NJLA College and University Section
ACRL-NJ Chapter
Executive Board Meeting
Minutes
7 December 2007

Present: (Brookdale CC) Karen Topham; Julie Maginn; Eleonora Dubicki; Trevor Dawes; Present (Montclair): Richard Kearney; Mary Mallery; Mark Thompson; Ruth Hamann; Steve Shapiro

Absent: Luis Rodriguez; Nicole Cooke; Julie Still; Theo Haynes; Steve Shapiro; Jessica Vanderhoff.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:10AM.

Minutes: Approval of November 2nd meeting minutes.

1. Tabled until revised minutes sent to group.

President's report: – Karen Topham

1. NJLA Exec. Board Meeting - KT attended NJLA Executive board meeting. Most of discussion on tax legislation that will affect public libraries. Libraries are saving funds primarily for building funds, but municipalities are unhappy with what appears to be a surplus in library funds. There was a program on retirement for those in the PERS system. No discussion about NJKI; All are still encouraged to contact the Governor to express support for NJKI.

2. NJLA 2008 Conference - Dr. Lucker has accepted request to be speaker at NJLA. KT still needs more information to confirm the program and funding. He will not charge, but will accept an honorarium. Some committees had not submitted programs.

3. VALE Conference - On track. Remind speakers and participants to register. Registration closes shortly. There have been some issues with some people getting access to VALE site or the registration form. Please contact Judy Avrim to let her know of intent to register. These tech problems are typically easy to resolve.

Committee Reports

Research - Reported by MT

1. Research Award - Call has gone out; three submissions have been received. Reminder will go out in January; all are due in February. Website is working and the address has been included in the call.

2. Next meeting - will be Friday, 14 November.

3. VALE Conference - Poster session accepted for VALE. Three members will be at the booth. There is a publicity document for the research committee. How would this brochure get approved? Only committee approval is necessary. Comments on the brochure are to be submitted to Mark.

4. NJLA 2008 Conference - No submission for NJLA yet, but the research forum will be planned. The research award winner will be announced at the luncheon.

Technology – Reported by MM

1. Tech. Innovation Award - Call for nominations for Technology Innovation Award have been sent out. Deadline is 01 February. FAQ has been prepared.

2. NJLA 2008 Conference - MM sent to KT the three programs that will be at the NJLA conference. See below for details:

   - Title: "Blogging, RSS & Academic Libraries – Applications and Technology." Presenter: Denise O'Shea, Systems Librarian, Fairleigh Dickinson University
   Abstract: Are you looking for a more effective way to communicate within your library, and with your library patrons? This presentation starts with an overview of blogging in academic libraries. It uses real world examples from academic libraries to illustrate applications and best practices, and wraps up with a discussion of RSS – what it is and its use in the academic environment.

   - Title: "Second Life for Academic Libraries" Panel; Session
   Abstract: Panel Session on the uses of the Second Life virtual world online environment to deliver research and information literacy instruction services in three academic libraries in New Jersey.
   Panel Session Members:
   1) Steven M. Adams, Biological and Life Sciences Librarian, Princeton University http://etc.princeton.edu/sl/.
   2) Prof. Mary Balkin, English Dept. and Sister Anita Talar, Education Librarian, Seton Hall University http://tltc.shu.edu/virtualworlds/
   3) Craig Anderson, Reference Librarian, Nancy Thompson Library, Kean University
   Moderator: Dr. Richard Stern, Reference Librarian, Seton Hall University, Walsh Library

   - Title: "Technology Innovation Forum" Extended program, April 30th, 3:30- 5:30pm
   Abstract: Featuring the nominees and winner(s) of the 2008 NJLA College and University Section Technology Innovation Award, which honors a librarian or group of librarians for innovative use and application of technology in a New Jersey academic library. The award may be given either in recognition of a specific project, or for ongoing delivery of innovative technology applications. The purpose of the award is to recognize leadership in developing new technologies for academic libraries.

     Also, here is the information on the session co-sponsored by the NJLA echnical Services Section:

   - Title: "The Scriblio solution for improving the library OPAC"
   Presenter: Casey Bisson,, Information Architect, Plymouth State University, Plymouth, New Hampshire. Blog: http://MaisonBisson.com/

User Education – Reported by ED

1. Last meeting - 16 November
2. VALE Conference - 1 break-out and 3 lunch table topics at VALE
3. NJLA 2008 Conference - 2 proposals at NJLA
   - Tools for Engagement in Library Instruction
   - Assess the Mess: From Immediate Feedback to Summative Assessment

4. Discussion on memorandum on NJ Community College Gen Ed requirements. Gen. Ed. Goals should cover information literacy as defined by middle states and ACRL. Should be a separate goal. Memorandum was sent electronically by KT. Students would be required to take courses with information literacy components in the same manner that courses with ethics components are requirements. If CUS approves this document today, Nicole will take to NJLA Executive Board next

week. We should also send to academic library directors group (subset of VALE).
- Memorandum approved by CUS Executive Board and will be forwarded as suggested.
- User Ed Committee and task force commended for their work.

5. Subcommittee for the K-20 program has been established. They will draft proposal for the program that the User Ed committee will sponsor.

Membership - Reported by JV

1. One can be a member of ACRL-NJ without being a member of NJLA; one has to be a member of both to be eligible to run for office in the ACRL-NJ.

Newsletter - Reported by JM

1. Work on the next issue will begin in the New Year; it will be published before the NJLA conference. Information on the programs will be included.

Nominations – Reported by KT for SS

1. Trevor Dawes has agreed to run for Vice President/President-Elect; we will need nominations for Secretary/Treasurer; Member-at-Large is also open. By-laws state there should be a call for nominations. KT will contact SS about sending out a call. The call will be of a general nature.

2. MM noted that a job description should be available for each position. There should also be an option for write-in candidates. NJLA is also changing their processes.

NJLA Conference - Reported by RK

1. We will have a total of 9 sessions at NJLA. RK will confirm with CS (NJLA) about the sessions from CUS.

Old Business

1. CUS Website: Send information to MM about programs for NJLA for addition to the website.
2. 60th Anniversary Celebration - Photos have been received by MM for the anniversary celebration.

New Business

1. Dates and locations for next semester meetings have been set:
February 1; March 7; April 4 (SLC Trustees conference room)
June 6 (location TBD; preferably a meeting with all in person)

Good of the Order

1. ALA Midwinter - Richard will attend Chapters Council at ALA

2. VALE Conference Setup: Message from Judy Avrim re: technical requirements for the breakout sessions. Information had already been submitted and will be sent again if necessary. Question about the number of chairs at lunch tables: 8 or 10? KT will check on both questions.

3. VALE Conference Rain Date? - There is no rain date. If the campus closes, the conference will be canceled. KT will ask Joan to send a message to the group.

Adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Trevor A. Dawes
Secretary