Syracuse University
May 19, 2008

Agenda

Welcome and Call to Order -
Francine M. Apollo, President

Minutes of May 2007 Business Meeting (See Below)

Committee Reports (See Below)

New Business: Election Results

Reports/Announcements
A. Past President, Deborah Bernnard
B. Janice Newkirk Award-Ellen McCabe
C. Door Prizes-Program Committee
D. Other

Adjournment
I. Welcome and Call to Order
President Deborah Bernnard called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

II. Minutes of May 2006 Business Meeting
Deborah asked the membership to review the minutes for any changes or corrections. Fran noted that Siena was misspelled. The appropriate corrections will be made. Susan Zappen made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Ellen McCabe seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried by the membership.

III. Committee Reports
Deborah noted that the Committee Reports are presented in the agenda brochure.

IV. New Business
President Bernnard noted that the ballots for new officers were mailed very late. There will be a new round of balloting. The Board of Directors will decide the logistics of the new ballots at the Board meeting after today’s Business Meeting. This information will be communicated to the membership. Those who have sent ballots in will have to vote again. Postage will be paid for this round of ballots. Deborah thanked the membership for their patience and forbearance.

V. Reports/Announcements
A. Past President, Mary Ann Waltz: Mary Ann’s report is in the agenda brochure. She apologized for the lateness of the election as she was trying to find additional candidates for the offices to be elected, Secretary and Communications Chair.
B. Janice Newkirk Award: Ellen McCabe presented the Janice Newkirk Awards. Initially, this award was a research award but has been changed to a scholarship award. Each of the following people received a check for $3,000 for the Newkirk Awards: Corey J. Murray - University at Albany; Laura J. Naumovitz - University at Albany; Rebecca Verhayden - University at Albany
C. Other: Students are encouraged to attend the ENY/ACRL conferences. Charlotte Widomski from the University at Albany, Department of Information Studies attended the conference. Her registration fee check will be returned to her because of her student status.

VI. Raffle
The winner of the first registration at the ALA Conference this June was Jean Currie. One free class at NYLINK, a $160 value, was won by Suzanne Turner. Michelle Parry was the winner of a book of her choice from SUNY Press. Stephanie Zwoliniski was the winner of a DVD from Bullfrog Films. There were two goodie bags from the Historical Novel Society, including copies of the Historical Novels Review, the magazine Solander and a historical novel won by Olivia Nellums and Amy Pass. The lucky winner of the iPod Shuffle was Sarah Weisman! Drawings for the flash drives will be held at the end of the day.

VII. Adjournment:
A motion to adjourn was made by Patricia Markley and seconded by Sean Conley. The motion was accepted and voted on. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Melita
President’s Report

In the last two years I have had the opportunity to get to know many of you much better through my work as Program Chair and President. We have met in person, via email and by conference call. I’d like to acknowledge the support of our current Board. You are a fine group of professionals!

I have attended 3 ALA meetings on behalf of ENYACRL. First the obvious, travel is fun but can be exhausting, the meetings and presentations are great opportunities to learn and, the Exhibition Halls are overwhelming if you are not organized!

Secondly, I have encountered many librarians from across the nation just like you - smart, nice, collaborative, thinking professionals!! If you are interested in stretching yourself, run for ENYACRL office and then consider the national stage. Really, I see great potential in our Chapter’s membership. Share your talents with all of us and become a model for your colleagues. That is what drew me to both membership and service in ENYACRL, I encountered some great role models along the way!

Finally, I’d like to echo something Inga Barnello (President 2004-2005) said in her President’s Report in May 2005. Now that we have “in place processes and timelines to assist incoming Program Chairs”, work both Inga Barnello and later Deborah Bernard mentored us through, it is time to do one more thing. Putting in place “an eighteen-month planning cycle” as Inga recommended, would be so helpful both for the membership and incoming Planning Committees. I am volunteering to stay with this component of the Planning Committee’s work through my year as Past President, if they want me.

I’ve been a member of this Chapter for about 12 years and do expect to be around for several more years. Membership in ENYACRL has been a real learning experience. Thank you all for your confidence and support. It has been distinct honor and my my joy to serve you.

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Past President/Nominations and Elections Chair

The newly elected board members for 2008/2009 (and continuing through 2009/2010) are Suzanne Turnier, University at Albany, as Vice President/Program Chair/President-Elect; Suzanne Preate, Syracuse University, as Membership Chair (for a second term); and Yu-Hui Chen, University at Albany, as Treasurer. Leading the board will be Susan Zappen, Skidmore College, as President. Patricia Hults, from RPI, will continue on as Communications Chair. Jane Kessler, University at Albany, will continue her term as Secretary. The position of Government Relations Chair remains vacant with the resignation of Gretchen Lieb. The Board is seeking a replacement and is soliciting volunteers or nominations from the membership.

Completing her term of office is Treasurer Liz Strickland, from SUNY New Paltz. Liz has been an excellent Treasurer, capably keeping the books and informing the Board on all questions relating to finances.

This is the last year of the Janice Graham Newkirk Scholarship. We have been thrilled to be able to help fund future information professionals graduate education. One of the initiatives that I would like to see ENY/ACRL take on is the establishment of a new scholarship fund for graduate education in Library and Information Science for students who are pursuing careers in college and university libraries.
This year, the Librarian of the Year Award will not be presented. Unfortunately, there weren’t any nominations for this special award. I know that many of our members are deserving of this award and I would like all of you to spend the next six or seven months trying to identify our next Librarian of the Year so that next year, one of our deserving members will receive the award.

I want to thank the current members of the board for their fine work on behalf of the Chapter. It has been a pleasure to serve the ENY-ACRL board for the past three years. Thank you to the membership for the opportunity.

Deborah Bernnard, University at Albany, SUNY
Chair, Nominations & Elections Committee & Chapter Past President

Communications Chair Annual Report
2007/2008

The chapter website continues to be enriched with chapter documents. The Membership Brochure is now available on the site, as well as the Conference Planning Handbook.

At the recommendation of the Newsletter editors, Pat Hults and Tammy Gobert, the publishing pattern of the newsletter was reduced from three times a year to twice a year. It will be published in the fall and spring. It was felt that given the demands to produce each issue, fewer issues would promote a better quality product. The newsletter continues to incorporate more graphics. The use of theme issues is in the planning stage. The Fall 2008 issue will focus on digital initiatives in our libraries.

The committee continues to manage the membership listserv, in collaboration with the membership committee.

Patricia Hults, Communications Chair
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
April 25, 2008

Program Chair / Vice-President’s Annual Report 2007 – 2008

Brown Bag Lunches: Wikis and Blogs

The ENY/ACRL Program Committee planned three Brown Bag Lunches, two held during October and one held during November 2007. Organizers of the lunches were Glynis Asu at Hamilton College, Kathryn Johns-Masten at Siena College, and Elin O’Hara at SUNY-Plattsburgh. Christine Rudecoff from Hamilton College created the Bibliography on Wikis & Blogs that was posted on the ENY/ACRL web site. The host libraries generously provided water and dessert. The purpose of the gatherings was to designate a time when librarians in the same part of the state could leave their library for a few hours to get together to informally discuss a specific topic as well as just talk with each other while eating lunch. The Brown Bag Lunch, “Wikis and Blogs,” grew out of our Spring 2007 Conference, “Who’s Driving the Technology Bus?” Approximately 40 librarians participated in the Brown Bag Lunches. Interest was high and conversation was lively!

Spring Conference May 19, 2008: OPAC: Dead, Alive, or Revived?

The Program Committee met on July 26, 2007 and on November 12, 2007 at Skidmore College to plan both the Brown Bag Lunches and the Spring Conference. After the November meeting, conference issues and planning were discussed on email among the committee members. Planning was a cooperative, team effort. We talked, We
brainstormed. We investigated possible speakers. The time and effort was worthwhile!

We developed an exciting program that would interest librarians in both public and technical services. R. David Lankes, Director of the Information Institute of Syracuse and Associate Professor in the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University, agreed to give the keynote address, “Participatory Librarianship and Radical Change Agents.” The other presenters were: Laurie Allen, Social Sciences Data Services Librarian at the University of Pennsylvania, “Penn Tags: Applications for Social Bookmarking in an Academic Library;” Katharine Bouman, Reference Librarian/Bibliographer and Alesia McManus, Head of Research, Information & Instructional Services, at Binghamton University, “Encore & Grokker: Library Tools for Enhanced Searching;” Lauren Pinsley, OCLC Services Manager at Nylink, “Introducing WorldCat Local;” and Judi Briden, Digital Librarian for Public Services, and Jeff Suszczynski, Senior Web Developer in the Digital Initiatives Unit, at the University of Rochester, “eXtensible Catalog Project at the University of Rochester.”

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Una Sharma graciously served as the Conference Local Arrangements Chair and was ably assisted by Tasha Cooper, Suzanne Predate, and Rose Johnston and her volunteers. The Program Committee members whose ideas and effort are responsible for these successful events are: Glynis Asu (Hamilton); Dung-Lan Chen (Skidmore); Yu-hui Chen (U-Albany); Tasha Cooper (Syracuse); Jackie Coughlan (SUNY IT); Barbara Grimes (SUNY IT); Linda Hofmann (Skidmore); Kathryn Johns-Masten (Siena); Francesca Livermore (Colgate); Pat Markley (Siena); Suzanne Preate (Syracuse); Elizabeth Putnam (Skidmore); Joyce Rambo (Nylink); Connie Roberts (Hamilton); Christine Rudencoff (Morrisville); Uma Sharma (Syracuse); and Kari Zhe-Heimerman (Le Moyne). What a pleasure for me to work with such talented and dedicated people!

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Zappen
Skidmore College
Program Chair / Vice President

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Membership Committee Report

The 2007/08 Membership Committee is comprised of:

Mary Lynn Bensen, SUNY Oneonta
Amy Hillick, Orange County Community College
Kathleen Horton, SUNY Canton
Jane Kessler, University at Albany
Mary Mullin, Herkimer County Community College
Suzanne Preate, Chair, Syracuse University
John Thomas, Jefferson Community College

As of May 12, 2008 ENY/ACRL has 205 paid members representing 59 institutions/companies and two library graduate programs. In 2008, we had 30 new members and 28 institutional liaisons.

Membership renewals went smoothly due in large part to the promotion of and support by the institutional liaisons. If
you are interested in serving ENY/ACRL in this capacity, please contact me! The liaison responsibilities are very manageable and it is a great way to become involved. As a liaison, you would:

1. Serve as contact person for ENY/ACRL and distribute mailings
2. Be an active recruiter for ENY/ACRL and encourage membership renewals
3. Promote the conferences
4. Report member activities to ENY/ACRL Communications Chair for inclusion in the online newsletter (three times per year)
5. Review directory entries for members of your institution for accuracy and report corrections to the Membership Chairperson
6. Be a participant in the ENY/ACRL Liaison listserv

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I'd like to remind liaisons and all members that we have a brochure promoting membership in our organization available for download and distribution on the ENY/ACRL website. It was created with John Thomas and Communications Chair, Patricia Hults. Please consider distributing them at your library or contact me for information about requesting professional print-on-demand.

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I would like to thank the membership committee and the general membership for sharing ideas and suggestions throughout the year and for supporting a second term.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Preate, Membership Committee Chair
Syracuse University
May 12, 2008

Treasurer’s Report to Membership 2008

ENY/ACRL continues to be in excellent financial condition.

Our checking account balance as of March 31, 2008 was $17,636.94.

ENY/ACRL gave $640 in raffle awards in 2007 (including two awards from previous years).

Spring Conference 2007, SUNY IT, Utica, NY:
ENY/ACRL received 69 paid registrations and $600 in vendor support.
Total Conference Income: $3290.00
Total Conference Expenses: $2729.76
Net Gain: $ 560.24
Based on our excellent financial status, ENY/ACRL will be able to continue providing vital programs for our members. We are able to subsidize our conferences to keep the direct cost to membership as low as possible.

**Newkirk Fund**
Three Newkirk scholarship awards were given in 2007 for a total of $9,000.

As of May 8, 2008 the Janice Graham Newkirk Research Fund balance was $7735.46. At that time the balance of the account was withdrawn and deposited to the checking account to fund this year’s final awards.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Strickland, Treasurer ENY/ACRL
SUNY New Paltz
May 9, 2008

**Government Relations Chair:**
This position remains vacant. Your President, Francine Apollo, has attempted to fill part of the void in this academic year.

If a person or persons are interested in filling this very important function, please contact Fran Apollo at your earliest opportunity.

**Janice Graham Newkirk Award**
The Janice Graham Newkirk Research Award was created in 1995 as a memorial tribute to our University at Albany colleague, and past Membership Chair for ENY/ACRL, Janice Graham Newkirk. Initial funding for the award was generously provided by the Newkirk family. Additional donations were made by friends of Janice and ENY/ACRL members. For several years, the award provided funding for ENY/ACRL members to pursue research projects and/or travel to conferences. ENY/ACRL member Librarians who benefitted from the award:

Cheryl LaGuardia  
Mary Cahill  
Holly Heller-Ross  
Steve Black  
Carol Anne Germain  
Gerald Burke  
James Nichols  
Karen Schockey  
Barbara Shaffer  
Jane Kessler  
Mary Van Ullen  
Linda Loeser  
Susan Zappen
After several years of administering the award, along with committee member Sean Maloney, and ex officio member, current Treasurer of ENY/ACRL, the committee co-chairs, Catherine M Dwyer and Barbara Via, petitioned the Board to revamp the award program.

Applications for the award had dropped off significantly, and it seemed time for a change. felt that the award program should have an end date and be phased out. met with Janice’s widower, Ray, and explained our ideas for spending down the award fund and changing the award to a scholarship program for graduate students at the Information Science programs at Albany and Syracuse University. Ray fully supported our plans and encouraged us to seek Board approval.

The Board was receptive to our ideas and in 2006, the Newkirk Award became a scholarship fund with a plan to spend down the remaining balance of the funds over a few years. In the ensuing years, McCabe from SUNY Cortland joined the committee and we have awarded scholarships to 7 deserving students from Albany and Syracuse. As of Spring 2008 awards, the funds will have been depleted and the Newkirk Award program will be ended.

We greatly appreciate the support of the ENY/ACRL Board over these many years. The Award Program served as a fitting tribute to the memory of Janice Graham Newkirk.

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Conference Sponsorship

The Program Committee of ENY/ACRL Spring 2008 Conference would like to thank those vendors who have sponsored ENY/ACRL conferences year after year. Our Spring 2008 Conference sponsors are:

**Level 1: display space** - vendor receives display space and acknowledgement in conference literature and on web site.

(none at this level)

**Level 2: product donation for raffle** - vendor receives the above, plus verbal recognition during the conference.

- **Bullfrog Films** - raffle donation a copy of award-winning “Everything’s Cool” DVD
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- **Mr. Gurnek Singh** - raffle donation: one copy of “Three cups of Tea: One man’s mission to fight terrorism and build nations...one school at a time” (Mr. Singh is the South Asian Studies Librarian at Syracuse)
- **Syracuse University Press** - raffle donation a copy of “The Encyclopedia of New York State”

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- **BUSCA, Inc.**

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