

**NJLA College and University Section
ACRL-NJ Chapter
Executive Board Meeting
Minutes
Nov. 3, 2006**

Present: The meeting was conducted virtually through Blackboard at Montclair State University. No roll call was taken. Reports and responses were posted during the week of Nov. 3-Nov. 9.

Minutes: The minutes of the Oct. 6 meeting were approved with two minor changes. The revised minutes will be posted on the section's website.

President's Report — Nicole Cooke

- *NJLA Conference* — Our NJLA pre-proposals were submitted on 11/1/06. We hope to co-sponsor a program with NJLA's Administration and Management Section, featuring Kimberly Burke Sweetman (Head of Access Services at NYU and author of *Managing Student Workers*, a Neal-Schuman publication). She will present a double session on how to manage student workers in the library. As we are co-sponsoring with Admin. and Mgmt., there will be public librarians in attendance. Sweetman will cover all areas.

Our luncheon proposal has been submitted with Howard McGinn as our speaker. McGinn had not responded to earlier contacts, so Nicole invited another speaker (the dean of the Rutgers law library) but was unsuccessful in reaching her. McGinn then responded with great excitement about speaking, so we will be going with our original plan. Nicole will contact him about what he should be addressing and some other issues.

- *Joint program with Princeton* — We will be co-sponsoring a program with the Princeton University Libraries on March 15, 2007, on "Technology and Library Services: Meeting Today's Users Needs". The call for participation has gone out; deadline for program proposals is Nov. 17.
- *VALE User's Conference* - Arrangements for the VALE conference in January are proceeding nicely. The original invited keynote speaker had to decline, so the executive committee was able to secure Julie Todaro as our speaker. Among other titles, Julie is the current ACRL President-Elect.

We have had very good response to the calls for participation. We are waiting to hear about the breakout sessions and the poster sessions, but we have heard from Eleanor Dubicki at Monmouth – there are 10 very interesting lunchtime discussion groups being formed.

The online registration pages for the conference should be submitted to VALE by 11/15 and be available to members shortly thereafter.

- *Other potential programs* - Nicole spoke at the recent NJLA New Jersey Academy of Library Leadership program about our chapter. There were only 4 academic librarians there, but it was good PR for us. Two suggestions came out of the session, which would probably fall to the User Ed committee:
 1. Our chapter could put on a program based on the ACRL Immersion Program. The fee to attend the ACRL program is prohibitive to some librarians, and there are enough NJ alumni of the program that we might consider doing a condensed, day-long version for our members. Theo Haynes expressed interest in this and will bring it to the User Ed Committee for discussion.
 2. Pat Tumulty was particularly intrigued by the idea of us possibly collaborating with NJ ASL on a program to encourage cooperation and collaboration between school and college librarians. NJLA President Joan Bernstein has also expressed interest in this topic. Nicole will follow up at the next NJLA Executive Board meeting to see if a meeting can be arranged. Penny Page noted that User Ed had done a program in summer of 2004 on "Crossing Borders/Making Transitions," which was designed to build relationships between school and college libraries and promote information literacy. Nicole had mentioned this at the NJLA board meeting, and this was the impetus for Tumulty's and Bernstein's interest. Nancy Madacsi said that Lynne Reichel at County College of Morris is working in this area. She is trying to determine what information literacy skills a student should have acquired in high school and what skills should be developed at the higher education level. Karen Topham said that several years ago she was on a panel for EMA that discussed the skills students need to develop to be successful in college. Theo will bring this to the User Ed Committee to explore the possibility of a collaborative program with NJASL.
- *ACRL 13th National Conference* - "Sailing into the Future ~ Charting Our Destiny." Baltimore, MD, March 29 - April 1, 2007. Registration is now open; early-bird deadline is Feb. 7. For more information, <http://www.acrl.org/baltimore>.
- *ACRL 2005 Academic Library Trends and Statistics* - ACRL has published the 2005 Academic Library Trends and Statistics series, available both online and in print. This survey includes comprehensive data from 1,100 academic libraries in all Carnegie classifications. It covers collections, expenditures, electronic expenditures, personnel and public services (including Ph.D. s granted, number of faculty, undergraduate and graduate enrollment). Ordering information for both versions can be found on the ACRL Web site, <http://www.ala.org/acrl> (click on Publications/Academic Library Statistics).

Committee Reports:

Research Committee — Sara Harrington and Triveni Kuchi

The Research Committee met at Seton Hall on October 20, 2006, and developed proposals for two potential NJLA conference programs-- the annual Research Forum and a program about librarians and research in the disciplines. The committee conducted a final review of the Call for Proposals for the Research Award and the Research Forum, which will be widely distributed. The committee also reviewed content created by Triveni Kuchi for a forthcoming committee website.

Membership Committee — Bill Walker

Bill Walker has taken over chairmanship of this committee. He is planning to design a survey for our members to deal with issues such as:

1. What direction our members would like to see us go in;
2. What parts of the organization are most valuable to them;
3. What library issues are seen as having greatest amount of impact on them;
4. What role should the ACRL play as a state library organization.

Send any additional suggestions for survey items to him. He is also planning to look at other states with joint state and ACRL organizations to see how they have addressed membership issues. The committee will staff a membership booth at the VALE conference in January, and any volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Nancy Madacsi wondered if we might look at the role ACRL plays in VALE to see if it should be more integrated, and Ruth Hamann seconded this idea since some of the committees from both organizations seem to overlap. Nicole suggested that Bill contact Judy Cohn and Joan Getaz about this before the survey is issued.

Technology Committee — Mary Mallery

NJLA Conference - The Technology Committee submitted the following preproposals for the NJLA 2007 Conference:

- Technology Innovation Forum (double session) on Tuesday. Mary Mallery, MSU Library and Chair, Tech. Committee, is moderator.
- "Introducing the Evergreen Open Source Library System" with Brad Lajeunesse, Systems Administrator for Georgia PINES Library Consortium (program) on Wed. Edward Corrado, TCNJ Library, is moderator.
- "Rutgers University Community Digital Repository (RUCore) Project" with Grace Agnew, Associate University Librarian for Digital Library Systems, Rutgers U. Libraries (program) on Wed. Ron Jantz, RUL, is moderator.

Regarding the other suggested speakers: Herbert Van de Sompel of LANL had a conflict with his

schedule in April, so he declined the invitation. Clay Shirky is also booked in April. The NJLA Conference Committee will be contacting Tom Turvey of Google to invite him as a keynote speaker.

Note: NJLA 2007 conference website for poster session proposals (due January 12th) is online at: <http://njla.org/master.com/texis/master/search/+/form/07post.html>.

Technology Innovation Award - To resolve the conflict with the Princeton University program on "Technology and Library Services" on March 15th, the date for the Technology Innovation Award competition has been changed to Friday, March 16th, still at the Rutgers U. Alexander Library Scholarly Communications Center. Julie Maginn will make this change in the newsletter, which will then be reposted on the website.

Please nominate your innovators! The Technology Innovation Award Guidelines for Nomination are online at: <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/techinnov.html>. Deadline is: Feb. 1, 2007.

ACRL Conference Panel Session - The ACRL-NJ Chapter panel session on "Technology Innovation in Academic Libraries: Rocking the Boat or Unfurling the Sails?" for the 2007 ACRL Conference in Baltimore, March 29 – April 1, program is posted with abstracts, presenter bios and profiles online with the other sessions at: http://www.eshow2000.com/acrl/2007/conference_program.cfm.

Mary Mallery, panel session moderator, will be working during November/December on putting the materials together for the session with the presenters: Eric Schnell, Jim Robertson, and Nancy Davenport.

Technology Committee Web site - The committee's website has been updated at: <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/tech/techcomm.html> for Members, Events, new Technology Innovation Award competition date, and Resources.

The next committee meeting will be the first week of February when all Technology Innovation Nominations have been received. Otherwise, new business will be conducted via email.

User Education Committee — Theo Haynes

The User Education Committee met October 27. Members had explored the availability of tutorials provided by database vendors or higher education institutions for databases from VALE and NJKI. A spreadsheet has been created to include findings for each database. The committee viewed and discussed tutorials that members liked or would like to see improved. As a result of this project, the committee has submitted two program proposals for NJLA in the spring. One is on "Incorporating Tutorials into Library Instruction," a program to discuss the benefits of using tutorials during library instruction. The second is tentatively titled "More Captivating Your Audience," a program to highlight instructional tutorials created with Captivate software being used in several NJ academic libraries. (Several of these tutorials are an outgrowth of a program on Captivate sponsored by the committee last summer—and presented at VALE last winter--both featuring Chris Herz.)

Distinguished Service Award — Karen Topham

The call for nominations went out the week of October 15th. It is linked to our website and has been sent to the NJLA Newsletter as well as to a number of lists. There are no responses yet, but Karen will send a second call out in December and will take flyers to the VALE conference in January.

Newsletter — Julie Maginn

The fall newsletter was posted October 9, and Julie has received positive feedback from several readers. Send any suggestions or comments about the new format, or any ideas about content, to Julie for the next issue.

Legislative Liaison — Luis Rodriguez

There has been little action on the federal legislative level since Congress is not in session. Joan Getaz asked permission to reproduce Luis' article from our fall newsletter (on net neutrality) in her library's newsletter. Luis and Julie gave permission. The State Library and its partners are continuing to advocate with the legislature for refunding of the NJ Knowledge Initiative. The latest advocacy update information is available at: <http://www.njstatelib.org/LDB/NJKI/August07Update/>.

Web Updates — Mary Mallery

Mary posted the following content on our website during the past month:

- NJLA CUS/ACRL-NJ Exec. Board Meeting Dates on <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/organization.html>
- Fall 2006 CUS Newsletter (pdf and updates) on <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/newsletter.html>
- "Technology and Library Services: Meeting Today's Users Needs" Symposium Call for Presenters on <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/news.html>
- Sept. Exec. Board Minutes on <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/Sept06.html>
- Technology Committee Members, Events, Resources Update on <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/tech/techcomm.html>
- Technology Innovation Award Guidelines - Changed competition date to March 16th on <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/techinnov.html>

Please send any updates for the What's New page, Committee Web pages, or any changes in contact information for the Executive Board to Mary via email.

NJLA Executive Board Liaison — Nancy Madacsi

Nancy was not able to attend the October meeting. The November meeting in Atlantic City has been cancelled, but minutes from the October meeting should be out shortly.

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Regarding the program we're co-sponsoring with Princeton on "Technology and Library Services" (March 15), Mary Mallery asked if help was needed from the Technology Committee to get proposals and representation from our section/chapter. Nicole felt that it would be very appropriate for the Technology Committee to present a session at this program and to promote participation.

Next meeting: December 1, 2006. We will meet virtually again; all reports due by 12/1, with discussion from 12/1-12/7.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny B. Page
Secretary