



SUNY Institute of Technology  
ENY/ACRL Annual Business Meeting  
May 21, 2007

Agenda

- I. Welcome and call to order –Deborah Bernnard, President
- II. Minutes of May 2006 business meeting (see inside)
- III. Committee Reports (see inside): Questions
- IV. New Business
- V. Reports/Announcements
  - A. Past President, Mary Ann Waltz
  - B. Janice Newkirk Award
  - C. Other
- VI. Raffle for ALA conference registration
- VII. Adjournment

# ***Minutes of the ENY/ACRL Annual Business Meeting***

May 15, 2006  
Hamilton College

## **I. Welcome and Call to Order**

President Mary Anne Waltz called the meeting to order at 12:35.

## **II. Minutes of May 2005 Business Meeting**

Mary Anne asked the membership to review the minutes for any changes. As no changes were presented, Inga Barnello made a motion to accept the minutes. Fran Apollo seconded the motion. The membership voted to approve the minutes as presented. Mary Anne noted that awards would be given out after Committee Reports.

## **III. Committee Reports**

Mary Anne noted that the committee reports were included in the program and asked for questions regarding each committee. No questions were forthcoming regarding the Treasury, Government Relations, Membership, Communications, or the Program Committee. Inga Barnello, Past President, spoke about the Election Committee. Fran Apollo will be Vice President/President Elect and Program Chair; Liz Strickland will be Treasurer; Suzanne Preate will be Membership Chair. Inga thanked Barbara Petruzzelli as her assistance during the election which made the process much easier. She also thanked Sheldon Wein as Treasurer and John Thomas as Membership Chair for their hard work during their terms of office. Pat Hults will continue as Communications Chair with Mary Anne Waltz as Past President/Nominations Chair and Deborah Bernnard as President.

## **IV. Reports/Announcements**

A. Inga Barnello presented the Librarian of the Year Award to a librarian who has worked with collections, databases, is extremely service oriented, has been on the Programming Committee, has been involved in the financial aspects of the Chapter, has worked with the Newkirk Fund, and is an excellent communicator. The award this year goes to Susan Zappan. She was presented with a plaque and an honorarium from ENY/ACRL. Susan gave a brief speech of thanks.

B. The awards continued with Barbara Via representing the Janice Newkirk Award. Barbara gave a brief history of the award and noted the change from a recognition award to a scholarship award. This change was approved by the Board and the benefactor. Barbara also thanked Catherine Dwyer and Ellen McCabe for their assistance on the Committee and in determining the winners of the scholarships. The Newkirk Award Committee was able to award 3 scholarships of \$3000 each to current library school students interested in academic librarianship. The winners were Susan Yoo, Syracuse University, School of Information Studies, Christina Connor, University of Albany, Department of Information Studies, and Charlotte Widomski, University of Albany, Department of Information Studies. All the students were given a certificate and a check.

C. Mary Anne noted that the ALA raffle will be awarded at the end of the business meeting. In an effort to involve library school students in ENY/ACRL, three students attending the conference from library

schools were given their registration checks back. Those students were: Christine Rudecoff, Hamilton College; Yu-Hui Chen and Christina Connor, University at Albany.

## **V. New Business**

Mary Anne Waltz asked Deborah Bernnard to speak to reducing the number of annual conferences to 1 per year.

Deborah gave several reasons for this suggestion which came from the Program Committee. It is hard to find sponsors, vendors, programming, and participants for two conferences per year. It may be possible to have one larger conference in the spring with smaller, local workshops or piggyback with larger conferences during the fall. The Chapter may want to consider working with NYLA. The University of Albany will be sponsoring a Scholarship Conference on October 19, 2006 that the Chapter may want to participate in or sponsor. Alternatives could be small, local discussions on varying topics during the fall semester. Mary Anne Waltz noted that ENY/ACRL could collaborate and participate in NYLA to encourage more programming for the academic librarian. ENY/ACRL would not join NYLA but participate in the conferences on a professional development level. Susan Zappan noted that a change to the by-laws will need to be made if one conference a year is to be adopted. Deborah Bernnard noted that many organizations have gone to one annual meeting per year. Mary Anne Waltz charged the Board with investigating a change in the bylaws to have one annual meeting per year.

## **VI. Raffle of ALA Conference registration**

Everyone's registrations were combined to chose the following vendor prizes:

Books from Bouska: Pamela Flinton, Barbara Petruzzelli  
Real Life Marketing in Libraries: Jonathan Lathey, Kathryn Johns-Masten  
Local Gifts: Emily Hutton-Huges, book; Karen Ingeman, bear;  
ALA conference registration: Michelle Parry

## **VI. Raffle**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Lorraine Melita**

## President's Report 2007

This year we have pursued several new initiatives. Our major effort consisted of producing one fantastic program, "Who's Driving the Technology Bus?" However, we also co-sponsored the *Symposium on Scholarly Publishing* at the University at Albany in October and the program planning committee presented a workshop at the New York Library Association (NYLA) conference in November.

We also joined NYLA as an affiliate organization member. This one year membership entitles us to...legislative and advocacy information. The board needs to decide whether or not to renew this membership.

The program planning committee has started the process of creating procedures and policies for the presentation of regional brown bag meetings each Fall. In Fall, 2007 there will be at least one regional program at Sienna College.

The membership committee has created a new recruitment brochure. This promises to be an excellent tool for promoting and recruiting new members to our organization.

Finally I wish to thank all of the members of the Board of Trustees; Mary Anne Waltz, Past President/ Nominating Committee Chair, Fran Apollo, Vice President/ Program Planning Committee Chair, Liz Strickland, Treasurer, Lorraine Melita, Secretary; Suzanne Preate, Membership Chair; Pat Hults, Communications Chair and Gretchen Lieb, Government Relations Chair. The work of the organization is accomplished in the committees headed by these able people. Please consider volunteering for one of these committees or one of the chairships. It's a great way to meet intelligent and energetic librarians throughout our region.

Respectfully submitted by  
Deborah Bernnard, President  
ENY/ACRL

**Past President's and Nominations & Elections Chair  
Annual Report  
2007**

The following slate of new Executive Board members was submitted to the membership:

Vice President/President Elect/Program Chair: Susan Zappen, Skidmore College

Secretary: Jane Kessler, University at Albany

Communications Chair: Patricia Hulst, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Congratulations to all, and thank you for agreeing to serve ENY/ACRL.

I want to thank Inga Barnello and members of the Executive Board for recommending potential candidates. I would hope that in future elections, we can encourage more members to get involved with the organization by running for positions on the Executive Board. Next year we will vote for the positions of Vice President; Treasurer, and Membership Chair. Please consider the networking and professional development benefits of serving on one of the standing committees or running for these offices.

There were no nominations for Librarian of the Year for this year. Please visit the website for more information on the award, its criteria and the process for nominating one of your colleagues.

Respectfully submitted  
Mary Anne Waltz  
Chair, Nominations & Awards Committee

## **Treasurer's Report to Membership 2007**

ENY/ACRL continues to be in excellent financial condition.

Our checking account balance as of March 31, 2007 was \$17,256.48.

ENY/ACRL gave \$145 in raffle awards in 2006.

Spring Conference 2006, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY:

ENY/ACRL received 78 paid registrations and \$800 in vendor support.

Total Conference Income:           \$3975.00

Total Conference Expenses:       \$3453.27

Net Gain:                               \$ 521.73

Although there was no Fall Conference, we contributed \$500 to the University at Albany to co-sponsor the Symposium on Scholarly Communication.

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

The Janice Graham Newkirk Research Fund balance as of March 31, 2007 was \$16,504.70.

Three Newkirk scholarship awards were given in 2006 for a total of \$9,000.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Strickland, Treasurer ENY/ACRL  
SUNY New Paltz  
May 1, 2007

**2006/07**

**Annual Report of the VP/Program Chair**

**2006/07 Membership:** Francine Apollo, SUNY Cobleskill, Chair; Glynis Asu, Hamilton College; Dung-Lan Chen, Skidmore College; Megan Coder, SUNY New Paltz; Tasha Cooper, Syracuse University; John Cosgrove, Skidmore College; Jacquelyn Coughlan, SUNY Institute of Technology; Barbara Grimes, SUNY Institute of Technology; Brenda L Hazard, University at Albany, SUNY; Kathryn Johns-Masten, Siena College; Jane Kessler, University at Albany, SUNY; Suzanne Preate, Syracuse University; Elizabeth Putnam, Skidmore College; Connie Roberts, Hamilton College; Joyce Rambo, Nylink; Deb Schmidle, Cornell University; Uma Sharma, Syracuse University; Yu-hui Chen, University at Albany; Vivien-Elizabeth Zazzau, University at Albany; Kari Zhe-Heimerman, LeMoyne College

In the Fall 2006 Semester, the Committee collaborated with the University at Albany in co-sponsoring its Eighth Annual Symposium on Scholarly Communication on October 24. The Program entitled "Converting and Preserving the Scholarly Record" was well attended and well received by attendees.

We collaborated for the first time with NYLA at their Fall meeting, November 1-4 at Saratoga Springs. Uma Sharma and Kathryn Johns-Masten presented The Future of Libraries, Musings from ENY/ACRL on Saturday morning at 8a.m.

Thank you, Uma and Kathryn, for that initiative! You are troopers!!

The program committee, having met in person, via conference call, blog and email, have worked very hard to bring us the May 21 conference "**Who's Driving the Technology Bus?**" The focus of this conference will be the ever growing, ever changing field of products/innovations that impact libraries, library employees and library users.

Meredith G. Farkas, Distance Learning Librarian, Norwich University Author of Social Software in Libraries and the blog, Information Wants to Be Free, will be the keynote speaker to start off our day on May 21, which will include 4 "breakout" sessions in the morning and an afternoon panel discussion. We expect at least 7 poster sessions and a number of vendors to round out the day. Presenters are among the finest in our region.

We have done some preliminary work towards the Fall 2007 Brown Bag Regional Meetings. Kathryn Johns-Masten is going to host one of our meetings at Siena College. The theme/s of the meetings this Fall will be Marketing/Outreach/Town & Gown Relationships. We look forward to 2 or 3 other campuses also hosting meetings on these topics this Fall. Who knew the price of gasoline would make us look forward thinking in reducing travel for our members? Well, we are forward thinking; that's what we've come to expect from ENYACRL members!

## **ENY/ACRL Membership Committee Report**

### 2007 Spring Conference

The 2006/07 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 11, 2007 ENY/ACRL has 181 paid members representing 58 institutions/companies. In 2007, we had 28 new members (15%), 74 national ACRL members (41%) and 27 institutional liaisons (15%).

In my first year as Membership Chair, I thought it best not to modify a successful formula. To that end, I followed the renewal approach recently instituted by the previous Chair, John Thomas. I mailed renewal forms to each institutional liaison and they distributed the forms to their colleagues. The personal touch seemed to positively affect the response rate. For institutions without liaisons, I mailed forms directly to individuals. 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
5. Report member activities to ENY/ACRL Communications Chair for inclusion in the online newsletter (three times per year)
6. Review directory entries for members of your institution for accuracy and report corrections to the Membership Chairperson
7. Be a participant in the ENY/ACRL Liaison listserv

New this year – on your mailing label, we are now including the last year in which you paid dues and were considered a member in good standing. With so many professional organizations operating on differing renewal schedules, it is easy to lose track of expiring memberships. We hope this is a helpful change. You will also see a new brochure promoting membership in our organization. It was created with John Thomas and Communications Chair, Patricia Hulst. Please consider distributing them at your library.

Continued areas of focus for the upcoming year include liaison recruitment, improved communication with existing liaisons through wiki or other technology and the creation of additional promotional materials.

I would like to thank the Membership Committee for continuing to participate during a transitional year, the liaisons for their support during the renewal process, and especially John Thomas for his willingness to share his expertise to guide me in this new role. I learned quite a bit and plan to use those lessons to make year two even more beneficial for the organization and the members who make up ENY/ACRL.

Submitted by Suzanne Preate  
Membership Committee Chair  
Syracuse University, May 11, 2007



**Communications Chair Annual Report  
2006/2007**

The chapter website, <http://www.enyacrl.org/index.php>, continued to be enhanced with additional material. The Chapter's Officers' Handbook is available on the site in both .pdf and .html format. Descriptions and current membership of ENY/ACRL committees are also provided

The chapter Newsletter, <http://www.enyacrl.org/Winter2007.pdf>, received a face lift this winter. It now incorporates graphics, has new regular features, and is produced in .pdf format. Tammy Gobert, of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, has begun serving as co-editor of the newsletter, along with Patricia Hults.

In addition to producing three newsletters each year and managing the chapter website, the committee also maintains and monitors the membership listserv.

With the resignation of Abigail Bordaux, who left SUNY for a new position, the Committee currently consists of Bern Mulligan, Binghamton University Libraries and Patricia Hults, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. New members are welcome!

Patricia Hults, Communications Chair  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
May 1, 2007  
[hultsp@rpi.edu](mailto:hultsp@rpi.edu)



2006/2007

**President**

Deborah Bernnard (University at Albany)  
[dbernard@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:dbernard@uamail.albany.edu)  
(518) 442-3699

**Past President/Nominations and Elections Committee Chair**

Mary Anne Waltz (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)  
[waltzm@rpi.edu](mailto:waltzm@rpi.edu)  
(518) 276-8345

**Vice President/President-Elect/Program Chair**

Francine Apollo (SUNY Cobleskill)  
[apollof@cobleskill.edu](mailto:apollof@cobleskill.edu)  
(518)234-5841

**Secretary**

Lorraine Melita (SUNY Cortland)  
[melital@cortland.edu](mailto:melital@cortland.edu)  
(607) 753-4009

**Treasurer**

Liz Strickland (SUNY New Paltz)  
[strickle@newpaltz.edu](mailto:strickle@newpaltz.edu)  
(845) 257-3662

**Communications Chair**

Patricia Hults (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)  
[hultsp@rpi.edu](mailto:hultsp@rpi.edu)  
(518) 276-8358

**Government Relations Chair**

Gretchen Lieb (Vassar)  
[grlieb@vassar.edu](mailto:grlieb@vassar.edu)  
(845) 473-4972

**Membership Chair**

Suzanne Preate (Syracuse University)  
[smpreate@syr.edu](mailto:smpreate@syr.edu)  
(315) 443-4243



2007/2008

**President**

Francine Apollo (SUNY Cobleskill)  
[apollof@cobleskill.edu](mailto:apollof@cobleskill.edu)  
(518)234-5841

**Past President/Nominations and Elections Committee Chair**

Deborah Bernard (University at Albany)  
[dbernard@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:dbernard@uamail.albany.edu)  
(518) 442-3699

**Vice President/President-Elect/Program Chair**

**Secretary**

Susan Zappen (Skidmore College)  
[szappen@skidmore.edu](mailto:szappen@skidmore.edu)  
(518) 580-5521

**Secretary**

Jane Kessler (University at Albany, SUNY)  
[jkessler@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:jkessler@uamail.albany.edu)  
(518) 442-3830

**Treasurer**

Liz Strickland (SUNY New Paltz)  
[strickle@newpaltz.edu](mailto:strickle@newpaltz.edu)  
(845) 257-3662

**Communications Chair**

Patricia Hults (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)  
[hultsp@rpi.edu](mailto:hultsp@rpi.edu)  
(518) 276-8358

**Government Relations Chair**

Gretchen Lieb (Vassar)  
[grlieb@vassar.edu](mailto:grlieb@vassar.edu)  
(845) 473-4972

**Membership Chair**

Suzanne Preate (Syracuse University)  
[smpreate@syr.edu](mailto:smpreate@syr.edu)  
(315) 443-4243