

ACRL-WA Chapter Membership Meeting

Center of Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest, Eatonville, Washington Thursday, October 25, 2018

In attendance:

Jennifer Snoek-Brown (Tacoma Community College); Eli Gandour-Rood (University of Puget Sound); Dan Mandeville (University of Washington); Penelope Wood (University of Washington Bothell/Cascadia College); Heather Newcomer (Olympic College); Laura Nagel (Clark College); Ben Tucker (University of Puget Sound); Lydia Bello (Seattle University); Elizabeth Brown (Central Washington University); Esther Sunde (South Seattle College); Jen Saulnier (Washington State University); Katy Curtis (University of Puget Sound); Elliott Stevens (University of Washington); Emilie Vrbancic (University of Washington); Reed Garber-Pearson (University of Washington); Lauren Ray (University of Washington); Madeline Mundt (University of Washington); Maureen Rust (Central Washington University); Chelsea Nesvig (University of Washington Bothell/Cascadia College)

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm. Madeline shared the agenda.

Introductions (all)

Attendees went around the room introduced themselves. No fun fact was shared this year.

Minutes (Madeline)

Eli shared the 2017 membership meeting minutes on a large screen. Need to add Maureen Rust to attendance. Ben Tucker moves to approve with edit, Lizzy Brown seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report (Madeline for Aniwha)

Madeline noted that the report includes the recent membership renewals due to email requests sent. Dan Mandeville moves to approve. Maureen seconded, all in favor.

Proposed Bylaws Revisions (Madeline and members)

Madeline explained reasons for edits to bylaws. She shared that we will have an upcoming logo contest and more conversations around mission/vision/values. Email was sent last week to active members regarding the bylaws changes. Two open online forums in November to weigh in on bylaws edits. Madeline and Eli gave an overview of specific changes. Ben asked about specificity of consensus model. Emilie asked consensus model was around board meetings or chapter meetings. Eli states that this is for both, as both meetings are run by the board. There was some concern around the time that consensus meetings can take. Reed stated they know that Robert's Rules of Order is used in military procedure which is not consistent with the board's values. Another attendee raised the idea that RRR can be intimidating to newcomers especially.

Discussion around term length for web manager and communications manager positions. An attendee mentioned that having a three year term is helpful for continuity and understanding of the role. Heather stated that she and Zoe are currently in the present versions of these roles.

2019 Conference Brainstorm (Eli)

A year away! Eli mentioned that we need a theme and we can adjust the structure, including a post-conference. One attendee suggested fail talks being something they want to continue. Another suggested getting rid of a keynote speaker event. Discussion around what the conference is for: learning from each other. A shared initial experience is useful, stated another attendee. Whether or not we have a keynote may depend on the theme of the conference. Having a good keynote can help tie the whole conference together. Another idea is starting with a panel of 4-5 invited attendees instead of a keynote. This is also a way to amplify local voices.

A conference theme of accessibility and universal design is possible. A speaker who recently was at a UW accessibility day: K. Wheeler. Request for an email to be sent out asking for conference suggestions re: themes and speakers.

ACRL-WA & Advocacy

This is a result of events with ALA saying that all groups, including white supremacists, should have access to meeting rooms. Would members like for ACRL-WA to take a stand on these events and issues? One attendee would like to have this at the local, but organizational level. This could take the form of ACRL-WA initiating a stance on an issue or a member requesting that ACRL-WA make a statement. One suggestion is a resolution around academic freedom for librarians. An attendee mentioned that ACRL Oregon does take stands on issues and could be a resource. The question of how often a statement is made or stance is taken was raised due to workloads of board members. This could be an issue with ebbs and flows of board work flow due to conference/non-conference years. Would there be a working group to guide this work? A call for interest could be in the upcoming newsletter as well as an email to members.

Campus Liaisons (Heather)

Missing four: Bates Technical College, Greys Harbor, Columbia Basin, and Walla Walla.

Elections (Eli)

Pitch to keep an eye out for the call for people to run for option positions. Question about how often the board meets/retreats. At least two meetings per year, but lately it has been more. The summer retreat was the first of those. Ideally, we have a diversity of those from around the state. Board members must be members of ACRL national. Current and former board members shared how their service was helpful personally and professionally.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.