

**NJLA College and University Section
ACRL-NJ Chapter
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2008**

Present: (Montclair and Monmouth) E. Dubicki, R. Hamann, R. Kearney, J. Maginn, M. Mallery, S. Shapiro, and M. Thompson.

Absent: N. Cooke, T. Dawes, A. Hoang, L. Rodriguez, J. Still, K. Topham, Thompson, and J. Vanderhoff.

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 10:05 am. There was no quorum and normal business would not be conducted. Kearney took the meeting minutes in Hoang's absence.

Approval of minutes – June 2008: The group reviewed the draft of the June minutes, making some revisions. Hamann was added as "absent," and some editorial comments were struck. Kearney will transmit the edits to Hoang and the final draft will be circulated to the Board for approval by email.

President's Report – R. Kearney: Kearney reported on the following items:

- **VALE / NJLA-CUS / ACRL-NJ Conference** - This year's theme is "Ten Years of Experience, A Future of Possibilities." The conference planning committee decided to omit lunch table sessions this year, so only breakout sessions and poster sessions will be solicited from the membership. The deadline is October 1 (although it may be extended to October 15). The contacts for proposals are Hamann (for posters) and Denise Brush at Rowan for breakouts. The keynote speaker for 2009 is Marianne Gaunt. The conference offers as a good opportunity to promote membership in the College and University Section, and as conference co-sponsor we will have a table with membership forms and information about our standing committees.
- **NJLA Conference Planning Meeting** - This meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 10:00 am at the Old Bridge Public Library. Kearney, Dawes and Mallery plan to attend. The deadline for session proposals will be November 14. More information will be provided after the planning meeting. Mallery has suggested an idea for a luncheon speaker (Kevin Guthrie of the Ithaka project), and we'll welcome other suggestions moving forward.
- **ACRL Allocation** - We have received correspondence from Megan Griffin at ACRL notifying us of our chapter allocation - for this year it's \$304.00, denoting a NJ ACRL member roster of 304. It would be helpful to know how this roster compares with the addresses currently on the ACRL-NJ mailing list. In June ACRL provided us with a list of members in NJ, and it's very close to this total, with 300 names on it, and only 16 of these do not have email addresses listed. But we have four new people, and we might consider sending them some kind of welcome message to the chapter, including

information about the standing committees and ways to get involved. There are also 18 students on the list. Now that the SCILS semester is starting again, we can make contact with the LISSA organization there and perhaps see if they would welcome a visit at one of their meetings to discuss ACRL and academic librarianship as a career option.

- **News from NJLA Executive Board** - Nicole Cooke reports from the July meeting of the NJLA Executive Board that
 - Lynn Schott (Bergen CC) is the new Member Services chair and one of her goals is to recruit more academic librarians. Cooke spoke with Schott and President Heidi Cramer to clarify the joint nature of the chapter. She also informed them that ACRL-NJ has a membership person on its Board, and asked them to make a concerted effort to include the chapter and its leadership as they move forward with this particular goal. As a follow-up to this, Kearney wrote to Schott and Vanderhoff proposing a meeting to work together on strategies.
 - NJLA President Heidi Cramer is still accepting committee volunteers for the upcoming NJLA year.
 - Cramer is also soliciting volunteers from a fund raising fair to be held in June 2009 - she needs a complete committee, from members to a chair.
 - Pat Tumulty is running the NJLA blog, where she features library articles of interest. Cooke would encourage section members to be on the lookout for articles about academic libraries and forward them to her.
 - The next NJLA Executive Board meeting is the third Tuesday in September if there's anything you would like Cooke to report to the Board.
- **Section/Chapter Online Presence** - In part as a result of recent exchanges with NJLA Executive Director Tumulty and Information Technologies Section President Amy Kearns, Kearney conducted a brief inventory of the CUS/ACRL-NJ's online resources.

Our web presence currently consists of

- The Section/Chapter web pages at <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/>
- The User Education Committee's pages at <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/usered/> and its Yahoo! Group
- The Research Committee's pages at <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/ResComm/ResComm.html>
- The Technology Committee's pages at <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/tech/techcomm.html> and its Blog at <http://njacrltechcomm.wordpress.com/>
- The Facebook group for NJLA College & University Section / ACRL-NJ at <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#pages/Trenton-NJ/NJLA-College-University-Section-ACRL-NJ/17616087514>

We also have two mailing lists:

- NJLA-SECT-COLL (managed by NJLA)
- ACRLNJ-L (managed by Seton Hall)

Kearney suggested we verify - perhaps once a year - that our membership rosters match the mailing lists. It might also be to our advantage to keep relatively static content on the Committee web pages and incorporate links to blog feeds, with blogs for each of the committees that could be edited by members. This might make updating easier for each committee and feeds can also be added elsewhere (e.g., on the Facebook group), so that information only needs to be posted in one place.

Committee Reports

Research - M. Thompson: Thompson sent an email to the Committee and reports that nine people will be active this year, and there are three new members. The first meeting is September 29th at Seton Hall University. The call for research forum papers and awards have been sent to Maginn for inclusion in the Newsletter. There will be the usual February deadline for submissions and notification of winners in March. Thompson plans to emphasize electronic publications in his call. Submissions have been going down, so perhaps this is because people are moving to electronic publication formats but not submitting these for consideration. The Committee is considering establishment of a Vice-Chair. The Committee is planning a special event for 2010 because that will be its 25th anniversary.

Technology - M. Mallery: The Committee will be meeting on September 23rd at the Rutgers Scholarly Communication Center. Mallery attended the Information Technologies Section meeting on September 4 because they co-sponsor sessions and discussed ideas for the NJLA conference. Mallery inquired whether anyone is planning sessions about changes in the content of aggregator databases. In connection with this, Mallery noted that a lot of scholarly organizations are moving their content out of aggregators, and perhaps this is a trend that should be tracked. Mallery reported that the Information Technologies Section would like every NJLA conference group who is hosting a speaker to come to the podcasting booth and give a two-minute talk about their sessions.

Mallery also reported on follow-up activity related to the June 13 FutureTech Symposium, which was very successful. The Committee is currently putting together a web archive of the conference with PowerPoints and audio-visual materials as available, with permissions to be obtained. Mallery is with Nancy Dowd on this project.

User Education - E. Dubicki: The Committee will be meeting September 19 and usually tries to schedule monthly meetings on the third Friday of each month. From the last meeting, they've put together a review of the General Education standards. There will be a new Chair of the General Education Committee for community colleges, but the Committee has already announced it will not be reviewing information literary in its next phase of activity.

The User Education Committee has also been working on a wiki, and it plans to submit proposals for both the VALE / NJLA-CUS / ACRL-NJ Conference and the NJLA Annual Conference. The Committee is

Upcoming conferences – the committee plans on doing proposals for each of those conferences.

K-12 program: Eleonora is looking to see if the committee can put together a program co-sponsored with school librarians in some way.

Membership - J. Vanderhoff: No report received.

Newsletter - Julie Maginn: One call has gone out for submissions for the newsletter; the deadline is the 19th of this month, for the newsletter. Julie will put as much calendar-oriented material as possible in the newsletter to highlight the current activities of committees. Julie also requested submissions on summer activities.

Good of the Order

Hamann announced that Passaic County CC Library is looking for a new Librarian.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Kearney