

NJLA College and University Section/ACRL-NJ Chapter
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Executive Board Meeting - Friday, March 4, 2011, 10AM - via videoconference

Attending:

At Monmouth University: Eleonora Dubicki, Karen Pifher, Julie Maginn, Sharon Yang

At Montclair State University: Mary Mallery, Paul Martinez, Dorothy Meaney, Denise O'Shea, Mark Thompson, Nancy Weiner

Excused: Trevor A. Dawes, Melissa Hofmann, Luis Rodriguez, Gary Schmidt, Steven Shapiro

The minutes of the February 4, 2011 meeting were approved.

President's Report: Eleonora distributed a summary of the VALE Conference evaluations prior to the meeting (attached) which was also sent to the VALE Executive Committee. Presentations and conference session reports are now up on the VALE website. Mark and Rich Kearney are the co-chairs for next year's conference, planning for which begins in June. Additional theme suggestions include job skills for academic librarians, and concerns about selection with respect to e-resources.

Eleonora, Trevor, Mary and Dorothy participated in a colloquium on careers in academic libraries at Rutgers, February 23. About 40 students attended. Eleonora distributed a handout with links to job resources, including a LibGuide (<http://guides.monmouth.edu/librarians>) and our CUS Career Resources website (<http://www.njla.org/njacrl/careers.html>). There are several opportunities for students to work with librarians in the field, including one-day job shadowing, several day volunteering and longer-term internships. Members of the Instruction class at Rutgers look to observe six instruction sessions over the semester; there is also an Internship class, where 150 hours of work are required. Eleonora will contact Jana Varlejs and Julie Still for further discussion. Rutgers may want to form a student chapter.

Other: Kay Cassell sent an email stating Rutgers is looking for someone to teach E-Resources in Humanities and Social Sciences; Eleonora will post to the listserv. Snapshot Day will be in April. Registration for the NJLA Conference is now open; NJLA will contact students who job-shadowed to see if there is interest in being sponsored. We will pay for our speakers' meals.

Vice President's Report: Mark announced that Robert Lackie of Rider University is this year's recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. The award will be presented at the conference.

Committee Reports

Research (Karen Pifher): Committee met in February. Eleonora is the winner of this year's Research Award. ☺ There were three submissions for the Research Forum; all were invited to participate though one cannot. The committee's poster session was accepted. The Research Roundtable and mentoring programs are moving forward. Ann Ciliberti has a group of parties interested in followup discussion to the VALE session on the ACRL Value of Academic Libraries research report; Melissa and Anne will plan this together, aiming for an April first meeting.

Technology (Denise O'Shea): Committee met in February. Ray Schwartz will be the next committee chair. Bergen, Stevens, William Paterson and Fairleigh Dickinson will all participate in the Technology Innovation Award competition on March 18; Mary will chair this since Denise is nominated. Seven sessions were accepted for the NJLA Conference, and have been assigned moderators.

User Education (Nancy Weiner): Committee met in February (joint meeting with VALE SIL). The two programs accepted for NJLA are unfortunately scheduled for the same time. Another

information literacy forum is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14 at the College of St. Elizabeth; it will focus on the Information Literacy Progression Standards.

Membership (Paul Martinez): Luis, Trevor and Gary all wrote testimonials to the benefits of section membership; these have been sent to Julie for the newsletter and may be posted elsewhere.

Newsletter (Julie Maginn): The deadline for submissions for the next issue is today. So far content includes personal articles on a variety of topics, the above-mentioned testimonials, the program for NJLA, and upcoming events. Newsletter articles will be posted on the ACRL-NJ blog, and this fact will be advertised in the hopes of generating comment.

Nomination (Steven Shapiro): no report. Eleonora noted that the election should take place prior to the NJLA Conference.

Marketing (Mary Mallery): The first meeting of this new committee was held via iLinc on March 2; Julie Maginn was elected chair. She will solicit additional members. The committee accepted its charge and duties as amended at the last section executive board meeting. Goals and tasks were outlined and assigned, including development of a CUS Strategic Communications Plan, the main agenda item for the first full committee meeting to be held in late March.

Legislative/VALE Liaison (Luis Rodriguez, via Eleonora Dubicki): On March 14 VALE is hosting a workshop at Rutgers on Scholarly Communication. There is also a joint VALE Executive Board/Committee Chairs meeting scheduled for next week to discuss the conference.

NJLA (Gary Schmidt): no report.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Framed certificates are needed for awards to be given at the NJLA Conference. Eleonora will coordinate certificates and signatures among the Research, Technology and Distinguished Service award-givers. Sr. Anita Talar from Seton Hall, who has done this in the past, is retiring; the Research Committee will coordinate some kind of recognition for her at the conference luncheon.

Next meeting: April 8, 2011, **via iLinc**. Note this is a change from a videoconference meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Meaney
Secretary

- *VALE Conference summary attached below*

VALE 2011 NJ ACRL/NJLA-CUS Conference
Twelfth Annual Users' Conference
Wednesday, January 5, 2011

"Strengthening Connections: Keeping Our Libraries Vital"

Busch Campus Center, Rutgers University
Piscataway, NJ



Highlights:

- 272 Attendees
- 16 Poster sessions
- 21 Breakout sessions
- Keynote speaker: **James G. Neal, Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian, Columbia University - The Imperfect Storm: The Prospects for Systemic Change Across Academic Libraries**

Feedback from conference evaluation survey (120 responses):

What one thing made you decide to attend the conference?		
Breakout sessions	47	39%
Keynoter	26	22%
Other, please specify	33	28%
Poster sessions	3	3%
Theme	11	9%
Total	120	100%

Other comments on why individuals attended the conference and number of times mentioned:

- Networking (24)
- Want to know what colleagues are doing at their libraries, solving problems, innovations (11)
- Always go (11)
- Presenter (7)
- Mandatory attendance (3)

General feedback on conference and suggestions for future conferences:

- More time for networking
 - Extend conference hours (earlier since many people arrive for start of keynote, half hour longer)
- Breakout sessions:

- 10 – 15 minutes longer
 - Moderator for each breakout session to keep speakers on time
 - Handouts
- Poster sessions:
 - Keep the new floor layout – much less crowded
 - Need more time for posters
- Program:
 - Keep coding same for print program and insert listing room locations
- Topics for future conferences:
 - Developing a mandate for continuing education and certification
 - Influencing database vendors and information aggregators to follow standards
 - Improving discoverability in online resources
 - Focus more on small colleges and universities in keynote
 - E-book book collections and different platforms and vendors
 - E-readers
 - More sessions on collection development, too much information literacy
- Facility
 - Good location, easy parking
 - Good time of year
 - Food service options are good
 - Difficult to see bottom of slides on keynote
 - Helpful to have Rutgers students directing

Ratings for every poster and breakout sessions were collected during the evaluation survey. The response rate was good for ratings and each presenter received the results for their session. Also, for the first time this year, comments could be entered for each individual poster and breakout session. Every session received at least one comment and those comments were also forwarded to presenters. Presentation slides for 19 of the breakout sessions and several poster sessions have been posted to conference website.

Photographs from the conference can be viewed at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/valeconferences/sets/72157625812289980/>

Thank you to all the members of the conference organizing committee who volunteered their time to insure that the conference ran smoothly —reviewing proposals for posters and breakouts, creating the program brochure, registering attendees, and implementing the evaluation survey.

Special thanks to the VALE Executive Committee for their annual support of the conference. As many attendees have said, the conference is the premier forum for academic librarians to come together to experience an entire day packed with presentations by their colleagues on the best and most innovative programs and services being delivered by college and university libraries in New Jersey.