

ACRL-LA Executive Board, Committee Chairs, & Liaisons

Meeting virtual via Zoom

Friday, February 10, 2023

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Attendance: Katie Bailey, Laurie Gaillard, Michael Holt, Rebecca Kelley, Megan Lowe, Marty Miller, Jeanne Pavy, Zack Stein

Absent: Daniel Dupont

Minutes:

1. Welcome
 - a. Megan called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.
2. Approve minutes from November 18, 2022 meeting
 - a. Mike motioned to approve and Marty seconded; minutes approved unanimously
3. Update: Membership Drive
 - a. Emails sent mid-December by Megan (general email inviting people to join/renew) and Jeanne (to contacts from national list and previous paypal sign-ups) inviting them to register via the form.
 - b. As of today we have 43 people who have formally registered via the form (and paid or had proof of national membership). Another 38 names came from the national list but we didn't get a registration form from them.
 - c. Rebecca noted that in the past we automatically put people from the national list on our list, but we did reach out to people who were on national list the previous year but didn't appear on this year's list. We did reach out asking if they wanted to consider joining for the new year. Jeanne will add all national list people as members and identify any national members from last year who were not on the list this year and reach out to ask if they may have changed their settings or signed up after we received the list.
 - d. Megan will send one more call for members after Mardi Gras.
4. Update: Ad Hoc Committees, Chair for 2022-23
 - a. Summer Research Forum
 - i. Megan reached out to last year's committee and one person (Janelle Zetty) agreed to serve again but didn't want to be chair. Megan suggested putting out a broader call to the listserv to open it up to the broader membership, with Janelle providing continuity.
5. Update: Liaison Appointments, 2022-2023
 - a. LLA Liaison – Marty is confirmed
 - b. SLIS Liaison –
 - i. Megan reached out to professors Barry and Benoit, who passed along the call for volunteers. The first person to volunteer was Katie Bailey, who has agreed to be SLIS Liaison.
 - ii. Katie was present at the meeting and was introduced to the Executive Board and introduced herself. She is pursuing her MLIS and certificate in

Archives at LSU while serving as a GA. She has an MA in History and is interested in cultural heritage institutions within universities and academia. She plans to promote ACRL-LA to other SLIS students.

- iii. Mike motioned and Zack seconded the approval of Katie as our SLIS Liaison and she was approved unanimously.
 - c. Legislative Liaison – One person expressed interest in response to the call for volunteers sent out. Megan sent that person information about the role but hasn't heard back. Megan will reach out again.
6. Officer Reports
- a. Treasurer: Danny was unable to attend today because of technical difficulties but he will try to send the report later
 - b. Webmaster (Laurie): no report
 - c. LLA (Marty):
 - i. YouTube channel idea has not been discussed since last meeting.
 - ii. *Louisiana Libraries* will be moving to online publication. Members will have log in for access.
 - iii. LLA annual conference
 1. SELA pulled out of the conference, which will be held in Baton Rouge in July. Submission date is March 31st.
 2. Tulane is offering a 1st amendment law clinic at the conference.
 3. Megan reiterated that ACRL-LA will not cohost a breakfast at LLA. We may want to consider having a booth for ACRL-LA membership at LLA if there are enough people attending.
7. *Codex* Update: no report
8. ACRL Live Webcasts
- a. There was strong support considering "[Strategies for Adult Learners](#)" (May 11, 2023).
 - b. Rebecca noted that Board of Regents is seeking to promote higher educational credentials to more La citizens for economic development. This topic also connects to the digital literacy initiative that LOUIS is involved in.
9. National Library Week, April 23-29
- a. Rebecca suggested we consider doing something to advocate for libraries during that week. Possibilities include celebrating Library Worker Day by giving an award to a library staff person, encouraging attendance at the Louisiana Library Legislative Day (May 24), and issuing statements in support of public and school libraries, especially in light of the Attorney General's recent statements, [proposed legislation](#), and groups pressuring individual libraries and librarians through book ban/censorship campaigns. There was strong support for all of these ideas.
 - b. Megan and Zack will collaborate on plans for a Library Worker award.
 - c. Louisiana Libraries Day at the Capital: May 24.
 - d. Megan will draft letters of support for us to review in March and be ready for Library Week.
10. Other business:
- a. Megan noted that there was interest from non-board members in attending the Executive Board meeting. In light of this, should we consider holding additional

membership meetings (besides the one during the summer research forum)? Perhaps quarterly meetings? This would give members a chance to see the workings of the organization and cultivate new leaders. We will discuss at a future meeting.

11. Deliverables for next meeting

- a. Jeanne: add all national list people to our membership list, identify and contact any who dropped off from last year, and encourage those who did not register to complete our form
- b. Megan: solicit volunteers for chair of research forum and follow up with possible legislative liaison volunteer
- c. Megan: draft statements of support for public and school libraries and letters of concern to legislative representative for National Library Week
- d. Megan: meet with Zack about plans for Library Worker Award

Adjournment: Marty motioned; Mike seconded

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jeanne Pavy

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