

## ACRL Chapters Council

Sunday, February 11, 2018, 8:30-10am  
ALA Midwinter, Sheraton Denver Downtown  
Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Attendance: Rachel Minkin (Chair/ MiALA), Nancy Weiner (Past-chair/ NJ), Natalie Burclaff (Secretary/ MD), Christina Prucha (Legislative Rep/ MO), Lisa Nickel (VA), Sofia Slutskaya (GA), Thomas Keenan (Greater Metro NY), Monika Glowacka-Musial (NM), Lee Wagner (WI), Jessica Brangiel (DE Valley), Bonnie Lafazan (NJ), Carrie Dunham-LaGree (IA), Toni Anaya (NE), Kendra Lake MiALA), Cynthia Orozco (CA), Ali Larsen (Eastern NY)

I. Meeting called to order at 8:30am

II. Leadership visit:

Penny Beilie, candidate for ACRL vice-president/president elect

Karen Munro, candidate for ACRL vice-president/president elect

- They are running a collaborative campaign with a listening tour
- See their statements online: If we have questions, Rachel can collect them and have the answers posted on the chapters listserv

Howard Prager, Senior Leadership and Change Strategist

- works with various academic libraries around team building, external library reviews, searches, goal setting, strategic planning
- ACRL Consulting Services can also work with ACRL Chapters, and meet virtual on Zoom

III. Introductions

IV. Approval of minutes from ALA Annual Chicago (Nancy moved, Thomas approved)

V. Report from vice-chair, Ed Rock (given by Rachel Minkin in his absence):

A. Nominations for Chapters Council positions in late-February and early March:

- Vice-chair/Chair-elect (3 year term)
- Secretary (1 year term)
- Other positions may open if you are interested - stay tuned for the call
- Eligibility: Any chapters council representatives can run for any positions (note, a representative can be an elected, appointed, or proxy person from your state chapter, and each chapter can have up to two representatives)

B. See the call if you are interested in submitting materials to our new Chapters Topics Libguide, which is more accessible and interactive than a PDF.

VI. Christina Prucha, Legislations Assembly report:

A. Government relations committee has list of 2018 priorities, in order of importance:

- Federal funding and budget issues affecting libraries, particularly IMLS funding
- Net Neutrality
- DACA
- [FASTR Act](#): Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act
- [PROSPER Act](#)
- [Affordable Textbook Act](#)

B. Watchlist (items that have no impending legislation):

- FISA/Government surveillance
- Changes to grant funding and application process
- Federal Depository Library Program

C. National Library Legislative Day May 7-8 in Washington DC.

- ACRL gave travel scholarships \$750 to 5 applications (all first time attendees)
- Entire week May 7-11, contact your elected officials
- For information see the National Library Legislative Day page:  
<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld>

VII. ACRL Leadership Visit

Cheryl Middleton, ACRL President

Initiatives:

- Project Outcomes for Academic Libraries based on PLA's Project Outcomes, survey management tool for academic libraries which will allow libraries standardized outcomes, survey platform, report creation Eric Ackromin. Fill gaps from LIBQUAL
- Project Information Lit study: How young adults consume news and evaluate information. 2018 ALA conference will share results from Allison Head
- ACRL 2019 Conference in Cleveland:
  - Call for participation is open now. Talk to members and submit programs: formats for everyone
  - May 4 deadline for Contributed paper, panel session, preconference and workshop proposals
  - October 12 deadline for Poster session, roundtable discussion, TechConnect and virtual conference webcast proposals
  - Registration opens late May
  - \$70,000 for scholarships in ACRL Budget, plus had nearly \$16k from donors and a \$5k matching grant to fund attendees

Lauren Pressley, ACRL Vice-President

- Call for appointments: February 15 for appointment and committees

- The future of Midwinter, from the ALA conference committee: Share ideas about Midwinter meetings and meeting virtually with chair Clara Bohrer
- ALA Connect discussion thread: ALA of the future

Mary Ellen Davis, ACRL Executive Director

- Looks to this group (ACRL Chapters Council) to connect with local librarians
- Kathi Kromer - new legislative person, wants us to build local representatives, invite them to our programs, share great stuff we're doing with our local representatives
- Legislative day May 7-8
- Advocating on behalf of the library - Value of Academic Libraries initiative continues: Scholarship at higher ed organization. See ACRL Insider for [VAL Travel Scholarships](#)
- To incentivize librarians to do more research, \$20k is available between now and August in \$3000 amounts per grant (to use for labor, incentives, etc.) [See Impact Grants for details](#)
- CHOICE: Working with Charleston Co. to develop CC Advisors on database reviews; working on developing a platform around OER (half will be open, half subscriptions)
- Reminder that ACRL offers up to 10 officer visits, 2 webinars, reimbursements, roadshows
- In the future could offer an OER Roadshow

VIII. Report from the chair, Rachel Minkin:

- Advocacy continued: How can we advocacy for the librarians within our states?
- Drop in attendance at midwinter - what does this mean for us as a committee and group, when we have to meet twice per year? What is in our Bylaws?

Discussion: Could we meet at ACRL; Virtual can be challenging (technical problems); virtual options; how can we support our 2-year college colleagues and support in general; how does this council fit in the larger ALA organization structure; competition with state conference; we talk about equity and diversity and inclusion but conference attendance requirements are a barrier to entry; Seems that representatives to the council is a late career position because only people in late carer positions can afford it; meeting in-person allows you to get to know people, but then virtual is fine after; some chapters pay for the president for come (budgeting); can you long term plan especially without dedicated representative; Technology component - ALA uses Adobe connect, switching conferencing software to Zoom potentially. Skype for one person; need a dedicated technology liaison for hybrid meetings; what if we did hybrid-hybrid: one meeting online, one meeting in-person with a virtual option; would people come with a virtual option; need to change expectations for what is required for the position (difficulty for midwinter); lower barriers, to have a richer pipeline of leadership in our local levels

- Push webinars to chapter levels
- Conversations on diversity and inclusivity: Does anyone have a working process at the local level for getting underrepresented voices involved?; cultivating librarians vs. getting existing librarians involved; Do you provide space for honest conversation?

#### IX. Communications:

- Listservs and ALA Connect: Can be used to ask questions (both ways - to the national level and chapter level)
- Facebook page: Voted to remove the page; Natalie B. will work on taking it down (<https://www.facebook.com/ACRLChaptersCouncil/>)
- Do we need to space to communicate?
  - ALA prefers we keep everything in ALA Connect
  - Open up a space - Rachel will investigate ALA Connect - who can access it
  - The point of the council is not necessarily to connect other chapters, but to communicate top down, bottom up
  - Keep conversations on ListServ - perhaps archive the end of a conversation on ALA connect
  - See what the future of new ALA Connect brings

Minutes will go out on listserv and ALA Connect for both the business meeting and the working group.

X. Meeting adjourned 9:52am

Minutes submitted by Natalie Burclaff, secretary

## ACRL Chapters Council

Sunday, February 11, 2018, 10:30-11:30am  
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Working Group Notes

Attendance: Rachel Minkin (Chair/ MI), Nancy Weiner (Past-chair/ NJ), Natalie Burclaff (Secretary/ MD), Christina Prucha (Legislative Rep/ MO), Kim Copenhaver (FL), Lisa Nickel (VA), Sofia Slutskaia (GA), Thomas Keenan (Greater Metro NY), Monika Glowacka-Musial (NM), Lee Wagner (WI)

Bylaws: Do our bylaws require face-to-face meetings?

- What kind of vote is needed change bylaws?:  
<http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/bylaws/bylaws#art20>
- Chapters Council Bylaws 5.8: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/resources/policies/chapter5#5eight>
- Hybrid issue: Virtual and in-person meeting, and ACRL conference year, hybrid-hybrid option
- ADA compliance with virtual component - ALA has interpreters for in-person of a meeting
- Best practice for virtual meetings for accessibility (ALA Office Kim should have that information)
- Zoom [offers closed captioning options](#)
- Rachel meets with ALA chapter relations (we're not pipelined into the executive board - there is no ex-officio role) if we needed to bring up any changes
- However, it seems we can reinterpret the term "meet"

Communication:

- The purpose of the two meetings needs to be communicated: Best practices at Annual; meet the candidates at Midwinter
- Chapter representatives should work with their chapter presidents to communicate that they can send a proxy to attend from state chapters if the representative can't make it
- Continue to push webinar of chapter council expectations
- Use new libguide to list welcome/overview information, like how to get on the listserv; communicate new libguide to all chapter presidents
- Need a new chapter overview update from 2013 (get a more recent snapshot) Lisa Nickel from Virginia Library Association is working on a survey - hoping to collect data nationwide
- ALA regularly surveys membership that comes up with "personas," mostly for marketing purposes
- Other local chapter ideas: peer-review conference tracks on the state level, try to get a balance of practitioners vs. researchers, have the chapter publish a special issue on conference presentations; acronym fine jar
- Clarify/Communicate the mission of group: we are here to provide information up and information down between the state chapters and ACRL national

- A weakness is communication within the larger organization: It's heavily reliant on networking and existing relationship - because of this, the concern about going all virtual might be that we lose serendipitous meetings
- An opportunity would be to have talking points from ACRL Leadership in advance so our group could be prepared with question