



## Washington Chapter ACRL

### ACRL-WA Chapter Membership Meeting

Menucha Retreat & Conference Center, Corbett, Oregon  
Thursday, October 27, 2016

**In attendance:** Caitlin Bagley (Gonzaga University); Nono Burling (Washington State Library); Reilley Curran (Seattle University); Eli Gandour-Rood, Vice President/President Elect (University of Puget Sound); Reed Garber-Pearson (University of Washington Seattle); Erin Hvizdak, Member-at-Large (Washington State University Pullman); Chelsea Leachman (Washington State University); Dan Mandeville, Treasurer (University of Washington Seattle); Caitlan Maxwell, Newsletter Editor (University of Washington Bothell/Cascadia College); Ielleen Miller, Secretary (Eastern Washington University); Kael Moffat (St. Martins University); Deb Moore (Highline College); Madeline Mundt (University of Washington Seattle); Heather Newcomer (University of Washington Bothell/Cascadia College); Laura Nagel (Clark College); Chelsea Nesvig (University of Washington Bothell/Cascadia College); Denise Pan (University of Washington Seattle); Suzan Parker (University of Washington Bothell/Cascadia College); Lauren Pressley (University of Washington Seattle); Deb Raftus (University of Washington Seattle); Maureen Rust (Central Washington University); Nicholas Schiller (Washington State University Vancouver); Peter Smith (Western Washington University); Jennifer Snoek-Brown (Tacoma Community College); Elliott Stevens (University of Washington Seattle); Stacy Taylor (Central Washington University); Ben Tucker, President (University of Puget Sound)

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

#### **Minutes (Ielleen)**

The minutes from the Fall 2015 Chapter Membership Meeting were approved.

#### **Introductions (all)**

Attendees went around the room and introduced themselves.

#### **Treasurer's report (Dan)**

The report is modeled after past treasurer's reports. Part of the PayPal balance is registrations for Inland InfoLit, so the totals are \$1063.80 off. The balance is \$10,285.63. Expenses from 25 May 2016 to 25 October 2016 include insurance, non-profit status for the State of Washington, and web domain.

There was a discussion about whether the PayPal account needs to be so large, whether we could move that money elsewhere. And related, there was a question about whether we ought to have money in an interest-bearing checking account. ACRL Oregon's account is in one. And the Colorado chapter also invests their balance. Dan will look into these issues.

#### **ACRL Webcast (Ben)**

One of the benefits the Chapter receives from ACRL National is free access to two ACRL Webcasts per year. In the past, the Chapter could only have a live showing of the webcast in one physical location, and now we can have it in up to six locations. After a week, we get a link and password to the archived webcast. We will send out an announcement about the next upcoming one.

There was a question about whether we know how many members have viewed the archived webcasts. We will have to look into that.

### **Every Other Year Fees (Ben)**

There was a discussion in the last Board meeting about changing the dues structure to two years, instead of annually. The dues themselves would not change (\$10 annually for ACRL National members, \$15 for non-members), but would simply double for a two year membership. This would entail a change in the bylaws, so a vote by the membership. But before we pursue it, the Board would like feedback on this issue by the membership. Thoughts? There were no objections to changing it to two years. There was a question about whether we double-check if someone is in fact a member of ACRL National when they join. No, it is on the honors system. There was a question about whether members receive notification when their membership is up for renewal. Yes, an email is automatically sent out, via the software running our website called Wild Apricot.

The Board still needs to check whether this is doable with our Wild Apricot system, then we would ask the membership to vote to change the bylaws, most likely with the next election this spring, along with clarity as to why we recommend this change.

### **Scholarship & Award Submissions (Erin)**

We awarded two scholarships. The student scholarship winner was Sarah Schroeder (University of Washington), and the librarian scholarship winner was Jieun Kang. Sarah was not present, and unfortunately Jieun was ill and missed a day of the conference.

We awarded our first Excellence Award, and the winner was Deb Raftus, along with Amanda Hornby and Kathleen Collins of University of Washington Seattle on their project *Comprehensive Training Program for Student Research and Learning Services Specialists*. Deb was at the meeting to accept the certificate and check.

### **Themes for Upcoming Newsletters (Caitlan)**

Caitlan asked the members for ideas for upcoming newsletters, either now or email her later. This fall's theme is self-care, which could include care for students, such as therapy dogs during finals. Last spring's theme was inclusivity. The deadline for submissions for the fall newsletter is November 18<sup>th</sup>. She is looking for articles about self-care, conference reviews, book reviews, and any news from the campus liaisons. If you are wondering who your campus liaison is, please check the website. And if it is blank, please consider being the liaison.

Some theme ideas discussed: Partnerships. Our History (history of libraries, the association, etc.). Listening to Marginalized Voices. Connections, highlighting cross-institutional partnerships.

There was a question about whether the newsletter was electronic. Yes, it's a PDF, an email to members is sent out with a link to the PDF.

### **Ideas for Themes for Next Conference (Eli)**

While the Board will be working on planning the Pack Forest conference, we also want your ideas for themes for the conference as well. The theme needs to be fairly wide ranging, allowing all types of academic librarians to contribute, but not so broad as to be meaningless, or "libraries are cool".

Two people mentioned partnerships, but that was the theme last year – "Forging Partnerships, Opening Doors". There was a discussion about how to avoid just innovative, or as the keynote put it, the "shiny things" and the value of our traditions. Back to Basics? Tried and True? Ben proposed Into the Great Wide Open, to have it be themed around open access, open education, etc. The Board wants your ideas on themes, as well as the content/structure of the conference. We have not had

poster sessions in the past, nor a pre-conference. We usually do tracks, rather than a single track like Menucha. The Pack Forest conference will be in late October.

**Open the Floor (all)**

The issue of a mentoring program is still being pursued, by continuing outreach to WLA. WLA wants to increase its appeal to academic librarians, and they already have a mentoring program, but they don't have that many academic librarians as members. Thus the Board is continuing discussions with WLA to work with them on this project, but without participants having to belong to WLA. The dues are on a scale based on income, from \$20 to \$150/year. WLA has reorganized and now has a college/university section. We noticed that they have had a gap in the time between conferences, with the next WLA scheduled for early November 2017, when it used to be in the spring – a product of their reorganization efforts.

There was a question about our liaison efforts with CLAMS (College Librarians & Media Specialists). Traditionally, CLAMS has paid for the alcohol at the Pack Forest evening social. But the Board will discuss how to have a more formal alliance with CLAMS, including possibly formal CLAMS programming. CLAMS does have a meeting during Pack Forest. There was a suggestion that the ACRL Joint Conference be longer than 24 hours, to allow more programming. Caitlan mentioned that she does try to include CLAMS content in the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.