

ENY/ACRL

Conference Call

January 17, 2008

Present: Fran Appollo, Deborah Bernnard, Pat Hults, Jane Kessler, Suzanne Preate, Liz Strickland, Susan Zappen

Pat moved to accept the August 10, 2007 meeting minutes and Susan seconded. Minutes were approved.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Communications**

Pat reported that the conference planning handbook and the membership brochure have been added to the Web site. A call for items for the next newsletter just went out.

#### **Membership**

For the fall 2008 membership renewal, Suzanne mailed forms to members who had last renewed during 2006 or 2007. She purged the database following the guidelines discussed at the last meeting. At the same time, she mailed the membership directories that were not picked up at the spring conference. Also included in this fall packet was a promotional flyer created for the Brown Bag Lunch series.

As of January 17, 2008, Suzanne has processed 149 renewals from 53 unique institutions/companies. We have 11 new members and of the total renewals, 62 are identified as members of national ACRL. The status of the members who joined or renewed using the conference registration is unclear. Total numbers are slightly lower than last year, although several names were removed from the database (approximately 10) due to retirements, relocations and deaths.

34 liaisons assisted in the distribution of renewal forms. Liaisons were used whenever the total number of forms for a destination was more than one; in those cases, packets were sent to the liaison and prefaced with an email. The liaison database list is as up to date as possible.

Personal Confirmation Email – This year, Suzanne started to confirm the receipt of membership forms with a personal email. The renewal confirmation email includes the date of the check and the amount, along with information about the upcoming conference. The version for new members is a bit more involved, directing them to check out the web site to get a sense of their opportunities for participation and to read about past conferences and newsletters. Their email also includes information about the upcoming conference encouraging them to attend. Suzanne will add that information to the Membership Chair manual.

Wiki – some liaisons have been receptive and used it to update their institutional information as requested. Suzanne also directed new liaisons to it since it includes the list of liaison

responsibilities in one central location. She plans to revisit it early this year to update the pages for those institutions without a liaison.

Suzanne and Pat have been working on listserv maintenance. The first order of business was to make sure that everyone who should be subscribed to the Forum is subscribed. The second will be to remove those with expired memberships. The third task is to tackle the liaison listserv to make sure it is aligned with the database. After the call for elections, Suzanne will send out an email to those who have not renewed their membership, letting them know that they have not renewed and will be removed from the listserv. Hopefully, this will generate some renewals. Deborah asked if there could be a link from the Web site to the wiki. Suzanne and Pat will do this.

The current Membership Committee is listed on our web site:  
<<http://www.enyacrl.org/committee.php>>. The makeup has remained the same.

## **Government Relations**

Fran Apollo said that David Seiler might be interested in the position but she has not heard from him since December. He is currently not a member. Fran also indicated that Kathryn Johns-Masten from Siena has expressed an interest in the position. Fran will call her. Fran is also interested in the position sometime in the future.

## **Program**

The tentative title for the spring conference is OPAC: Dead, Alive, or Revived?

Susan reported that:

- The keynote speaker will be Dr. David Lankes from Syracuse University. Susan has asked him to be provocative in his comments.
- Judy Briden and Jeffrey Suszczyński from the University of Rochester will talk about the Extensible Catalog Project.
- Katherine Bouman from SUNY Binghamton will speak about Grokker and Encore.
- Joyce Rambo has promised that someone from NYLINK or OCLC will talk about WorldCat Local.
- Susan is waiting to hear whether Laurie Allen from the University of Pennsylvania will be able to speak about Penn Tags.

Susan reported that the brown bag lunches were successful. We may want to do this again as they are relatively easy to organize.

## **Officer Reports**

## **President**

Fran attended the chapters meeting at ALA Midwinter. Susan noted that she submitted an item about the brown bag lunches for the chapter newsletter.

Fran told us about a presentation by Paul Rapp, a copyright lawyer. He spoke to the faculty about fair use. There is an art exhibit at Cobleskill featuring the artwork of Patty Kulmatiski. She produces art with a social theme and often includes pieces of newspaper articles. Paul Rapp said this would be considered a transformative use of the paper and therefore allowable under copyright law.

## **Past President**

Deborah has found 2 people to run for treasurer and 2 people to run for membership committee chair. She has not found anyone yet to run for Program Chair/VP. She needs candidates by late February. Kari Zhe-Heimerman from LeMoyne College was suggested. Deborah will contact her.

Deborah also needs nominations for Librarian of the Year. We did not receive any nominations last year and do not want this trend to continue.

## **Treasurer**

Liz submitted reports to the board via email. Since that time, she has deposited \$555 in membership fees. Our current checking account balance is \$18,043.72. The Newkirk fund balance is \$7,678.85.

## **Secretary**

Nothing to report

## **Old Business**

At the last meeting we discussed changing the bylaws to reimburse more than \$350 for board members travel to ACRL. Reimbursement is not covered by the bylaws, only the Officers Handbook, so this does not need to be presented to the membership. It was decided that the language in the Officers Handbook will be changed to indicate that a coach fare for the most economical means of transportation will be reimbursed. The language regarding the reimbursement rate for travel to chapter meetings will also be changed to read that the current New York state rate will be used. This is in the case where the travel is not reimbursed by one's institution. Liz will revise this section in the Officers Handbook and send to Pat.

Lobby Day – Fran will get in touch with NYLA and CDLC regarding their plans for Lobby Day. Susan will forward an email to the membership from Jason Kramer of NYSHEI about a policy paper NYSHEI published on ARIA (Academic Research Information Access).

## **New Business**

### **Newkirk Fund**

This will be the last year for the Newkirk Fund. The funds will be divided among the 2008 recipients. Deborah would like to continue to have a scholarship fund and suggested rolling over any small balance to start a new fund. There was a discussion about whether this had any tax implications. Liz will contact the CPA used in the past to discuss the issue.

### **Librarian of the Year**

The award is currently \$250. Deborah believes this is too low and suggested doubling it. Jane suggested raising it to \$1,000, believing that a higher award may generate more nominations and making it more of an honor to be selected. It was agreed that the award will be increased to \$1,000.

### **Membership Directory**

Suzanne is interested in investigating the possibility of providing the directory online in PDF format or in some combination of print and online, since the information contained within is freely available on the web. Survey Monkey provides a free mechanism to query the membership about their preferences. We have the opportunity to save trees and money! Suzanne will draft a survey and send it to the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Kessler