

ACRL-WA Chapter Membership Meeting

Pack Forest Conference Center, Washington Thursday, October 22, 2015

In attendance: Emma Clausen, Erica Coe, Susie Cummings, John Danneker, Eli Gandour-Rood, Chris Granatino, Erin Hvizdak, Andrea Kueter, Chelsea Leachman, Jay Logan, Holly Luetkenhaus, Dan Mandeville, Caitlan Maxwell, Rowena McKernan, Ielleen Miller, Katie Monks, Laura Nagel, Maureen Nolan, Kristine Nowak, Lorena O'English, Louise Richards, Maureen Rust, Tria Skirko, Christine Tawatao, Traci Taylor, and Ben Tucker

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

Minutes (Ielleen)

After two minor changes, the minutes from the Fall 2014 Chapter Membership Meeting were approved.

Board Member Introductions

- President: Genevieve Williams, Pacific Lutheran University
- Vice-President/President Elect: Ben Tucker, University of Puget Sound
- Past President: Amy Stewart-Mailhiot, Pacific Lutheran University
- Treasurer: Christine Tawatao, University of Washington
- Secretary: Ielleen Miller, Eastern Washington University
- Member-at-Large: Holly Luetkenhaus, Washington State University Pullman
- Member-at-Large: Katie Monks, University of Washington Tacoma
- Newsletter Editor: Caitlan Maxwell, University of Washington
- Webmaster: Nicholas Schiller, Washington State University Vancouver

Treasurer's report (Christine)

The balance is \$18,993, of which around \$10,000 will go to conference expenses. We funded a scholarship to the ACRL National Conference, which was the only unusual expense. Thus our balance is in the normal range.

Newsletter Announcements (Caitlan)

The due date for the Fall 2015 newsletter is Nov. 14th. The theme is open education, such as open data, OERs, or collaboration with faculty. We have a new section called "librarians in print" for lists of publications by members. Please email citations to Caitlan. Also Caitlan asked that campus liaisons submit campus news to her. A question was asked about length of articles. The article length is usually not long, around 500 words. Caitlan encouraged images or even bullet point style.

Chapter activities brainstorm/ways to get involved (all)

Board has been thinking about it, didn't send it out in advance since we want to hear ideas from you. Suggestions, discussions?

Mentor Program

There was a discussion about the previous issue of a mentor program in the minutes. While WLA has their own mentor program, you have to be a member of WLA to be a part of their mentoring program. And the dues for WLA aren't as inexpensive as ours. Thus ACRL-WA would have to look into starting their own. There was a question about how the Oregon chapter works. ACRL-Oregon is part of OLA. There was a discussion in the past as to why we aren't part of WLA, and it was about the dues. While the dues are on a sliding scale, it would still be around \$60, vs the current \$10/year. Right now we have lots of people who aren't members of the chapter, and yet our dues are really small. We've tried to work with WLA by sponsoring academic programs for the WLA conference, but still hasn't gotten traction. There is a mentoring program at the national level ACRL.

Mentors/mentees don't meet in person except at the conference. Would we have enough experienced librarians to be mentors? We should have training about being a good mentor and mentee. Would be good for the chapter to sponsor such programming. Can we work with the I-School? We haven't tried that in the past, though not all the library students in Washington State are at the I-School. Will have to figure out logistics. Is this worthy? Several hands showed that there is interest in this endeavor. The ACRL New Members Roundtable has a model/framework that we could borrow. UW I-School is working on new mentor program for those students who aren't working in the library, but it is very preliminary, they've only met a couple of times. The mentoring program would be recruitment tool for the chapter. A persistent challenge is how do we let new librarians know that we exist. We could do more with the ACRL sections, such as LPSS, if we had a structure of the mentoring program. We need to talk with other members of the section and in the area. We could have another break time during the conference to meet with colleagues in social science librarians, or cataloging/metadata. Have break outs by area or during chapter conferences, during the meals possibly. Just not during trivia time. In the Library 2.0 international conference. There was one about an entire state working on common LibGuides, could we collaborate on products, or cooperative collection development. There was an official motion from Ben Tucker charging the board to consider the comments made above and submit suggestions to the membership at a future date. Motion approved by vote.

Upcoming Webinar

The chapter receives access to two webinars from ACRL per year for free. PLU is hosting one November 10th entitled "Introduction to Critical Library Pedagogy". After a week, we receive a link to the archive. If members log into the website, under the tab Current Members, you will see links to previous webinars and the passwords. We will be looking for another one later in year. If you see a Webcast that sounds interesting, let a Board member know. We would like to have the spring one hosted by a library east of I-5.

Open floor for additional topics (all)

Communication

Question: What kind of outreach does this group do? We have four new Seattle U librarians, but was a member at another state chapter, so knew to look for ACRL-WA. How can we inform new librarians to the state about the Chapter. Once a year we get a list of national members from ACRL. We will have a membership drive in January.

Do we have a place on the website to list professional development opportunities? A form for people to contribute to such a list? How do we let people know that aren't ACRL ones? Lorena O'English (WSU-Pullman) is on Library Council of WA as the academic librarian rep. Once a week, an email from the State Library comes out about professional development opportunities. Will send out email next week about this email list. She encouraged us to sign up for the State Library email.

Wrap Up

The Board thanked Genevieve for all her work on this conference. She thanked the Board. The Board encouraged the membership to give feedback about the conference, good or bad. We will have elections in March. Being on the Board commits you to two meetings: one in fall before the conference, and the spring board meeting is virtual. All Board members need to be members of ACRL national. The Vice-President is a 3 year commitment: VP/President Elect, then President, then Past President. Secretary, Treasurer positions coming up, and the VP position. Every 4 years the Chapter get a speaker from ACRL National.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.