference committee to see if we can use some of that money for dinner. Executive board members and committee chairs who would like to go to dinner should let Marc know; he will also send an invitation to members of the Council of NJ Library Directors. At the luncheon we will also be honoring Jeris Cassel for hosting the ACALIBS listserv for ten years. Committee chairs should notify Marc of all award winners as soon as possible, so he can request lunch for them. Julie Maginn has purchased the frames for our award plaques. S. Anita Talar does the award certificates.
- NJLA Elections—The ballots have gone out, including the slate for our section. Karen Topham is running for VP/President Elect, Penny Page for Secretary, and Ruth Hamann for Member-at-Large. Also, Nicole Cooke, our incoming section President, is running for Secretary of NJLA. Ballots are due by Apr. 3.
- ACRL 2007 in Baltimore—ACRL is encouraging chapters to submit program proposals related to chapter activities. The deadline is in May for programs, and in the fall for poster sessions. Nicole plans to put something in our upcoming newsletter about this, and Luis has offered to

help. The board made several suggestions such as the Knowledge Initiative or collaboration with VALE (could be program or poster session). The Technology Committee is planning to submit a proposal about their Technology Innovation Award.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter — Marc Meola (for Nicole Cooke)

Nicole still needs material for the spring issue (deadline is 3/17). Committee chairs should contribute material on their programs and awards. Also, we need a brief write-up on Pam Snelson as our luncheon speaker. Pat Fazio will not be continuing with the newsletter; Nicole will contact Julie Maginn (incoming editor) about recruiting a new co-editor and committee of volunteers.

Legislative Liaison — Luis Rodriguez

The Patriot Act was passed by Congress without most of the changes recommended by the library community. One improvement that was included was the ability for libraries to appeal a gag order when information has been requested. Library of Congress has recently released a report on “orphan works” (works for which the copyright holder is difficult to locate).

Technology — Mary Mallery

The presentations by the candidates for the Technology Innovation Award are scheduled for March 17 at the SCC at Rutgers, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The executive board members are invited. All candidates will give presentations at the Technology Innovation Forum at the NJLA conference. The committee will take their out-of-town speakers, Eric Lease Morgan and David Lindahl, to dinner on Tuesday night. The committee plans to submit a proposal on their Technology Innovation Award for the ACRL 2007 conference. Since there is no ACRL national conference this year, the committee is sponsoring a symposium on June 2 at TCNJ. Ed Corrado (TCNJ) and Jim Robertson (NJIT) will do a program on “Social Computing,” and they are looking for additional speakers for the day. Dan Chudnov from Yale and Lisa Covi from SCILS have been suggested. The program may also include something on federated searching tools. Since June 2 is the date of our scheduled executive board meeting, we will do this at TCNJ in conjunction with the symposium. Details to be worked out later.

User Education — Karen Topham

The committee met on March 3 and discussed possibilities for future programs. They are checking with Christine Hertz from Gloucester about doing a program on distance learning. They are also considering something on issues and opportunities of technology, including ADA issues. The committee is currently looking into using “click to meet” (using cameras with computers for easier teleconferencing). NJ Edge offers this, but you need to get an account. They hope to be able to use this by September to make it easier for members to attend meetings. The committee also discussed possible roundtable proposals for ACRL 2007; potential topics are choosing a library career and information literacy teaching strategies.

Research Committee — Sara Harrington (via email)

The committee has selected the Research Award winner and the Research Forum presenters for the upcoming NJLA conference. The Forum will be held Wednesday afternoon, immediately after the

luncheon. They also have a panel program on Wednesday morning on collaboration in research and publication.

NJLA Liaison — Nancy Madacsi,br> NJLA has completed a personnel manual (which focuses primarily on public libraries), which will be posted on their website. The membership will be voting on bylaws changes soon. Discussion continues on Christian fiction and labeling; a full program has been promised for the fall.

Website — Mary Mallery

Mary has added the Activities Timeline for the Executive Board to our webpage (under Executive Board and Committee Chairs). She also posted a schedule of all our section programs for the upcoming NJLA conference as well as links to the conference website and registration form. Marc will send emails to our listservs urging them to look at the programs and register for the conference. Luis offered to send emails to ACRL/NY and PALINET about the conference, and Marc will contact ACRL/Delaware Valley.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment: 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny B. Page
Secretary