



## Washington Chapter ACRL

**ACRL-WA Chapter Membership Meeting**  
Center of Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest,  
Eatonville, Washington  
Thursday, October 19, 2017

**In attendance:** Serin Anderson (University of Washington Tacoma); Erika Bailey (University of Washington); Deepa Banerjee (University of Washington Seattle); Ryer Banta (Centralia College); Elizabeth Brown (Central Washington University); Louise Choate (Lower Columbia College); Kate Cofell (University of Washington); Liz Crouse (University of Washington Seattle); Katherine Curtis (University of Washington); Kalyna Durbak (University of Washington Seattle); Zoe Fisher, Webmaster (Green River College); Eli Gandour-Rood, President (University of Puget Sound); Brandi Gates (University of Washington Seattle); Chris Granatino (Seattle University); Nicole Gustavsen (University of Washington Bothell/Cascadia College); Samantha Hines (Peninsula College); Erin Hvizdak, Member-At-Large (Washington State University Pullman); Jieun Kang (Pacific Lutheran University); Ari Lavigne (Central Washington University); Althea Lazzaro (Seattle Central College); Chelsea Leachman (University of Washington Pullman); Dan Mandeville, Treasurer (University of Washington Seattle); Ielleen Miller (Eastern Washington University); Shardé Mills, Secretary (Spokane Falls Community College); Jenny Muilenburg (University of Washington Seattle); Chelsea Nesvig (University of Washington Bothell/Cascadia College); Heather Newcomer, Newsletter Editor (Olympic College); Bridget Nowlin (Cornish College of the Arts); Ekaterini Papadopoulou (Bastyr University); Caitlin Plovnick (Seattle University); Megan Smithling (Cornish College of the Arts); Jennifer Snoek-Brown (Tacoma Community College); Elliott Stevens (University of Washington Seattle); Christine Tawatao (University of Washington Seattle); Ben Tucker, Past President (University of Puget Sound); Linda Whang (University of Washington); Genevieve Williams (Pacific Lutheran University); Sue Wozniak (Highline College)

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm

### **Introductions (all)**

Attendees went around the room introduced themselves and told one fun fact about each member.

### **Minutes (Shardé)**

Correction to the Fall 2016 Chapter Membership Meeting minutes. Jieun Kang, 2016 scholarship winner, did not miss the entire conference but attended half, due to illness.

The minutes from Fall 2016 Chapter Membership Meeting were approved.

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

There are two accounts on the treasurer reports because we have an active PayPal and Bank of America account. Few things of note, Wild Apricot is the software used to manage our website and membership. They increased their rates and we got an upgrade because the number of people listed as members bumped us into a higher price bracket. Since we are at that line, we could deactivate people who aren't due paying members. For instance, people who have registered for the conference but are not members. We could also look at duplicate registrations and delete duplicates. That way we would be in the lower Wild Apricot price bracket.

Part of the PayPal balance are registrations for Inland InfoLit, who piggybacks on our PayPal account. Therefore, it shows up as temporary funds.

When registering online membership dues come in through PayPal. Manual payments for membership dues come through Bank of America and that's why there are two line items for membership dues. Most people pay dues online. Last year there was no income through the Bank of America account at all.

### **Web Admin report (Eli)**

Nick, outgoing Web Admin had to leave early but left a detailed report on the Wild Apricot price increase, as mentioned above. The cost went from \$40 a month for 250 contacts to \$70 for 500 contacts. The board will be discussing if that needs to be knocked back down at their next meeting. If anyone has strong feelings please inform the board.

Currently there are 116 active ACRL-WA members, 69 are also members of ACRL national, and 27 have overdue dues.

### **Newsletter (Heather)**

A newsletter is coming out soon. If there is no liaison on your campus for ACRL-WA please select one. Heather will be contacting liaisons soon to provide updates at your library for the newsletter.

Current liaison list, passed around for updates, we need one liaison for each academic institution listed.

### **Webinars (Eli)**

A benefit of being a chapter of ACRL is that we get access to free webinars that our chapter can host for free. There are two per year, 6 logins to view it live, and access to unlimited archived versions to our members thereafter.

Currently there are three options - Zotero on 11.9.17, Choosing to Lead on 11.15.17, and Fighting Fake News with the ACRL Framework 11.30.17. Looking for volunteers to host the webinar. The Fake News webinar was selected, six sites will be selected throughout the state and an email with final details will be sent from the board.

### **ACRL-WA/OR 2019 (Eli)**

We are looking for theme ideas for the next conference, which can also be provided through the conference evaluation forms at the end of the conference. This year's theme was generated by Ben and Eli while driving back from the Menucha conference and last year's membership meeting.

Possible theme idea, focusing on skills that library professionals have picked up elsewhere and are transferable to libraries. Possible title or slogan/tagline, "Literacies We Live By."

The theme of the conference will influence the structure and content of the conference but is flexible. This year, people were encouraged to work with the theme but it wasn't required to present. The theme is more of an inspirational starting point.

### **Role of ACRL-WA (All)**

Discussion portion of the evening. What is the role of ACRL-WA outside of running the conference? What kind of projects would we like to see the board taking on in non-conference years?

Questions to ponder:

- What is our role besides organizing this conference?
- What do we do in our off-conference year?
- What else should we be doing?
- What is our work?

One thought was how to address complicated issues on campus. For example, free speech on campuses. Some librarians are feeling a little lost and would like someplace to turn to for guidance. ACRL-WA could possibly be a clearinghouse for resources or ideas on how to have those conversations on campus, with pros and cons of certain approaches. Facilitating conversations between college librarians on how we interact with these issues. ACRL-WA could possibly host a monthly chat on a slack channel or Zoom. As an outcome of those conversations the board could create a summary of resources and make them available, possibly through the newsletter and other venues.

Heather Newcomer, current Newsletter Editor mentioned that she and the previous Newsletter Editor, Caitlin Maxwell had a discussion about making the format of the newsletter a little more interactive and could possibly fulfill this goal.

Concern was expressed, in particular, about what it means for librarians to be making statements in relation to complicated topics, such as free speech and being representatives of our institutions.

In addressing this issue Ben Tucker, Past President proposed the creation of an ad hoc committee. The committee would draft a resolution, which would be adopted by the board to advocate for academic freedom for academic librarians in the state of Washington. Great consideration would be given to the language of the resolution, so it would be from the ACRL-WA board and not the individuals at their institutions specifically. Ben suggests using the term academic freedom as defined by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) in relation to job protection. As individuals who engage in professional service it's important for us that we have a little bit of cover instead of fear of being fired, especially when we are acting in a way that is beneficial for our users. This would be a best practices statement, especially helpful, if a librarian is not covered under a faculty code.

If interested in collaborating in this committee respond to a callout coming from ACRL-WA. The goal is to have a working resolution by the end of the year.

### **Elections (Eli)**

Be on the lookout for ACRL-WA board elections. This year we will be electing Treasurer, Member-At-Large, and President Elect positions. Board positions and descriptions can be found on the website, as well as information about the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.