

ACRL Chapters Council Annual Meeting
Held Virtually
06.29.2020

Present:

Officers & Chapters Council Administrators

Lisa Nickel, Chair (Virginia)
Ali Larsen, Vice Chair (New York)
Jessica Brangiel, Secretary (Delaware Valley)
Leslin Charles, Chapter Topics Editor (New Jersey)
Kim Copenhaver, Legislative Assembly Liaison (Florida)
Edward Kownslar, List Administrator (Texas)

Attendees:

Candice Benjes-Small, Virginia
Linh Uong Georgia chapter (vice chair)
Terri Summey Kansas Chapter
Michelle Nielsen Ott, Illinois
Lee Wagner - Wisconsin
Lucy Bellamy Gnomon Library in Los Angeles
Toni Anaya, Nebraska
Kari Mofford - ACRL New England
Tina Mesa - Texas
Sandy Schiefer, Missouri
Cara Berg- ACRL-New Jersey
Alyssa Russo, New Mexico Chapter
Carrie Dunham-LaGree, Iowa
Amy Mars, Minnesota
Jessica Denke - ACRL Delaware Valley Chapter
Sofia Slutskaya, Georgia Chapter
Will Martin, North Dakota/Manitoba chapter.
Lois Entner, Maryland Chapter
Marty Miller, ACRL Louisiana Chapter
Dawn Behrend : North Carolina
Lauren Carlton, Staff Liaison to Chapters from ACRL
Rachel Callison, SEI - Western Pa & West Virginia ACRL Chapter.
Kelleen Maluski, ACRL New Mexico Vice-Chair

Guests:

Kara Malenfont ACRL Interim Executive Director

Welcome--Lisa Nickels, Chair

Introduction of Executive Council members

Introduction of members/chapters

Elections/open positions

- Two open positions, Vice Chair & Secretary
 - Candidate for Vice Chair running unopposed - Dawn Berhand, Instruction and Outreach Librarian at Lenoir-Rhyne University, Chair North Carolina's state chapter of ACRL
- One voter per chapter, held via chat
 - Dawn elected as new Vice Chair for Chapters Council, her term will begin July 1, 2020
- Seeking candidate to fulfill the secretary position - reach out to Ali Larsen if interested
- Two open administrative positions - Legislative Network Coordinator and LibGuide Administrator

Report from Leslin Charles - Chapter topics newsletter

- Leslin has been editor for the Chapter topics newsletter for 3 years, under her guidance the newsletter was moved to a LibGuide format.
- Typically, the newsletter comes out twice a year, spring and fall - spring deadline is April 30th however it was postponed this year due to COVID-19.
- A new call will go out for contributions by the end of July. The delayed spring edition will become a summer edition published at the end of August
- Discussion about devoting the spring/summer edition to library responses to COVID-19 and/or to social justice issues -
- Guidelines for contributions:
<http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters/topics/contributortips>
- Deadline for fall contributions will be October 31

Update from Kara Malenfont - Interim ACRL Executive Director

- ACRL plans to post the position opening for the Executive Director position soon with a goal to fill the position by January 2021
- COVID-19 resulted in the cancellation of several face to face conference events -ALA Annual, Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of ACRL, ACRL Roadshows on hold right now.
- ALA/ACRL staff continue to work virtually
- [ACRL Together Wherever](#) held in June - phenomenal sessions. Kara would like to highlight the President's Programming - Shifting the Center - highest rated ACRL program ever

- Over 2700 registrations for Together Wherever and over 4600 folks logged in and watched
- Virtual format reached a much wider audience
- ACRL is seeing declines in memberships, decline in sales in publications and conference registrations due to COVID-19 - changes will be coming as a result
- ALA staff dealing with 28 days of furlough between 8/2020 and 8/2021. Staff may need extra time to meet needs but are still available and ready to help
- ALA reorganization - SCOE - final recommendations reported recently and the outcome is 2 new working groups have been charged.
 - Forward Together Working Group - reports coming in January
 - Fiscal Analysis Working Group
- 3 divisions have approved to unite ALCTS, LITA & LLAMA have formed [CORE](#) Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures
- [ASGCLA](#) in process of dissolving
- [RUSA](#) has formed a futures task force
- PLA and ACRL developed [survey](#) of community impact of COVID19 - results
- ALA sold headquarters building, ALA/ACRL staff have moved and are getting settled
- ALA recently approved Operating Agreement Working Group to determine how divisions work with ALA - ACRL following the work of this group
- <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/2020-division-annual-reports-ala-council>
- Midwinter 2021 still scheduled for Indianapolis but will be carefully considered if not safe to hold in person - this is the last regular midwinter meeting. In the future Midwinter will focus more on content and less on business meetings. Space won't be allocated for business meetings at the onsite conference.

Lauren Carlton--ACRL Program Coordinator

- Please send roster updates to Lauren. New chapter board members. Thank you to those who have already sent them in.
<http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters/roster>
- Link to [chapter websites via map](#) - please alert Lauren if any information needs updating
- Chapters get 2 free webcasts per year - [ACRL E-Learning](#) - if interested in hosting contact [Margo Conahan](#) and cc [Lauren](#).
- Reimbursement for chapter requests are due August 15th - these funds don't roll over year to year - <http://www.ala.org/acrl/resources/policies/chapter5#5four>
- Annual reporting - Plan for Excellence report - links to survey have gone out to chapters.

Kim Copenhaver Legislative Update

- ACRL Legislative Agenda for 2020 year
- Resources available to chapters and work being done in states for messaging to align with work being done at national level
- <http://www.ala.org/acrl/issues/acrlspeaksout>
- ACRL Legislative Network Liaison works with the [ACRL Government Relations Committee](#)

- Issues discussed and decided upon for publication in the annual agenda which is published in mid-April
- The [four issues](#) chosen this year include federal funding for libraries, net neutrality, college textbook affordability act, and consumer data privacy and 3 were placed on a watch list: public access to federally funded research, the Federal Depository Library program Modernization Act and deferred action for childhood arrivals and immigration issues
- This position in Chapters Council is open, Kim is happy to answer questions about the role and the time commitment if anyone is interested.

Chapter updates on programs, events, and upcoming events

- Updates from Alyssa Ruso, New Mexico
 - Blog - [Covid19 response programming](#)
- Update from Cara Berg, New Jersey
 - NJ ACRL moved their face to face spring conference online and accommodated all submitted presentations for a virtual conference
- Rachel Callison, Western Pa & West Virginia ACRL Chapter
 - Face to face conference moved [online](#) to accommodate keynote and accepted presentations
 - Extended membership terms to accommodate COVID-19 challenges
- Candace Benjes-Small - Virginia
 - [Spring workshop moved online](#) - Delay, Distract, Defer: The Saboteur in the Academic Library
- Toni Anaya, Nebraska - <https://unl.libguides.com/CUSpring2020>
 - Hosted online spring meeting (2nd year for this format)
- Ali Larsen
 - call for ideas for future Chapters Council ideas to discuss, what are folks interested in working on?

Transition from Lisa to Ali. Welcome, Ali Larsen new Chair of Chapters Council. Thank you to Lisa or all of her service as Vice Chair and Chair. She moves to Past Chair.