

**NJLA College and University Section  
ACRL-NJ Chapter  
Executive Board Meeting  
Minutes  
February 1, 2008**

**Present:** (Brookdale CC) Topham, Eleonora Dubicki, Julie Maginn, Trevor Dawes, Mary Mallery  
**Present (Montclair):** Steven Shapiro, Richard Kearney, Mark Thompson, Ruth Hamann  
**Absent:** Nicole Cooke; Luis Rodriguez; Julie Still; Theo Haynes; Jessica Vanderhoff

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 10:05am. Montclair participants were unable to enter the building and therefore could not participate in the meeting. Karen asked that reports be sent to Trevor for inclusion in the minutes. As a result, there was no quorum and normal business would not be conducted.

**Minutes:**

1. Trevor will send e-mail to approve minutes for November and December electronically
2. Minutes of both meetings were subsequently approved. Votes to approve: Richard Kearney, Steven Shapiro, Karen Topham, Ruth Hamann, Eleonora Dubicki, Julie Maginn, Mark Thompson, Trevor Dawes; Mary Mallery

**President's report:** – Karen Topham

1. VALE '08  
109 evaluation reports received so far; most all are positive. There are some ideas for programs and workshops for the upcoming year – either for VALE or NJLA or stand-alone events. KT will summarize and share with the group. Evaluations may still be submitted. Some are still having problems accessing the website (ex. Bergen is still working w/IT, but it has to do with us not having a proxy server).
2. NJLA Conference  
Confirmed with Dr. Lucker, who will come in for the day. KT will arrange meeting. He will get an honorarium and travel will be reimbursed; Cindy Cezsak has approved funding. KT received a congratulatory note from Mary Mallery on being listed as presenter for the 60th anniversary poster session. KT will need volunteers for the 11:30am – 12:30pm poster session on Thursday, 01 May. What is the format of the poster session? Will it be the PowerPoint presentation (as described for the lunch event)? MM was pleased with the number of photographs received. Poster will have “facilities, services, and people” in each of the panels. Content of the session and handouts still to be determined. There will be a slideshow presentation of the CUS history during the luncheon. Julie will ask for a write-up of the anniversary for the Newsletter.

**Vice-President's Report:** - Richard Kearny

1. Distinguished Service Award Nominations  
We have received two nominations for the 2008 Distinguished Service Award. Kearney will distribute copies of the nomination letters and supporting materials to the judging committee for review.
2. Midwinter Meeting Report
  - o Kearney attended the ACRL Chapters Council Meeting at the ALA Midwinter Meeting on

January 13. Chapters Council Chair Kathy Parsons presided along with Vice-Chair Kevin Merriman. ACRL Program Coordinator Megan Griffin was also present. Parsons and Griffin reviewed some important topics for Chapter representatives present and recommended that Chapter officers:

- post actively to the Chapter Councils mailing list, [ACRLCHPTR@ala.org](mailto:ACRLCHPTR@ala.org) [<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlchapters/ccmaillist.cfm>]
  - consider putting together and outreach and advocacy projects that would be eligible for an ACRL funding grant
  - consider inviting the ACRL President to visit if there has not been a recent visit (at least once in the last seven years)
  - consider taking advantage of the Chapter speakers program, which provides funding for an ACRL officer to speak at a Chapter event once every four years
3. Current ACRL President Todaro and President-Elect Linke spoke briefly. Linke mentioned that the spring election ballot will likely include a proposed bylaws change to allow the formation of Interest Groups through a simple petition process to give members more opportunities for active involvement in the organization.
  4. Three of the candidates for ACRL Director-At-Large (Mark Emmons, Linda Kopecky, and John Lehner) also made brief presentations.
  5. ACRL President-Elect candidates Lori Goetsch and Janice Simmons-Welburn each stopped by to offer brief comments and election pitches. A lengthier question-and-answer lunch session featuring Goetsch and Simmons-Welburn followed the Chapters Council Meeting.
  6. Along with the other Chapter representatives, Kearney gave a brief report on NJ ACRL's activities this year.

## Committee Reports

1. Research - MarkThompson
  - Call deadline is Mon. 2/4/08; so far 2 forum and 3 research award submissions have been received
  - Next meeting is Friday, February 29, 2008; submissions will be reviewed and winners will be selected at that meeting.
  - Poster session at VALE went very well – handed out over 150 of our new Research Committee brochures. MT spoke at plenary morning session too; he outlined the nominations process and emphasized that the calls are open to electronic publications of all kinds.
  - Research forum has its slot (actually 2 consecutive slots) at NJLA Annual. The research award winner will be announced at the luncheon.
2. Technology - Mary Mallery
  - The next meeting of the NJLA CUS Technology Committee will be held on Friday, Feb. 8th, at Rutgers U., where we will be planning the 2008 Technology Innovation Award competition on Friday, March 14th, at the Scholarly Communications Center at Rutgers U.
  - The March 14th Tech. Innovation Award competition is only open for the NJLA CUS Exec. Board and the NJLA CUS Technology Committee members to attend. We will send out the announcement for the winner to the NJLA CUS Newsletter for posting in the Spring Newsletter. Tech. Innovation Award nominees will present for the public at the NJLA 2008 Conference Tech. Innovation Forum on Wed., April 30th in the afternoon.
  - Here is other Tech. Committee news:

1. The NJLA CUS Tech. Committee has started a Blog at: <http://njacrltechcomm.wordpress.com> where we will be posting Committee information and notes in the future. Thank you to Denise O'Shea of FDU for setting it up in wordpress in November.
2. The NJLA CUS Technology Committee had the following four sessions approved for the NJLA 2008 Conference:
3. Title: "The Scriblio solution for improving the library OPAC" Presenter: Casey Bisson, Information Architect Plymouth State University, Lamson Library Plymouth, New Hampshire Blog: <http://about.scriblio.net/> Blog: <http://MaisonBisson.com/> Abstract: Learn about the simple yet elegant Scriblio OPAC interface solution using WordPress and open source software, which Bisson created, and for which he received the prestigious Mellon Award for Technology Collaboration in December, 2006. The Scriblio software will revolutionize the online search process by allowing titles and descriptions of library holdings to be found on the Internet. Date/Time: May 1st, 2:30 - 3:20 pm. Note: This session is co-sponsored by the NJLA Technical Services Section.
4. 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. Date/Time: May 1st, 11:30Am-12:20PM
5. Title: "Second Life for Academic Libraries" Panel Session Members: 1) Steven M. Adams Biological and Life Sciences Librarian Princeton University Fine Hall -- Biology Library <http://etc.princeton.edu/sl/>  
2) Sister Anita Talar, Education Librarian, Seton Hall University Library <http://tltc.shu.edu/virtualworlds/>  
3) Craig Anderson Reference Librarian Nancy Thompson Library Kean University <http://library.kean.edu/web2.html> Date/Time: May 1st, 9-9:50AM
6. Title: "Technology Innovation Forum" 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. Date/Time: April 31st, 3:30-5:20PM
7. We will hold the Tech. Innovation Award nominations open for a couple of more days to allow for a few more nominations. If anyone else. is ready to present on an innovative project, please let me know ASAP. The NJLA CUS Technology Innovation Award 2008 Guidelines for Nomination, which are online at: <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/techinnov.html>

### 3. User Education - Eleonora Dubicki

- o Met on 25 January, and a new member welcomed, and another member who wasn't at the meeting.
- o Discussion about the NJLA programs. See December minutes for titles. Committee members are still working on finalizing the programs. Equipment needs are taken care of through Monmouth University.
- o Discussion of ideas for summer programs:

1. Teaching as performance. Some potential presenters were mentioned. Is there any funding for such programs? KT advised that Sections should plan programs and NJLA will recover costs through registration fees, etc. Could ACRL fund this? Trevor will follow-up with Megan Griffin

2. K-16 program. No-one from the task force was there. Discussions will continue.
4. Membership  
No report
5. Newsletter - Julie Maginn
  - o Call submissions has gone out; some articles received. Reminder will be sent soon. Deadline is March 14. Interest in getting information about the 60th anniversary, the luncheon, etc. Blogs and listserv information from last issue was not included; refined call will be included. Something about NJKI? VALE update/review – see blog. Information about NJLA programs. Information about SCILS name change. Information about JerseyCat.
6. Nominating - Steve Shapiro
  - o We have 1 nomination for VP/President-elect, 1 unconfirmed nomination for Secretary (I'm waiting to hear back from the nominee), and 1 nomination for Member-at-Large

### **Report from NJLA Executive Board - Nicole Cooke**

1. NJLA is still looking for best practices for alternative meeting methods (i.e., videoconferencing, IM chat meetings, etc.)
2. The 2008 NJLA conference theme is "Valuing Libraries, Librarians and Library Staff". Speakers include Sarah Vowell, Lorie Roy and the cartoonist from Unshelved. The committee received a record number of program proposals, many more than can be accommodated.
3. The One Book NJ adult selection has been announced - The Plot Against America by Philip Roth.
4. Re: the SCILS Ph.D. name change, on 12/14 the initial faculty vote to change the name was rescinded. A new vote will be held in April, 2008. The NJLA board passed a resolution urging the faculty NOT to change the program's name. Please email any resolutions / letters to Dr. Nick Belkin, the chair of the program, at [nick@belkin.rutgers.edu](mailto:nick@belkin.rutgers.edu)
5. The Rutgers alumni association is planning to consolidate all alumni programs by June 2008. This means that SCILS will no longer have its own alumni association or membership. Comments / questions can be directed to Nancy Madasci.
6. Library employees who live out of state, but work in New Jersey, are eligible for NJLA scholarships.
7. Libraries should be prepared for NJKI to go away this month (February).
8. Pat Tumulty is blogging library related articles - topics include construction, grants, personnel issues (beginning 12/2007). If you see something of note, please do contact her and send the article / link.
9. The submitted proposal from the User Ed committee (re: separating information literacy competencies from general technology competencies) was endorsed by the board.
10. The board also discussed and endorsed the proposed definition of a librarian that was submitted to the state department of Higher Ed for inclusion in the upcoming licensure regulations. The board did duly note and agree with the concerns raised by the ACRL-NJ exec board.

### **Old Business**

1. What should be on the website?

### **New Business**

1. There is a desire (Yvonne Roux, FDU) to have a section for education librarians. Nicole advised her of the process.
2. Should CUS send a resolution to Rutgers SCILS regarding the name change? For discussion at next

meeting.

3. KT will attend the next NJLA Executive board meeting on February 19. Among the topics to be discussed is the new NJLA DRAFT Strategic plan. The plan is available on the NJLA website and all are invited to review.
4. Steven will report on nominations. We were directed to Article XI of the Bylaws to clarify the timeline for nominations and elections. Ballots are required to be mailed by March 1.

### **Adjournment**

1. Meeting adjourned at 10:50am

**Next meeting:** Friday 07 March 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Trevor A. Dawes  
Secretary