Eastern New York/Association of College & Research Libraries
Annual Business Meeting
May 20, 2013
University at Albany
Albany, New York

Agenda

Welcome and Call to Order--Tasha Cooper, President

Approval of May 21, 2012 Business Meeting Minutes (see below)

Annual Reports (see below)

Election Results--Tasha Cooper, President

Old Business--Tasha Cooper, President

Call for New Business--Tasha Cooper, President

Door Prize--Jane Kessler, President-Elect, and Lindsay Van Berkom, Local Arrangements Chair

Announcements

Adjournment
Minutes of the ENY/ACRL Business Meeting, May 21, 2012

The business meeting was called to order at 12:30 by John Cosgrove.

Approval of the May 23, 2011 business meeting minutes.
Francesca Livermore made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2011 business meeting; Bill Walker seconded. The minutes were approved.

Election Results
John Cosgrove thanked the membership for voting and announced the results of the election.
Yu-Hui Chen, Treasurer
Suzanne Preate, Membership Chair
Jane Kessler, Vice President/President-Elect/Program Chair
Bylaws change was approved regarding uncontested ballots.

Call for Old Business
There was none from the membership.

Call for new business
There was none from the membership.

Raffle drawing
Book from Busca on American Revolutionary War, Aaron Neslin: Syracuse University
1 year subscription to Metric Service: Kathryn Farrell, University at Albany
MVCC $25 Bookstore gift card from MVCC Libraries: Kristin Strohmeyer, Hamilton College
MVCC $25 Bookstore gift card from MVCC Bookstore: Christine Rudecoff, Morrisville
University of Albany gift basket: Debbie Iverson
Grand prize up to $350 towards a conference registration: Katherine Moss, St. Rose

Returned checks of the library school students who attended.
The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.
The Eastern New York/Association of College and Research Libraries (ENY/ACRL) Chapter had another full year. The Chapter continues to provide professional development opportunities, most notably our annual spring conference, but also discussions and co-sponsored events, as noted below and in our newsletter and announcements.

In addition, the Chapter has been represented at the ACRL Chapters Council meetings. As President, I have been participating in discussion about revisions to the orientation manual for new leaders, and about needs of incoming leaders.

One of the challenges a Board faces is the continuous turnover of officers. Despite the fact that the President, Vice-President, and Past-President position is essentially a three-year position, the time spent in each role flies by. The ENY/ACRL Board focused this year on updating officer and conference planning documents in an effort to ensure that organizational knowledge is retained and made available for each incoming Chapter leader. I am extremely grateful for the cooperation and contributions of the Board members this past year in this endeavor, as well as in all the planning that is required for our Chapter events.

ENY/ACRL continues to be a strong organization, providing a wonderful opportunity for informative and informal exchange between colleagues in our region. I thank the entire membership for their continued involvement in the Chapter this past year, and encourage you to stay involved. If you have suggestions for Chapter activities, please feel free to share them with me or any of the Board members.

Respectfully submitted,
Tasha Cooper
President

This year we had three uncontested nominees for the ENY/ACRL Board of Directors: Andy Krzystyniak (Skidmore College) for Vice President/President Elect/Program Chair, Kathryn Frederick (Skidmore College) for Communications Chair, and Ali Larsen (Siena College) for Government Relations Chair. Many thanks to Andy, Kathryn and Ali for their interest and willingness to serve.

We did vote on two proposed bylaws changes. The first was a wording change to the bylaws necessitated by our move, a few years back, to one, rather than two, meetings per year. This proposed change passed with 48 votes in the affirmative (and none in the negative). The second allows the Board to conduct its meeting in “a manner agreed upon by the Board,” so that the bylaws reflect the Board’s practice of conferring by phone and other means, in addition to face-to-face. The second proposed change passed with 46 votes in the affirmative (and none in the negative). Thank you to all who participated.
Unfortunately, there were no nominations for our new Library Innovation Award, which replaced our Librarian of the Year Award. Sadly, this is the second year in a row that we have not given an award. Surely we all know a deserving colleague. Please keep it in mind next year when the call for submissions goes out.

It has been my pleasure to serve on ENY/ACRL’s Board for the last three years. Please consider service to ENY/ACRL—our chapter will be the better for it, and you’ll enjoy it!

Respectfully submitted,
John Cosgrove
Past President

Vice-President/President Elect/Program Chair’s Annual Report 2012-2013, and Annual Report - Program Planning Committee 2012-2013

Open Access Week 2012
We co-sponsored an event for Open Access Week 2012 on October 23 with the University at Albany Libraries. Open Access Week, a global event now entering its 6th year, is an opportunity for the academic and research community to continue to learn more about the potential benefits of Open Access, to share what they’ve learned with colleagues, and to help inspire wider participation in making Open Access a new norm in scholarship and research.

Brown Bag Lunch Series
The ENY/ACRL Brown Bag Lunch series continued in the fall of 2012 with well-attended discussions about ebooks at 3 locations:

- SUNY Potsdam, coordinated by Elizabeth Andrews and Marianne Hebert
- Sage College of Albany, coordinated by Lisa Brainard
- SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) – coordinated by Steve Weiter of SUNY ESF and the planning group from Syracuse University: Tarida Anantachai, Camille Chesley, Suzanne Preate, Annie Rauh, Uma Sharma, Nancy Turner, and Peter Verheyen.

All 3 sessions were originally scheduled for the last week in October but Hurricane Sandy appeared, and the Albany and Syracuse sessions had to be rescheduled for November. Institutions participating were Clarkson, Clinton Community College, Jefferson Community College, LeMoyne, Sage Colleges, Skidmore, SUNY Albany, SUNY Canton, SUNY ESF, SUNY Potsdam, Syracuse University, and Union.

Many thanks to all who assisted and participated in the Brown Bag Lunches, with special thanks to the coordinators and hosts.

Annual Conference
Since last August, the committee has been working on the arrangements for this spring’s conference, “The UX Factor: User Experience and Libraries.” The conference is being hosted by the University at Albany and will be held on Monday, May 20, 2013. The keynote speaker will be Steven Bell, current president of ACRL, who was available as part of the ACRL Officers Speakers Bureau. I would like to thank all of the members of the program committee for their hard work and great ideas.
Respectfully submitted,
Jane Kessler
Vice President/President-Elect/Program Chair

Treasurer’s Report to Membership and Annual Report 2012-2013

Despite the slow economic recovery, ENY/ACRL remains in healthy financial condition.

Our checking account balance as of April 30, 2013 was $18,300.85.

Spring Conference 2012, Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica, NY
ENY/ACRL received 107 paid registrations and $1,800 in vendor support.
Total Conference Income: $5,545.00
Total Conference Expenses: $6,182.21
Net Loss: $637.21

The 2012 Spring Conference was well attended. The Conference programs were also very well received even though we had a slight loss. Based on our financial status, ENY/ACRL will be able to continue providing vibrant programs for our members. With the inflation, the Board discussed and decided to raise the conference registration fee from $35 to $40 this year. We will 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 Spring 2012 conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Yu-Hui Chen
Treasurer

Communication Chair’s Annual Report 2012-2013

The communications committee produced two newsletters over the past year. Both fall and spring newsletters included articles from a broad swath of ENY/ACRL’s member institutions and covered a wide range of topics. These newsletters, along with the complete newsletter archive, can be viewed online at: http://enyacr.l.org/site/newsletter-archive/. In addition to newsletters, we continue to maintain, and look for ways to improve, the ENY/ACRL website. Suggestions from our members on ways in which the website could be a more useful communication tool are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Frederick
Communications Chair
Government Relations Chair’s Annual Report 2012-2013

The important issues are much the same as in recent years with the issue of Public Access to Publicly Funded Research being of particular interest to us in ENY/ACRL. A bill in Albany to help guarantee this has been proposed in the state Assembly and Senate, but is still open.

The Washington office of the ACRL is seeking people to be Legislative Advocates. This is an idea they have been pushing for a while. It certainly seems to be one which many of us could take advantage of. Neither Southern New York nor Western New York ACRL seems active here, and there may be a way for ENY/ACRL to push forward in this. The information is on the ACRL Legislative page and applying to be an advocate looks quite straightforward.

http://www.ala.org/acrl/issues/washingtonwatch/acrladvocates

As formal partners with the New York State Higher Education Initiative (NYSHEI) we also may be able to make our voices heard more effectively in Albany.

On a personal note I would like to say that it has been an honor to be the Government Relations Chair for these past few years. ENY/ACRL is a vibrant and important advocate for libraries and librarians in the State of New York and working with such a dedicated group of Academic Librarians has been a real pleasure. Between my teaching load and involvement in setting up a new graduate-level degree I simply find myself with less time than I would like to devote to this position and which the position demands. I am sure that Alison Larson will bring the energy and commitment that the Government Relations Chair should have and I wish her and all members of the new Board well!

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Walker
Government Relations Chair

Membership Chair’s Annual Report 2012-2013

As of May 13, 2013, ENY/ACRL has 210 active members representing 52 institutions, six companies, two regional library councils, one higher education initiative, one state library, one novitiate, three governmental units and three library graduate programs. We added ten new members since August and an additional 48 availed themselves of the conference registration + membership option which supports both new memberships and renewals. Although our institutional representation has dipped somewhat, the number of new memberships is steady and our overall membership total remains healthy and stable.

Our membership year follows the academic calendar: September 1 – August 31. If your membership expires on August 31, 2013, you will receive an email renewal request toward the end of the summer. Membership renewal and secure payment options are available online. Once your payment arrives via PayPal, personal check or institutional check, you will receive an email confirmation along with our most current Membership Directory. I continue to work with my Board colleagues to investigate secure options for an online directory that provides data that is constantly updated and most current.
If you serve as an institutional liaison (IL) for your organization, summer is a perfect time to don your IL hat, talk with your colleagues about membership, review your institution's entries in the Annual Membership Directory for accuracy and send corrections, retirements, job changes, relocations, etc. to me (your friendly Membership Chair) by the end of July. This will insure that we share our most current information in the Membership Directory when the renewals start rolling in in September.

As always, I welcome feedback of all kinds including ways you would like to see ENY/ACRL support our membership. Please contact me at smpreate@syr.edu if you are interested in serving as an IL or if you have accolades, complaints, or suggestions.

I extend a sincere thank you to all who contribute to our organization in a myriad of ways, 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

Archivist’s Annual Report 2012-2013

As ENY/ACRL has begun to conduct more and more business electronically, fewer paper-based items have been deposited in the organizational archives. For several years the board has been using Dropbox to collaborate on shared documents. Although Dropbox is not intended to be a digital preservation solution, it meets ENY/ACRL’s current needs for maintaining its born-digital materials of long-term and permanent value.

If you have any ENY/ACRL related materials you would like to donate, such as photographs of conferences (digital or print), please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Kline
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