

**NJLA College and University Section  
ACRL-NJ Chapter  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2008**

**Present:** (Monmouth) Dubicki, Mallery, Topham; (Montclair): Hamann, Hoang, Kearney, Shapiro, and Thompson

**Absent:** Cooke, Dawes, Maginn, Rodriguez, and Still

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 10:05am.

**Minutes:** Approval of June and September 2008 (pending) meeting minutes

1. September 2008 minutes is tabled until minutes sent to group.
2. June 2008 revised minutes will be approved via email

**President's Report: – Richard Kearney**

1. **NJLA 2009 Conference** – RK attended NJLA conference planning meeting. Proposal deadline is November 14, 2008. Wednesday, April 29, 2009 is dedicated to academic. The expectation is that CUS will have at minimum four regular programs (research forum, technology forum, user education forum and luncheon). At the NJLA 2008 conference CUS had a total of 9 programs including programs on Second Life, Blogging/RSS, Scriblio, Assess the Mess and Laptop Lending. Including in the “procedure in the call” will be to encourage potential presenters to notify CUS/ACRL-NJ so that the programs can go in a CUS-sponsored.

Cindy Czesak informed RK that ALA President Jim Rettig will be participating in the NJLA 2009 Conference. Czesak has asked whether the CUS sees a potential role for Rettig in one of our programs. Rettig will most likely be asked to deliver a keynote address on the day he attends. We could ask Rettig to do something different in a CUS program instead of the normal speech. Trevor Dawes is on Rettig's Advocacy Committee and will coordinate as needed. TD and RK discussed several possibilities, since Rettig has identified some key initiatives for his presidency (<http://jimrettig.org/content/initiatives/initiatives.htm>). Can we build a program around his areas of expertise?

*Information from Rettig's website:*

*My presidential initiatives are about creating connections:*

- *Connections among our libraries*
- *Connections between the communities we serve and those who make funding and policy decisions*
- *Connections with prospective library workers, especially those in groups*

*underrepresented in the profession*

- *Connections that allow ALA members to benefit from and contribute to their association and the profession in new ways.*

*My initiatives address three critical issues:*

- *Advocacy - Advocacy on behalf of all types of libraries. Our libraries form an integrated ecosystem that collectively offer lifelong learning opportunities better than any other agency in American society can!*
- *Diversity - We need to develop a library workforce that reflects the society we serve. We will work to engage college students who might otherwise not consider librarianship as a career.*
- *Member participation - New technologies, new ways of communicating, open new opportunities for members to make the most of their ALA experience.*

2. **LISSA/SCILS** – RK have not received a response from SCILS about current LISSA officers, but will try to meet with MLIS program director soon.
3. **VALE/NJLA Conference** – The theme is “*Ten Years of Experience, a Future of Possibilities.*” The submission deadline has been extended to October 8, 2008. There will be about 15 breakout sessions and 12 poster sessions. Thank to all who have submitted proposals.
4. **Professional Development** – RK received a query from Elin O’Hara, Co-Chair of ACRL College Library Section’s Professional Development committee. The committee’s charge is to assess needs for continuing education, work with state, regional and local ACRL chapters to explore options and to find out what existing programs are in place. Do we (NJACRL) have staff development programs in place? In the past, the technology committee coordinated various workshops, but the regions have taken over this role because of funding and scheduling issues. Questions: Are they coming to do a program? What are the possible intentions? Will membership fee be increased?
5. **NJLA Wiki** – The wiki has been official launch. The wiki’s purpose is for keeping content current and easy to update. There is a direct link from the CUS wiki to the CUS web site. Maureen Wynkoop of Camden County Library and Ranjna Das of Burlington County Library are the technical contacts for this project. The wiki includes pages for every NJLA section, committee and roundtable with the names of the officers and emails. More content will be added. The wiki has been under development without feedback from CUS Executive Board. It is important to maintain regular communications between CUS Executive Board and NJLA Executive Board.

## **Committee Reports**

### **1. Research – Reported by Mark Thompson**

- Committee met on September 26 to prepare for this year’s research calls.

Official call for submission will go out the listserv early November. An informal “teaser” will be sent out the listserv in October to stimulate interest in library research and working with the committee. Dating of the calls has been returned to its past practice. This year’s calls are for the 2009 Research Award and the 2009 Research Forum. The 2009 Research Award is for work completed during 2008, but recognized at the NJLA annual in 2009. The formal process remains the same: 1<sup>st</sup> announcement November 2008, 2<sup>nd</sup> announcement January 2009, submissions due February 9<sup>th</sup> 2009, winner selection March 2009, and public announcement April, 2009.

- **VALE Conference:** The VALE poster session proposal has been submitted. Four committee members will staff the booth (2 AM and 2 PM). Karen Pifer of Peapack/Gladstone Public Library and Users Education Committee may join the poster session.
- **2010 NJLA:** To celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Research Committee, members have been working on the “archives” and are contacting past winners. Discussions include possibly having alumni speak for the first of the double program sessions at NJLA 2010 or have a speaker at the academic luncheon.
- Vice Chair position was discussed and is waiting for a volunteer to step into the position. The website was updated.

## 2. Technology – Reported by Mary Mallery

- Committee met on September 23, 2008 at Rutgers SCC with Matt Brown of NJIT as the new member. The Committee continues its recruitment discussion. Suggestions are to invite representatives from William Paterson University, Rider University, Rowan University and The College of St. Elizabeth.
- **FutureTech Symposium:** The June 13<sup>th</sup> symposium was well received and the TCNJ library auditorium was full. The Pecha Kuchas were very lively and dynamic. The Website with links to Steven Bell's Powerpoint, mashup and handout is available at <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/FutureTech08.html>. Nancy Down of NJ State Library uploaded her Pecha Kucha online in a YouTube version at: <http://libraryvideos.blogspot.com/index.html>. Amy Kearns has the video clips of Bell's presentations and the Pecha Kuchas, but we are waiting for NJLA to give the speakers a nonexclusive license permission form. The Publication Committee has been charge by the NJLA Executive Board to propose a form.
- **Technology Innovation Award Competition:** The competition is scheduled for Friday March 20, 2009 at Rutgers SCC, Information Handling Lab 413. The Technology Innovation nomination website <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/techinnov.html> will be updated by MM. The call for nominations on the NJLA, ACRL and VALE listservs will be announced in

October.

- **NJLA 2009 Conference:** The theme is "*New Jersey Libraries Rock!*" and the deadline for proposals is November 1st submitted via the online form. The proposed programs / sessions included:
  1. Legal implications of new technologies in academic libraries: podcasts and video permissions requirements. Speaker: Bryan Carson (see Info Today article on "Laws for Using Photos You Take at Your Library" at: <http://www.infotoday.com/mls/sep08/Carson.shtml>). This presentation could possibly be co-sponsored with administration section.
  2. Beyond plagiarism: cheating with technology and how to stop it (see Chronicle for Higher Education (Information Technology Section, Volume 55, Issue 7, page A15) article on "cell phones, handy tools for emergency alerts, could be used for cheating during tests" by Caitlin Moran online at: <http://chronicle.com/weekly/v55/i07/07a01501.htm>). This presentation could possibly be co-sponsored with information technology section.
  3. Virtual reference, speaker: Marie Radford, SCILS. This presentation could possibly be co-sponsored with reference section.
  4. Open source library systems development, speaker: Mike Giarlo or Dan Scott on project conifer. View Dan Scott's Powerpoint at: [http://coffeecode.net/uploads/talks/2008/Evergreen\\_OSSification.pdf](http://coffeecode.net/uploads/talks/2008/Evergreen_OSSification.pdf)  
Dan is actively developing the much needed acquisitions and serials modules for Evergreen, the open source ILS. He is working with Ruby on Rails (RoR) client for the OpenSRF back-end and handling EDI for vendor transactions, e.g., exchange of purchase orders. Dan is also actively involved with the Knowledge Ontario's Project Conifer.
  5. Update on Digital Repositories, speaker: Grace Agnew, Rutgers U. on FEDORA developments and NJVid.
  
- **Review of the Technology Committee Website:** The Technology Committee website has been updated with new member information. MM requested that members start posting to the Technology Committee Blog at: <http://njacrtechcomm.wordpress.com/>
  
- **Coordination with other NJ Technology Committees:** There was discussion about joint hands-on workshops between CUS/Technology Committee, other technology sections and regional library groups. Some suggested topics for workshops are:
  1. RSS and blogging
  2. PHP and scripting Introduction
  3. Drupal as content management system
  4. Using captivate and camtasia
  5. XML and its uses in libraries
  6. Facebook library applications
  
- MM will discuss this idea at the October NJLA Executive Board meeting and

contact other NJ technology committees and workshop sponsors to ask about scheduling and possible presenters on these topics.

- **Next meeting:** February 20, 2009 at 10:00 am at Rutgers SCC.

### 3. User Education – Reported by Eleonora Dubicki

- The committee met on Friday September 19, 2008 at Monmouth University. The committee's PBwiki will be the primary source of communication for posting of committee's meeting minutes, future and past presentations and events. The wiki will be linked to NJLA/CUS website. Yahoo group will be created to manage email communication among members. Eleonora and Jacqui DaCosta will serve as administrators.
- **Information Literacy (IL) plans:** The plan is now required by the NJ state. Institutions are required to provide supporting document of student learning outcomes for IL. There seems to be a continuous discussion amongst librarians and faculty regarding the term "information literacy". Each has its own interpretation.
- **VALE conference:** The VALE poster session and breakout session proposal has been submitted.
  1. Research experience between Monmouth University and Brookdale Community College breakout session by Eleonora Dubicki, Lisa Coats and Amy Clark.
  2. "10 Years of Instruction: how we have or have not changed over the years" poster session by Anne Marie Roscello and Ellen Parker.
- **2009 NJLA:** The proposed panel discussion on "Information Literacy Licensure Requirements" What is being done and how is it being handled at various institutions. It was suggested to invite Mary Macdonald of University of Rhode Island to speak about how to write an information literacy plan.
- **2008 Immersion:** Immersion is the ACRL Institute for Information Literacy, attended by Amy Clark of Brookdale CC in July 2008. Amy discovered from Immersion is that librarians should actively be involve with faculty and work with faculty on assignments. Librarians need to present and write for non-librarian audiences.
- **Future speakers/Topics:** CJRL might be interested in collaborating on a K-20 IL program. AnnMarie Roscello has been communicating with the high school librarians to actively find ways to provide a better approach to connect IL from local high school students who eventually will attend NJ colleges. It was suggested that this topic should also include the VALE SIL committee.
- **Next meeting:** October 17, 2008 at Monmouth University.

#### **4. Membership – Reported by Richard Kearney**

- RK met with Lynn Schott, NJLA membership chair and Tony Joachim, committee member. Schott's goal is to increase NJLA membership among NJ academic librarians. The group compared data on current membership levels. There are 403 ACRL members in NJ. There are 95 NJLA members identified as academic librarian. Only 40 of 95 members have taken the discounted affiliate membership option, while 55 are enrolled as personal members at the applicable dues rate. Schott reviewed issues in developing a stronger academic membership in NJLA. One is a perception that NJLA is primarily a public librarian organization while academic librarians have several other professional memberships such as ACRL and VALE. The group agreed to conduct a survey at VALE/NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ Conference to get a better sense of academic librarians' needs and impressions of NJLA. The group also agreed to solicit current NJLA academic librarians to volunteer at the NJLA table.
- With Jessica Vanderhoff's resignation, the board discussed and agreed to continue the ACRL membership committee. Richard Kearney will take on this role until a replacement has been identified.

#### **5. Newsletter – Julie Maginn**

Not present and no report to share.

#### **Old Business**

No old business was discussed

#### **New Business**

Steve Shapiro is beginning the nomination process.

#### **Good of the Order**

None

#### **Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.**

Respectfully submitted

Ann Hoang  
Secretary