

**NJLA College and University Section  
ACRL-NJ Chapter  
Executive Board Meeting  
Minutes  
Sept. 8, 2006  
Alexander Library, Rutgers-New Brunswick**

**Present:** Nicole Cooke, Luis Rodriguez (Montclair); Ruth Hamann, Theo Haynes, Triveni Kuchi, Julie Maginn, Mary Mallery, Penny Page, Karen Topham (Rutgers)

**Call to order:** 10:02 a.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the June 2 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Presidents's Report — Nicole Cooke**

- VALE User's Conference—The date is set for January 5, 2007 at the Busch Campus Center at Rutgers. Nicole will be co-chairing with Joan Getaz from Camden County College. The theme is "Where's My Library? The Library in the Life of Students." Three calls for proposals have gone out. The deadline for the breakout sessions is Oct. 1, and also for the poster sessions (Ruth Hamann and Fran Kaufmann co-chairing). There will be a new trial feature this year—lunch table discussions. Each table will have a discussion leader, and the discussions will go about 45 minutes. VALE is now accepting proposals for discussion leaders; they should be submitted to Eleanora Dubicki at Monmouth University (deadline Oct. 1). The conference speaker has not been decided yet. Joan Getaz will take the following list of suggestions to the VALE Executive Board for final selection:
  1. George Needham, OCLC
  2. Tim O'Reilly, technical writer (<http://oreillynet.com>)
  3. Julie Todaro, Dean of Library Services, Austin Community College, TX
  4. Michael Stephens, blogger
  5. Wendy Schultz, Infinite Futures
- ACRL—ACRL National will sponsor a candidate for ALA's Emerging Leaders Program (beginning Jan. 7, 1 or 2 day workshop). The deadline for submissions is Sept. 15; submission form is online at ACRL website. Candidates must be under 35 years old or a new librarian with less than 5 years post-MLS experience. Also on the ACRL website (<http://www.ala.org/acrl>), there is a new publication entitled Student Engagement and Information Literacy; description and ordering information are found in the publications catalog. ACRL has also issued a new toolkit, The Power of Personal Persuasion, which is available free via PDF or \$7.00 for a print copy. The speakers for the March 2007 conference have been announced. They are John Waters

(filmmaker) and Nina Totenberg (NPR legal affairs correspondent).

## **Committee Reports:**

### ***Research Committee — Triveni Kuchi***

Triveni and Sara Harrington plan to call a meeting in October to discuss the Research Forum and the award.

### ***Technology Committee — Mary Mallery***

The committee's panel proposal for the 2007 ACRL conference has been approved. The panel will be on "Technology Innovation: Unfurling the Sail or Rocking the Boat?" Panelists will include Jim Robertson from NJIT, Nancy Davenport from CLIR, and Eric Schnelling from Ohio State University Medical Center. Robertson is not sure if NJIT will cover any of his expenses, and Mary asked whether we could use some of our ACRL funding to help. Nicole will check on this. The next meeting will be Sept. 19 to plan for the next Technology Innovation Award process. The candidates' presentations will be held at Rutgers, tentative date March 16, 2007. Mary asked if we could re-schedule our March Executive Board meeting for that date so board members could attend. Those present had no objections.

### ***Newsletter — Julie Maginn***

Julie has sent out a call for submissions for the fall edition; deadline is Sept. 22. She has already received one article about National Library Week, some news about funding cuts at Rutgers, a summary of our last conference/awards luncheon, and information about the next ACRL conference in Baltimore. She has made a change to the front page of the newsletter; it now has both the NJLA and ACRL chapter logos. The newsletter has gone to an all-electronic format.

### ***User Education Committee — Theo Haynes***

The committee has been trying to identify and evaluate tutorials from vendors of electronic databases, especially the VALE-sponsored databases. They hope to plan a program on this for the NJLA conference and to develop an interactive database of tutorials. They may be contacting the VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee regarding this. At the last meeting, the committee experimented with using "Click to Meet" and discovered several glitches (such as firewalls, problems with visual).

### ***Membership Committee — Nicole Cooke (for Chris Lee)***

Chris has a new member on his committee—Bill Walker from Rutgers. Nicole has asked them to develop a membership survey to be sent to NJLA and ACRL members. The goal is to update member information and to find out what members want to get from us. She hopes to have preliminary results for VALE conference in January.

### ***NJLA Executive Board — Nicole Cooke (for Nancy Madacsi)***

The next meeting of the board is Sept. 19 at the East Brunswick Public Library. There will be an additional program in the afternoon on conference programming. NJLA President Joan Bernstein has been approached by the president of the School Librarians Association to see if she would be interested

in some type of collaboration.

***Job Shadowing — Luis Rodriguez***

Luis is turning this over to Julie Still at Rutgers-Camden; he will work with her to make the transition. He asked what might be the best time to call for librarian volunteers. Continuing to do this in the summer might mean we are missing community college faculty with 10-month contracts, but the beginning of fall semester might be too busy to get any responses. Discussion leaned toward sending a call in late August and then following up several weeks later. The call for student participants should wait till the semester has been underway a few weeks.

***Legislative Liaison — Luis Rodriguez***

Luis is planning to do an article on net neutrality for the next newsletter, which would give a brief summary of the topic and the congressional debate over the creation of a neutral internet. He asked whether that would be a topic of interest to many librarians, and the board endorsed the idea.

**Old Business:**

- Website — Mary Mallery asked for any updates to be sent to her. She will post dates for Executive Board Meetings.
- Blog — Marc has received a few volunteers (including Mary Mallery) to help with the NJ Academic Librarians Blog. Mary will ask Marc to put out another call on our listservs for volunteers and content. Julie Maginn will put something in the newsletter about the blog.

**New Business:**

- NJLA Conference Speakers — Nicole has been contacted by Heidi Cramer regarding conference speakers. Kimberly Sweetman (Head of Access Services at NYU) has been suggested as a possible speaker, and Heidi suggested we might want to co-sponsor with the Administration and Management Section. Howard McGinn, Dean of Libraries at Seton Hall, has also been suggested to do something on marketing. Ruth Hamann suggested Richard Sweeney's presentation on millennial students, although he has already presented at many academic libraries around the state. These are suggestions for program speakers, but we also need suggestions for our luncheon speaker. Nicole suggested Alise Benun, who is not a librarian but a marketing person. She could do something on marketing our libraries. Send any other ideas to Nicole; we will discuss further at our October meeting and will need to make a decision soon after that. We need to find out what the conference theme will be (should be announced at Sept. 19 NJLA meeting), and then Nicole can put out a call on our listservs for ideas.

**Next meeting:** October 6; we will teleconference between Rutgers-New Brunswick and Montclair.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny B. Page  
Secretary