

ACRL CHAPTERS COUNCIL
Sunday June 28, 2015
8:30 – 10:00 AM
Hilton Union Square, Golden Gate 4
San Francisco, CA

Present:

Officers and Chapters Council Liaisons/Representatives

Eleta Exline, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, (New England)
Caroline Fuchs, Chair (Greater New York Metropolitan Area)
Les Kong, Past-Chair (California)
Nancy Weiner, Secretary (New Jersey)

Attendees, Including Chapters Representatives/Delegates

Sarah Allison (New Mexico)
Tarida Anantachai (Eastern New York)
Katie Blocksidge (Ohio)
Kimberly Boyd (Georgia)
Mary (Mollie) Freier (Michigan Library Association Chapter)
Hilary Fredette (Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Chapter)
James Kennedy (Mississippi)
Susan Kromrie (Missouri)
Elizabeth Leonard (New Jersey)
Annette Marinas (California)
Stephanie Mathson (Michigan Library Association Chapter)
Linda Miles (Greater New York Metropolitan Area)
Rachel Minkin (Michigan Academic Library Association)
Janet Padway (Wisconsin)
Robin Potter (New Mexico)
Hannah Rempel (Oregon)
Meg Spencer (Delaware Valley)
Nicole Sump Crethar (Oklahoma)
Ericka Raber (Iowa)
Phil Waterman (New England)
Lacy Wolfe (Arkansas)

Guests

Ann Campion Reilly, ACRL Vice-President/President Elect
Mary Ellen Davis, ACRL Executive Director

I. Welcome

Chapters Council Chair Caroline Fuchs called the meeting to order at 8:33am and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Caroline explained the format of the meeting and noted that Chapters Council is a group of representatives from the ACRL Chapters but that we differ in terms of governance and structure. Caroline began the round robin of introductions and asked each member present to highlight one item about their Chapter.

II. Minutes from Midwinter 2015 meeting approved.

III. Announcements

- a. Caroline reminded everyone about the Work Session that begins at 10:30am.
- b. Eleta Exline reminded everyone about the dine around brunch at Jasper's Corner which is located near the hotel. While Eleta asked for RSVPs prior to the conference, all are welcome to attend.

IV. Nominations

- a. Eleta noted that elections would be held for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and Secretary. Information about already declared candidates, Nancy Weiner, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and Lacy Wolf, Secretary was sent prior to the conference but the floor was now open for additional nominations. With no additional nominations, Eleta invited Nancy and Lacy to share a brief candidate statement.

V. Elections

- a. Eleta distributed ballots to each table and reminded everyone that each Chapter has one vote and to decide who would be voting if there were multiple representatives from a Chapter present.
- b. After collecting the ballots, Eleta announced that Nancy Weiner was elected as Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and Lacy Wolf was elected as Secretary. Congratulations to both.

VI. Newsletter/Blog Editor

- a. Following the election, Caroline noted that Chapters Council needs a volunteer for the position of newsletter editor. Caroline explained that the ACRL approved blog platform will allow for a more dynamic newsletter when compared to the static nature of the PDF format most recently used. After discussion and a few questions, Susan Kromrie from the Missouri Chapter agreed to serve as the editor.

VII. Legislative Network Position

- a. Caroline noted that Chapters Council is also seeking a volunteer to serve as the Legislative Network Representative. The primary role of this position is to track issues that are key to ACRL and report at Midwinter and Annual. ALA/ACRL provides guidance in terms of coordinating information and disseminating. Rachel Minkin from the Michigan Academic Library Association indicated she may be interested in serving in this role and Caroline suggested discussing it with her before the work session.

VIII. Best Practices Presentation: Student Membership

- a. Caroline, along with Linda Miles, current President of the Greater New York Metropolitan Area Chapter, shared ideas and initiatives undertaken by their Chapter in order to attract more student members. Highlights of the presentation include:
 - A one page flyer outlining the benefits of joining the Chapter
 - Creation of a New Librarians Discussion Group
 - Two events per year aimed at new librarians featuring topics such as academic hiring practices
 - Establishment of an active mentoring program that is in need of mentors; Recruitment is done through online forms although a face to face meeting is encouraged; Program has a one question per month prompt for mentors/mentees

- Extensive outreach to library schools, meeting with students to emphasize the benefits of the membership; Recording events to share with students enrolled in online programs
 - Four student scholarships awarded to annual symposium and opportunity to publish in newsletter
 - Offer low to no cost professional development opportunities.
 - Also provide support to students who live in the area but who attend library school elsewhere
- b. The information about programs and initiatives shared by Caroline and Linda sparked discussion among those in attendance and how best to reach out to students attending online programs was a topic of interest. Continual outreach to library schools, using listservs and reaching out to library school faculty were some of the suggestions offered as ways to encourage student membership.

IX. ACRL Leadership Visit

- a. Ann Campion Riley, ACRL Vice President/President Elect arrived at the meeting at 9:00am and thanked everyone for their efforts with their Chapters since this is where much of the work of the Association happens. Ann was joined a bit later by ACRL Executive Director Mary Ellen Davis who shared the following updates:
- The ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education has been a hot topic and to support the implementation of the Framework, the ACRL Board of Directors has approved the creation of a new ACRL Framework for Information Literacy Advisory Board to work with Sharon Mader, ACRL Visiting Program Officer for Information Literacy. A few webinars were held in the spring and additional training materials are being developed. There is also a listserv dedicated to the framework that has more than a thousand subscribers.
 - Upon request, the one-day workshop “Planning, Assessing, and Communicating Library Impact: Putting the Standards for Libraries in Higher Education into Action,” to your campus, chapter, or consortia. The workshop is led by one or two expert presenters and if there is interest, please contact the ACRL office.
 - The ACRL Conference in Portland was a success and for anyone who attended, the Virtual Conference Presentations are available for one year. They are also available for purchase by non-attendees. The Kickstart the Future Scholarship campaign was a huge success and Mary Ellen noted she received a hand written thank you note from one of the scholarship recipients. Discussions are underway to decide if the scholarship fundraising will continue for ACRL 2017 in Baltimore.
 - The ACRL Board approved a new Idaho Chapter.
 - The ACRL Plan for Excellence was discussed at Leadership Council and the Board will review feedback and survey results and revisit the plan.
 - Mary Ellen also reminded everyone that members of the ACRL leadership team are available throughout the year to visit chapters and their respective conferences so please contact her at mdavis@ala.org if interested.

X. Midwinter Best Practices:

- a. “Branding Our Chapters” was suggested as the topic for the presentation for the midwinter meeting. Lacy Wolfe from the Arkansas Chapter volunteered to present as did Elizabeth Leonard from the New Jersey Chapter.

XI. Listserv

- a. On behalf of the list administrator Ryan Gjerde, Caroline noted that the Chapter listserv is an opt in one and you will not receive emails unless you are added. Please contact Caroline at fuchsc@stjohns.edu to be added. This information will also be shared with our ACRL liaison Chase Ollis.

XII. Old Business

- a. Newsletter/blog – discussed earlier
- b. Board Action Proposal for Policies – Tabled
- c. Table at ACRL 101 at ACRL 2015 Conference: Phil Waterman reported that about 100 attendees were at this event and this was the first time that Chapters Council participated. Phil also noted that about a half dozen Chapters also had tables and this worked well for recruiting and for alerting attendees to leadership vacancies. It was suggested that the local chapter of the conference location be given one of these tables and that Chapters that did not participate in Portland be given priority for participation in Baltimore.
- d. Social/Lunch at ACRL National: Elexta Exline used the Birds of a Feather lunch gathering spot and about 8 people enjoyed an informal get together at the food trucks located near the conference center.
- e. Chapters email: Caroline reported we received permission from ACRL National to use acrlchapterscouncil@gmail.com to archive Chapter Communication. Caroline and Chase Ollis at ACRL currently have the password which will be shared with the incoming chair.

XIII. New Initiatives

- a. Virtual meetings for Council: Caroline noted the plan to hold a virtual meeting of Chapters Council but it did not happen this year. With so much turnover in membership, it may still be worth pursuing.
- b. Semi-Annual Virtual Meeting for Executive Officers: Caroline noted that one meeting was held in the fall although we were not able to schedule one for the spring. Another worthwhile venture, the incoming officers will consider scheduling virtual meetings.
- c. Outreach to Online Programs: Erika Raber suggested that Chapters Council do more promotion to students enrolled in large online programs. All agreed this is a good idea and we will first identify the schools with these programs. **Someone volunteered to begin identifying the programs but I neglected to note the name.**

XIV. Adjournment:

- a. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am. The work session begins at 10:30am in the Executive Boardroom.

Respectfully submitted by,
Nancy J. Weiner