

**Eastern New York  
Association of College & Research Libraries  
Annual Business Meeting  
May 21, 2012  
Mohawk Valley Community College**

**AGENDA**

Welcome and Call to Order, John Cosgrove, President

Approval of May 23, 2011 Business Meeting Minutes (Attached)

Annual Reports (Attached)

Election Results, John Cosgrove, President (for Francesca Livermore, Past-President)

Old Business, John Cosgrove, President

Call for New Business, John Cosgrove, President

Raffle Drawing, John Cosgrove (for Natasha Cooper, Vice President/Program Chair)  
and Dung-Lan Chen

Adjournment

## **Minutes of the ENY/ACRL Business Meeting, May 23, 2011**

The business meeting was called to order at 12:43 by Francesca Livermore.

Approval of May 24th 2010 business meeting minutes.

Francesca Livermore made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 24th, 2010 business meeting; Barbara Grimes seconded. The minutes were approved.

Election

Susan Zappen thanked the membership for voting in the election. She then announced the results of the election and introduced each new board member.

ENY/ACRL librarian of the year award

Susan Zappen announced the recipient - Natasha Cooper, Syracuse University, For her considerable professional achievements including committee work, presentations and publications. Natasha said a few words about her feelings upon receiving the award.

Call for old business

There was none from the membership.

Call for new business

Francesca explained that the current archivist is retiring and a new one is needed. She then turned the meeting over to John Cosgrove, incoming president.

Raffle drawing

Grand prize up to 350 dollars towards a conference registration: Lisa Rogers, Utica college

Rich, free and miserable and a Skidmore mug courtesy of the Scribner Library: Fran Sigurdsson, SUNY Adirondack

Dangerous laughter book and a mug courtesy of the Scribner Library: D. Hobert, ITT Technical

Laptop bag courtesy of the Skidmore bookstore: Kathryn Frederick, Skidmore college

Oxford encyclopedia, volume 1: Mary Casserly, University at Albany

Saratoga goodies courtesy of Linda Hofmann: Colleen Stella, Morrisville

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm.

## **President's Annual Report 2012**

It has been a busy year for ENY/ACRL. As you will read in the reports from the other officers, we sponsored several events, updated our web presence, pushed our membership numbers back up to the level they were five years ago, and maintained a very healthy financial status.

On behalf of ENY/ACRL, I attended NYSHEI's Advocacy Summit in December and ACRL Chapters Council at ALA Mid-Winter this January. Tasha Cooper represented us at Chapters Council last June.

The "cherry on top" of the year is that registration numbers for the 2012 Annual Conference are excellent.

To maintain our momentum—generated by the hard work, creativity, dedication, and interest of our members over more than 30 years---we need YOU. Consider getting more involved than you have been in the past, and, just as important, get your colleagues involved. See if you can encourage colleagues who have dropped out to rejoin and let younger colleagues know about the organization. As you already know— it's a good group to be a member of!

Respectfully submitted,  
John Cosgrove  
President

## **Past President's Annual Report 2012**

As Past-President, I communicated with our members through the ENY/ACRL forum, email and by telephone, seeking members willing to serve on the Board. I developed a slate of candidates and mailed out ballots in early March. I sent out 154 ballots and received 90 back, a 58% response rate. I consider the good response rate, in spite of a largely uncontested ballot, a sign of the active interest you take in ENY/ACRL. I am happy to report that Jane Kessler (SUNY Albany) will be your next Vice President/Program Chair, Yu-Hui Chen (SUNY Albany) will continue on as Treasurer and Suzanne Preate as Membership Chair.

Also on the ballot was a proposed change to the By-Laws effecting ballot distribution for future elections. In the case of uncontested positions, the change allows the President to affirm the uncontested candidate "by general acclamation" at the annual business meeting in the spring. The Board proposed the change because it will save the

Chapter printing, postage fees and time preparing ballots for uncontested positions. The change to the By-Laws passed with 85 votes in favor.

Unfortunately there were no nominations for the Librarian of the Year Award this year and so there will not be one presented at the business meeting. Please think carefully about whom you might nominate for next years award. It is so nice to have the opportunity to celebrate someone for the work that they do.

This marks the end of my tenure on the ENY/ACRL board. It has been a pleasure to serve and to get to know the board and the members as well. As you think about the service you do professionally, I hope you will consider service to ENY/ACRL.

Respectfully submitted,  
Francesca Livermore  
Past President

### **Program Committee Activities for 2011-2012**

Program Committee members were actively involved in planning events during 2011-2012:

**Annual Conference:** Planning for the annual conference, "Measure for Measure: Exploring Library Assessment," began in the summer of 2011, and continues through the date of the conference. Conference evaluations will be discussed after the event, before the next planning cycle begins. Sincere thanks goes to all involved, and especially to Mohawk Valley Community College for hosting, and to Louise Charbonneau for leading the local arrangements planning efforts.

**Open Access Brown Bag Events:** Three discussions focusing on open access were held during Open Access Week, thanks to the efforts of local coordinators and hosting institutions:

#### **October 25, 2011 - SUNY ESF (State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry)**

Coordinated by Steve Weiter, Director of Moon Library, SUNY ESF

Panelists: Steve Weiter (Moon Library), Yuan Li (Scholarly Communication Librarian at Syracuse University), Michael Poulin (Digital Resources Librarian at Colgate University)

#### **October 27, 2011 - University at Albany**

Coordinated by Irina Holden, Outreach/Instructional Services Librarian,  
University at Albany

The event at the University at Albany was combined with a presentation by Dr. David Hogg, of New York University: "Open Science, Free Software, and Citizen Astronomers" and a tour of the College of Nanoscale Sciences and Engineering.

**October 28, 2011 - Clarkson University**

Coordinated by Michelle L. Young, Director of Libraries, Clarkson University  
John Hammond, Executive Director of the Northern New York Library Network, led a discussion on "Creating the Future: A 2020 Vision Plan for Library Service in New York State," and participants viewed Open Access 101 from the SPARC/Vimeo Open Access site: <http://vimeo.com/channels/oaweek>. Discussion followed on a wide range of issues.

**Social events:** Two co-sponsored social events were held in Syracuse:

December 2, 2012: co-sponsored by:

- American Library Association/Special Libraries Association student chapter at the School of Information Studies, Syracuse University
- Upstate New York Chapter of the Special Libraries Association

April 13, 2012: co-sponsored by:

- American Library Association/Special Libraries Association student chapter at the School of Information Studies, Syracuse University
- Upstate New York Chapter of the Special Libraries Association
- Pi Lambda Sigma chapter of Beta Phi Mu, the International Library and Information Studies honor society.

**Data Curation Profiles Workshop:** ENY/ACRL co-sponsored a Data Curation Profiles Workshop, held at Cornell University on November 7, 2011, organized by Gail Steinhart, Research Data & Environmental Sciences Librarian at Cornell University. Jake Carlson, of Purdue University Libraries, was the presenter, and twenty-six librarians attended. Funding for the event was provided by IMLS.

As program chair, I am grateful for the work of the Program Committee members and local arrangement planners. I also appreciate the willingness of other organizations to co-sponsor and to "co-organize." A huge round of thanks to all.

Respectfully submitted

Tasha Cooper

Vice President/President-Elect/Program Chair

## **Treasurer's Report to Membership 2012**

During this economic recession, ENY/ACRL continues to be in excellent financial condition.

Our checking account balance as of April 30, 2012 was **\$19,659.15**.

### Spring Conference 2011, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY

ENY/ACRL received 95 paid registrations and \$1,900 in vendor support.

Total Conference Income:       \$5,175.00

Total Conference Expenses:     \$5,111.56

Net Gain:                         \$   63.44

Based on our healthy financial status, ENY/ACRL will be able to continue providing vibrant programs for our members. We continue to subsidize our conferences to keep the direct cost to membership as low as possible.

It has been a great pleasure to serve as the Treasurer. I'd like to acknowledge Dung-Lan Chen for the efforts she made in seeking vendor support for the 2011 spring conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Yu-Hui Chen

Treasurer

## **ENY/ACRL Communications Report - 2011/2012**

The focus of ENY/ACRL's Communications efforts in 2011/2012 has been to expand and improve our web presence. In February, we launched a new, Wordpress-based website at <http://enyacrl.org/site>. The new site is allowing us to communicate events, news and more to our members via the front page's blog-style format. As part of the website overhaul, the large of number of online files that have accumulated over the past 15 years were given standard file formats and naming conventions. While this may not be noticeable to the membership, it should make management if the website easier moving forward. The Wordpress installation has also made it possible to feed our content into social networking sites. Our Twitter feed has been revived and a Facebook page created. The Twitter feed is now automatically updating when new items are posted to the site - I hope to get similar functionality working for Facebook soon. I would also like to work closely with Suzanne Preate to further develop ENY/ACRL's presence on social networking platforms and develop a password-protected, members-only area of the website.

In addition to the website overhaul, we have published two newsletters this year using a new template. We have also started using Formstack – an online service for creating web forms. So far, we have created an online registration for the Spring Conference (including paypal payment option) and Librarian of the Year nominations. We will be using Formstack to add an online membership renewal after the Spring Conference and have also discussed creating a “Get Involved” online form for members who are interested in participating in committee work, conference/brown bag planning, etc.

In 2011/2012, we were able to implement several tools that open up new ways to communicate with the membership. I hope that 2012/2013 will be the year in which we explore how to best use these tools to keep our members informed and enthusiastic about ENY/ACRL.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Frederick  
Communications Chair

### **Report on Government Relations**

The Washington Office of the ACRL has finally released our agenda for the coming year. I have gone over it and tried to make it a bit easier to read and understand and ready to send to our members.

On the State level, it would appear that fiscal changes agreed to in Albany affect the state procurement law in ways that should make it easier for initiatives that have significant impact upon academic and research libraries to be passed. While these changes have not, apparently been finalized, they do seem to have support. This could be good news for those who still believe in ARIA (Academic Research Information Access) and for those who support CIRA (Clinical Information Resource Access).

NYSHEI has announced that its annual meeting is in Syracuse this year, in June as usual. (June 12). The meeting is titled “When Will It Get Better? Demands and Needs in a Time of Less.”

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Walker  
Government Relations Chair

## Membership Chair - Annual Report 2011-2012

As of May 11, 2012, ENY/ACRL has 210 active members representing 67 institutions, six companies and two library graduate programs. Our dual 'conference registration + membership' option remains popular. This year we added 33 new members and processed thirteen renewals at conference time. I am always pleased to see so many new members and returning colleagues.

Our membership year follows the academic calendar: September 1 – August 31. If your membership expires in August 2012, you will receive an email renewal request in the late summer. The online payment option piloted during the 2012 conference registration will be available for new memberships and renewals at that time. Beginning this year, distribution of the Membership Directory will also align with the membership year instead of the spring conference. This change will allow us to provide the most complete membership information (i.e., one complete year) to members as they join or renew. We are also investigating our options for secure online access to directory information. Our new website brings us one step closer to realizing this objective.

Another recent focus has been on rejuvenating the institutional liaison (IL) program starting with listserv cleanup (done!) and identification of an IL for each institution/organization in our region (in progress). This is a great opportunity for both new and returning members since it mainly involves talking with colleagues. As an IL, you:

1. Serve as institutional contact person for ENY/ACRL;
2. Communicate and encourage membership participation during our annual dues and election mailings (they come via email);
3. Be an active recruiter for ENY/ACRL;
4. Promote our annual conference and other events such as our Brown Bags Lunch Series and Social Hours;
5. Review your institution's entries in the Annual Membership Directory for accuracy, report corrections and provide the Membership Chair with an official mailing address for your institution;
6. Report member activities to ENY/ACRL Communications Chair (Kathryn Frederick) for inclusion in the online newsletter when requested;
7. Report retirements, job changes, etc. to the Membership Chair to help keep the membership database current.

Since the IL responsibilities do not require a substantial time commitment, as needs arise I will also request assistance from this group and form ad-hoc teams in lieu of a formal Membership Committee.

Please contact me at [smpreate@syr.edu](mailto:smpreate@syr.edu) if you are interested in serving as an IL or if you have accolades, complaints, or suggestions for ways we can better serve our membership in the future.

I extend a sincere thank you to everyone who contributes to the ongoing “care and feeding” of our organization, including those who have encouraged our growth through the consistent provision of quality programming and resources year after year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Preate  
Membership Chair

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