

**NJLA College and University Section
ACRL-NJ Chapter
Executive Board Meeting
Minutes
March 2, 2007**

Present: No formal meeting was conducted for March. Reports and announcements were submitted to the President and Secretary via email and are summarized below.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 2 meeting were approved with one minor correction. The revised version will be posted on the NJLA/ACRL webpage.

President's Report — Nicole Cooke

- Nicole received helpful feedback from Executive Board members and committee chairs during the month of February about BlackBoard and alternative meeting methods. She will compile feedback for future discussion and consideration.
- At the February 20th NJLA Executive Board Meeting (also attended by Nancy Madasci), Nicole asked the Board's opinion about 1) meeting electronically and 2) whether or not they felt electronic meetings were restrictive and/or excluded guests.
- The Board felt that meeting electronically was no more restrictive than meeting in person (guests would still have to contact the president/point person to get the meeting location, parking pass, etc.). Because having guests at Executive Board level meetings happens so infrequently, the Board felt that no extraordinary measures need to be employed when meeting electronically (guests can contact the president/point person, receive a password, call-in number, etc. – whatever pertinent information is necessary for participation).
- The Board also liked the idea of meeting electronically (not related to Blackboard or any other specific product – but the idea of meeting electronically, in whatever format). The consensus was that alternative meeting opportunities are necessary and are in keeping with the future direction of the organization, as it accommodates people's schedules, encourages participation from people who cannot attend in-person meetings, etc. To that end, the Board would like to begin compiling a list of best practices that would outline the pros and cons of a variety of electronic meeting formats. They would like to have suggestions from any interested sections by December 2007. Nicole will submit our Blackboard feedback as part of this endeavor, as well as other suggestions she has received about different ways to meet electronically, in hopes that this section, or another NJLA section, may try them and report back.

- Comments are still being accepted by Marguerite Beardsley at the Dept. of Higher Education/ Academic Affairs about the proposed library regulations. She is drafting a response to feedback she has received thus far, and Nicole will forward any new information.
- Our co-sponsored program with Princeton University is almost upon us! (Technology and Library Services: Meeting Today's Users' Needs). The day's agenda and programs are online: <http://library.princeton.edu/conferences/techlibservices/agenda.php> Train, driving and parking information is available here: <http://library.princeton.edu/conferences/techlibservices/travel.php>
- No news regarding a possible collaboration with NJASL. Nicole will follow up with them this month.
- Nicole sent copies of the historical information on our chapter, located by Mary Mallery, to the ACRL office in Chicago. Hopefully, this will resolve the question about ACRL-NJ's status as an official chapter. ACRL wishes to thank Mary Mallery for her efforts and thorough emails.
- For committees that will be conferring awards at the annual conference, please contact Nicole ASAP with the names of your award recipients. We need to begin planning award certificates and frames.
- Schedule information and registration for the NJLA conference are now available: <http://www.njla.org/conference/2007/> Congratulations to all who have worked hard to sponsor such wonderful programs – we've got a great slate of programs lined up. Also, please note that our luncheon is on Wednesday, the 25th at 12:30pm.
- The NJLA Executive Board may be looking towards holding the 2009 conference in another venue. Please let Nicole know of any possible venue suggestions, and she will forward them. The venue will have to be rather large with adequate parking.

News from ACRL: Registration now open for ACRL Virtual Conference. For those who can't make it to Baltimore for ACRL National, participation is still possible via the ACRL Virtual Conference, held completely online. It will include live, interactive webcasts of selected speakers, as well as text-based discussion boards, blogs, speaker materials and more. Registration is now open.

What is a Virtual Conference?

Like its face-to-face (F2F) counterpart, ACRL Virtual Conference will run on a real-time schedule. The online conference, March 30-31, 2007, will feature synchronous activities, such as live webcasts, that begin and end at a certain time. Other synchronous and asynchronous activities will be offered as part of the conference, allowing for convenient scheduling and flexibility. You can participate fully in the conference without having to leave your desk. The ACRL Virtual Conference will feature:

*Live, interactive webcasts

*Text of the contributed and invited papers

- *Supporting presentation materials, such as handouts, bibliographies, speaker biographies and more
- *Exhibitor online poster sessions
- *Recording of Michael Eric Dyson's opening keynote session
- *Discussion boards, including both targeted discussions related to presentations and discussion on general conference topics
- *Daily blogs from roving conference correspondents to keep you posted with information on the activities and pulse of the live conference
- *Archive of all live webcasts
- *Access to the community for one year after the event

The complete list and descriptions of webcasts are online at www.acrl.org/baltimore (click Virtual Conference). Registration materials are online at: <http://www.acrl.org/baltimore> (click Virtual Conference).

Registration fees: ACRL member - \$195; ALA member - \$255; Nonmember - \$295; Student - \$75
March 12, 2007, is the advance registration deadline.

Candidates Forum responses and new podcast now available online!

Responses from Erika Linke and Scott Walter to the questions they received at the Midwinter

Candidates Forum are now available on the ACRL blog. To access the transcript, go to: <http://acrlblog.org/special-features/acrl-president-candidates-mid-winter-presentations/>.

Additionally, ACRL Podcasts presents a new recording of the ACRL Candidates and their goals for the future. Go to: <http://blogs.ala.org/acrlpodcast.php> to hear it!

Apply to be an ACRL Legislative Advocate

ACRL is looking for people who are connected in their campus community, interested in federal legislation and policy affecting libraries, and willing to work with their members of Congress for change. To complement the good work the Chapter networks and the Chapter legislative coordinators are doing, ACRL is creating the new position of legislative advocate. Selection as a legislative advocate is not automatic: those qualified will be asked to serve their profession with a two-year term, which may be renewed upon review by the Government Relations Committee. Legislative advocates will be recognized and honored on the ACRL website, annually in C&RL News, and during ALA Legislative Day activities. Further information is available at: www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlissues/washingtonwatch/acrladvocates.htm

Apply by April 6, 2007. Applicants will be notified of their status on a rolling basis. For more information contact W. Lee Hisle, Chair, Government Relations Committee at: 860-439-2650; or e-mail: wlhisl@conncoll.edu.

Committee Reports:

Technology Committee--Mary Mallery

The committee met on February 28th at Alexander Library, Rutgers. The Technology Innovation Award

competition is scheduled for Friday, March 16th, at the Scholarly Communications Center, Room 415, Rutgers University Alexander Library in New Brunswick. Presentations begin at 9:30AM sharp and end at 2:30PM, when the Committee will adjourn to the Student Center to discuss the presentations and vote on the winner. Coffee and refreshments will be available outside the presentation room. Mary will invite the NJLA CUS/ACRL-NJ Executive Board to the competition, and she will send out parking passes to all presenters, Committee members and any Board members coming to the competition on March 16th. The Committee thanked Ron Jantz and the staff of the Rutgers University Scholarly Communications Center for hosting the competition for the second year in a row. The presentation sequence will be:

- 9:30AM-10:30AM: Ann Montanaro, Barbara Bender and the Rutgers University team for "RUetd, the Rutgers University Electronic Theses and Dissertations."
- 10:30AM-11:30AM: Eileen Henthorne and the Research Collections and Preservation Consortium (ReCAP) staff for developing innovative materials processing and document delivery systems for off-site repositories.
- 11:30AM-12:30PM: Marta Deyrup, Paul Fisher and the team of librarians and instructional technologists at Seton Hall for "Digital Scholarship—Access for All: Two Prototypes for a Low-Cost, Scalable Digital Repository."
- 12:30PM-1:30PM: Marie Konyne Saimbert and her UMDNJ projects "to integrate new technologies in instruction of medical information literacy in both the subfields of nursing and pharmacology."
- 1:30PM-2:30PM: Jane Hutchison, WPUNJ, and the VALE Digital Media Committee for their work in developing the prototype of a "Virtual Media Center" with the Films Media Group and NJEdge.

NJLA Conference 2007: All presenters for the Tech. Committee-sponsored NJLA Conference sessions have been contacted. Registration for the NJLA 2007 Conference is now available online at: <http://www.njla.org/conference/2007/> .

*Sessions logistics: Mary Mallery will moderate the Technology Innovation Forum on Tuesday, April 24th, from 3:30-5:30PM, at the Ocean Place Resort, where the nominees and winner will present their projects.

On Wednesday, Mary will introduce Edward Corrado for the Open Source Library System session at 9AM. Ron Jantz is the moderator for Grace Agnew's talk on RUCore at 2:30PM, and Brian Hancock will introduce Michael Giarlo at his talk on unAPI and the "Library Revolution" at 3:30PM. For both days, Mary will bring the MSU portable laptop/projector. Moderators should contact their speakers to make sure that they register for the conference and that they will bring their presentation on a flash drive or CD or send it to Mary for loading on the presentation laptop. Internet connection has been confirmed

for all Tech. Committee NJLA Conference sessions. There is no reliable wireless connection, however, at the facility.

There will be a call for new members of the Technology Committee in the Spring. Mary Mallery agreed to run for a second term as the Chair. Possible new programs and/or workshops for the summer include an overview of digital library projects in New Jersey academic libraries and a comparative look at federated search tools.

Newsletter Committee--Julie Maginn

Julie sent out a second call for newsletter submissions on the VALE, NJLA-SECT-COL, and ACRLNJ listservs. Only a few items have been submitted; deadline is March 15. Nicole suggested waiting until after the ACRL National Conference at the end of the month to get conference reports. Julie requested that any board members who are presenting at the conference should email a brief report to her as soon as possible after the presentation. Nicole also suggested doing brief articles on any hirings, exhibits, or special library events around the state. Julie hopes to have the newsletter out by second week of April.

User Education Committee--Theo Haynes

The February committee meeting had the highest attendance in months, largely due to in-person attendance by many new members. Discussion focused on the impact of the ETS ICT testing that seems to be coming sooner and more widely than many have anticipated. Most committee members expressed interest in trying it out for themselves, so that is one of the committee's short-term goals.

There was also much talk about ways that the User Education Committee might cooperate with, or differentiate itself from, the VALE Training Committee and the VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee. More consideration of the latter will be on the March agenda, so that the chair can take the opinions of the UEC members to the next VALE SIL committee meeting, as that committee revitalizes, reorganizes and recharges itself.

UEC has made no further plans for a program beyond those it is sponsoring at the Spring NJLA Conference.

Distinguished Service--Karen Topham

Luis Rodriguez is this year's recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, which will be presented at the CUS/ACRL-NJ luncheon on Wednesday, Apr. 25, during the NJLA annual conference.

Research Committee--Sara Harrington and Triveni Kuchi

No report.

Membership Committee--Bill Walker

No report.

Web Updates--Mary Mallery

The following updates were made to the NJLA CUS/ACRL-NJ Web site at: <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/> :

*Updated Committees Web page at: <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/committees.html> to include link to call for 2007 Research Forum at: <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/Research2006.html>

*Posted December, 2006 Exec. Board Approved Minutes at: <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/Dec06.html>

*Updated What's New Page for NJLA 2007 Conference info. at: <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/news.html> to include

- photo of CUS luncheon speaker Howard McGinn and

- link to CUS luncheon speaker profile at:

<http://www.njla.org/conference/2007/mcginn.html>

as well as links to

- User Education Committee Sessions at:

<http://www.njla.org/njacrl/NJLA07UserEd.html>

- Research Committee Sessions at:

<http://www.njla.org/njacrl/NJLA07Research.html>

- Co-Sponsored Session at: <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/NJLA07CUS.html> and

- Technology Committee Sessions at:

<http://www.njla.org/njacrl/NJLA07Tech.html>

Next meeting:

The annual business meeting will be held during the CUS/ACRL-NJ luncheon on Wed. Apr. 25. The next Executive Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on May 4; we will be teleconferencing between Alexander Library at Rutgers-New Brunswick and the Sprague Library at Montclair State.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny B. Page
Secretary