

**NJLA College and University Section  
ACRL-NJ Chapter  
Executive Board Meeting  
Minutes  
4 April 2008**

**Present:** (Brookdale CC) Karen Topham, Eleonora Dubicki; Present (Montclair): Nicole Cooke, Ruth Hamann, Richard Kearney, Mary Mallery, Mark Thompson

**Absent:** Trevor Dawes, Luis Rodriguez; Julie Maginn; Julie Still; Theo Haynes; Jessica Vanderhoff; Caroline Geck; Steven Shapiro

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 10:05am. There was no quorum and normal business would not be conducted. Richard volunteered to take the meeting minutes since Trevor was not able to attend.

**President's Report - Karen Topham**

1) NJLA Conference – Today is the last day for early bird registration for the NJLA conference. Our luncheon protocol is that same as that from last year except for the extra time doe Marianne Gaunt and Judy Cohn to discuss the proposed PALINET/SOLINET merger. For our Thursday poster session on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the section Karen and Richard will bring audio recording devices to record anyone who has oral history memories to share; these can be included on the web site. We've also received ribbons from ACRL that can be distributed to all ACRL members who attend the conference. The only additional items we need for the conference are membership application forms, but these will be obtained before the conference dates. The conference wiki is now available and those involved in conference programs or other relevant activities are invited to post. Karen will also ask Julie Maginn to bring copies of the newsletter to the conference.

2) Distinguished Service Award – The recipient of the 2008 Distinguished Service Award is Mary Mallery. The award will be conferred at our luncheon at the NJLA Conference.

**Committee Reports**

1. Research – Mark Thompson

- The Research Committee, in addition to its scheduled programs, will be having a poster session (on the topic of a custom-designed reference desk for improved service) on Thursday as well. The Committee will also distribute its own information brochures and take photos at its sessions and at the luncheon.

## 2. Technology – Mary Mallery

- The Technology Committee held its Innovation Award Forum in March. There were five presentations, and these people will also give presentations at the NJLA Conference Technology Forum. The Technology Innovation Award winner this year was “The Rutgers Library Toolbar” project designed by Choong Hoong Liew (Web Designer) and Mei Ling Lo (Math/Computer Science Librarian) at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. Mary noted that the other award candidates are all listed on the NJLA conference wiki.
- The Technology Committee is considering co-sponsoring a program with the NJLA Information Technology Section on “emerging technologies” for some time in June. An initial meeting to plan the program has been held and some additional work must be done before the details are finalized.

## 3. User Education – Eleonara Dubicki

- The User Education Committee is sponsoring two programs at the NJLA Conference. Also coming up is a program on “Teaching as Performance” to be held at Seton Hall or Monmouth on June 30; details are still being finalized. Among future programs being considered is one on using Wikipedia in instruction (possibly in the fall). Eleonara inquired about the possibility of obtaining some NJLA funding for the May 30 program. Karen explained that programs sponsored by NJLA always involve a charge to participants, with higher fees required for individuals who are not members of NJLA.

## 4. Membership

- Karen reported that Trevor has had some problems obtaining membership information through the mailing list hosted by Seton Hall, but he and Jessica Vanderhoff are working on verifying our current membership for both ACRL-NJ and NJLA.

## **Report from NJLA Executive Board – Nicole Cooke**

Nicole reported that the NJLA Executive Board is looking for a possible new location for the NJLA Conference starting in 2010. We have been having some issues with the Ocean Place Resort in Long Branch and these may not be possible to resolve. It will be challenging to find a new location, however, because of the size of the conference. For this year, the conference organizers are looking for volunteers to staff the conference booths and also the store. Nicole also reported that Marie Radford is the RU-SCILS representative to the Board. She announced that the soon-to-be-renamed doctoral program will retain “library” in the title.

### **Good of the Order**

1. Nicole inquired about a suggestion advanced by Yvonne Roux and Sheila Curvin that there be a section just for education librarians (i.e., those serving school media specialists in training).
2. Mary announced the publication of an article, “Tales of Technology Innovation GONE WRONG,” in the April 2008 issue of *Computers in Libraries* (Vol. 28, No. 4, pp. 22-25).

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be an in-person-only meeting at Brookdale CC on June 6.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Kearney