

**NJLA College and University Section/ACRL-NJ Chapter  
Executive Board Meeting  
Friday, September 10, 2010 10AM - via videoconference**

*Attending:*

At Monmouth University: Trevor Dawes, Eleonora Dubicki, Melissa Hofmann, Julie Maginn, Karen Pipher

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

*Excused:* Paul Martinez, Gary Schmidt, Steven Shapiro

Introductions: Eleonora welcomed new members Sharon Yang (member-at-large), Gary Schmidt (NJLA Executive Board Liaison) and Dorothy Meaney (Secretary) and new committee chairs Melissa Hofmann and Karen Pipher (Research), Paul Martinez (Membership), and Nancy Weiner (User Education).

The minutes from the June meeting will be approved in October; minutes from 2009-2010 are up on the wiki.

President's Report

- Infolink, the one remaining library cooperative, is developing a regional structure; staffing is in progress.
- The current budget for NJ libraries has \$4.299M in network funding and \$3.676 per capita library funding. This is a \$6M loss and a 43% cut in funds for statewide services. The EBSCO database suite and RefUSA have been maintained.
- Eleonora, Trevor and Gary attended NJLA Leadership Orientation in July. The theme for this year is "Libraries are essential."
  - A guide to developing workshops is available: [http://njla.pbworks.com/f/workshop\\_planning.pdf](http://njla.pbworks.com/f/workshop_planning.pdf). Committee chairs should review. NJLA wants to increase revenue via workshops this year.
  - We need workshop space that can accommodate more than 80 people
- The VALE Conference is set for Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at Rutgers. The theme is "Strengthening Connections: Keeping Our Libraries Vital." The keynoter will be Jim Neal, UL at Columbia (thanks to Trevor for the connection). The deadline for poster and breakout session proposals is October 1.
- We have 317 ACRL chapter members, up from last year. Mark reports from the ACRL Group Chapters Council meeting that there is a new wiki with a group chapters page (main website: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/about/chapters/index.cfm>; wiki <http://connect.ala.org/node/65479>, need to log in). Megan Oakleaf's study on the value of academic libraries is due out next week; ACRL will follow up with a "Values Toolkit" for libraries to use.

Committee Reports

Research (Melissa Hofmann and Karen Pipher):

- Still looking into the feasibility of hosting research-sharing days
- will be doing a poster session for VALE

Technology (Denise O'Shea):

- Looking to add three members
- Working on ideas and speaker for the conference, and the tech award
- Denise is presenting a session at the NJLA Reference Forum on 10/18
- Next meeting 9/24

User Education (Nancy Weiner):

- Had joint meeting w/VALE SIL committee in August
- Planning for NJLA and VALE conferences under way
- Need meeting locations for the committee; next meeting 10/8

Newsletter (Julie Maginn):

- Harry Glazer has joined the committee (Julie is thrilled ☺); he will scan library websites for content for the newsletter
- Deadline for next issue is early October
- Luis will email the directors' listserv asking for content
  - Suggestion was made for a piece by a new director

Membership (Paul Martinez, reported by Eleonora):

- Starting a student chapter isn't viable at this point
- Recommend promoting NJLA-CUS through LISSA (Rutgers LIS Student Association); ask to attend a meeting; offer an interview workshop. There is interest in academic librarianship; maybe a LISSA ACRL interest group?
- Trevor has heard from LISSA reps interested in a tour of Princeton University and Princeton Public Libraries

Other:

- Luis reported on the ACRL Legislative Agenda for 2010 which includes supporting the SKILLS Act. He will update the publicity guide and send to Trevor; will also send Exec Board and Committee Chairs names to the directors' listserv. He suggested we promote NJLA membership by mentioning their lobbying efforts on behalf of funding for the State Library.
- Mary proposed a tab on our website for new librarians and/or job listings, which would link to other job sites. Committee chairs should send news to Mary to post.
- Julie Still is looking for help in administering the job shadowing program; Trevor will call her
- Mary will work with others on making sure the wiki and the website are in sync

Old Business: None

New Business: The NJLA Conference will be at Ocean Place, May 2-4, 2011. The theme is "Libraries are essential." Mark is the coordinator for CUS programs and sponsorship. The wiki will be used to track things: <http://njla.pbworks.com/NJLA-CUS+NJLA+2011+Conference+Proposals>. The NJLA proposal deadline is 11/15/10; ours will be 11/8/2010. Mary noted the most successful programs were ones shared between sections. NJLA is looking for more interactive, hands-on sessions. The budget for speakers is very tight; using speakers for more than one session is desirable. Lunch speaker possibilities were discussed: Megan Oakleaf, Steven Bell, Patricia Brevick, Ken Bain. Mary will approach Ken about doing a session (though not lunch). Mark will coordinate the Distinguished Service Award process; nomination deadline is February.

Next meeting: October 1, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Meaney  
Secretary