

**NJLA College and University Section
ACRL-NJ Chapter
Executive Board Meeting
Minutes**

Oct. 6, 2006

**Alexander Library, Rutgers-New Brunswick and Sprague Library, Montclair
State U.**

Present: Nicole Cooke (Montclair); Sara Harrington, Triveni Kuchi, Nancy Madacsi, Julie Maginn, Mary Mallery, Penny Page, Steve Shapiro, Karen Topham (Rutgers)

Call to order: 10:08 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the Sept. 8 meeting were approved as submitted.

President's Report — Nicole Cooke

- *Announcements* — Luis Rodriguez has left Montclair to be the new library director at Kean University. Chris Lee has resigned as head of the Membership Committee; Bill Walker has agreed to take over for the present. As far as we know, the listserv is remaining at Seton Hall.
- *VALE Users Conference* — The deadline for program proposals was extended until today (10/6). There were six proposals for lunchtime discussions (a new feature this year). Librarian Michael Stevens has been invited for keynote speaker.
- *ACRL* — The deadline for poster proposals for the March 2007 conference is 10/20. ACRL will hold a Virtual Institute on 11/9; the theme is “The User at the Center.” The featured speaker will be Jeffrey Trzeciak from McMaster University (Ontario). Deadline for registration is 10/26. (See their website, <http://www.ala.org/ACRL/> for details.) The annual Information Literacy Immersion program will be held 8/5-10, 2007 in Manitoba. Deadline for applications is 12/1. ACRL is also seeking nominations for its various awards (see website); deadline for most is 12/1.
- *ALA Midwinter* — Conference is scheduled for 1/19-24 in Seattle. There will be several pre-conference workshops. Registration deadline is 12/8.
- *NJLA Conference* — Preliminary program proposals are due by 11/1; use the form on the NJLA website. Final proposals, including all monetary and equipment needs, are due by 12/1. The conference program is due out by 2/12, and early-bird registration will close on 4/2.

Committee Reports:

Research Committee — Sara Harrington and Triveni Kuchi

The calls for submissions for the Research Award and the Research Forum have gone out to the NJLA newsletter and our chapter newsletter. The committee will meet at Seton Hall on 10/20 to discuss conference programming and to approve content (created by Triveni Kuchi) for the coming webpage.

Technology Committee — Mary Mallery

The committee met on 9/19. The presentations for the Technology Innovation Award competition will be held on 3/15 at the Scholarly Communications Center at Rutgers-New Brunswick. The call for nominations has gone out and is included in our newsletter. The committee discussed Tom Turvey from Google as a suggestion for keynote speaker for the NJLA conference. The committee will again sponsor a Technology Forum at the NJLA Conference, and they discussed possible speakers for a second program. Suggestions included Herbert Van De Sompel from Los Alamos National Labs (possibly co-sponsored by the Information Technology Section), or Andrew Pace from NC State University (possible topics: technology trends or the death of OPACs), and Clay Shirky (folksonomies). Another suggestion was to collaborate with the Tech Services Section to do a program on MPEG 21. The committee is also working on its panel presentation for the March ACRL National Conference.

Newsletter — Julie Maginn

The newsletter is almost ready to go; final copy should go to Mary Mallery next week. There are 14 pages in this issue (over 30 submissions), including an article by Luis Rodriguez on net neutrality, a blurb about our blog, information about RU budget cuts, National Library Week, NJLA conference, a call for our Research and Technology Award nominations, an ACRL column, something from SCILS, and upcoming events.

User Education — Karen Topham

The committee has been compiling tutorials for databases, especially those covered in VALE. There are not many interactive tutorials available to help students with these databases. They have been discussing a possible program for NJLA that would showcase what some libraries have done to help students using the Captivate software.

Legislative Liaison — Luis Rodriguez

Luis submitted an article to our newsletter on Net Neutrality. He is still in the process of transitioning the Job Shadowing program over to Julie Still at Rutgers-Camden.

NJLA Liaison — Nancy Madacsi

There is nothing special to report from the last NJLA Executive Board meeting. The Council of NJ Academic Library Directors has been focusing on dealing with personnel issues in academic libraries. They are also concerned about the fate of the Knowledge Initiative. The State Library is asking for \$3 million for FY08 to continue this program, and they need letters of support from library directors, as well as college deans and presidents. They also want to identify small businesses that are using the KI databases and ask them for letters of support. Letters should go to Susan Kaplan.

Nominations — Steve Shapiro

Steve will soon begin contacting potential candidates for the offices of Vice President/President-Elect, Secretary, and Member at Large. If anyone has suggestions, please contact him.

Old Business:

- *NJLA Conference programming* — Nicole has been following up on a suggestion from Heidi Cramer to co-sponsor a program with the Administration and Management Section (chaired by Kathleen Harris of Somerset County Library). She has contacted Kimberly Burke Sweetman from NYU to do a program on managing student workers. Sweetman's content may fit better into a pre-conference workshop. Nicole will contact Kathleen Harris about submitting a preliminary proposal for a pre-conference program; if necessary we can ask Sweetman to condense her presentation for a regular program session.
- *NJLA Luncheon speaker* — Nicole suggested Howard McGinn from Seton Hall as our luncheon speaker. His speciality is marketing and the library as place. The board concurred, and Nicole will contact him.
- *Website* - Mary has updated the content on our website, including revised contact information for our board members. Send any additional material, such as upcoming events, to her.
- *March Executive Board Meeting* — The March 2 meeting has been rescheduled to March 9, due to a conflict with the RU Libraries faculty meeting.

New Business:

Nicole suggested that we explore alternative methods for holding some of our executive board meetings. There are a variety of methods we could explore, such as conference calling or virtual meeting via email, chat, blog, WIKI, or bulletin boards. The board agreed to try a new approach for our November 3 meeting. Nicole will work with Steve Shapiro and Mary Mallery to decide what method to try, and she will notify the board prior to the meeting. Afterwards she will collect feedback to see if we should continue.

Next Meeting: November 3—virtual meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny B. Page
Secretary