

ACRL-LA Executive Board, Committee Chairs, & Liaisons

Meeting virtual via Zoom

Friday, April 14, 2023

8:30 am – 9:30 am

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

Absent:

Minutes:

1. Welcome
 - a. Megan called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
2. Approve minutes from March 17, 2023 meeting
 - a. Michael motioned to approve and Zack seconded; minutes approved unanimously.
3. Committee and Liaison Updates
 - a. Summer Research Forum – no chair volunteer
 - i. Given the lack of volunteers and the recognition that everyone seems overwhelmed with other commitments at this time, Rebecca proposed a motion that we cancel this year's research forum with the expectation that going forward we will host it every other year. Michael seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Legislative Liaison – Maya Banks has agreed to serve
4. Elections (Vice President, Treasurer) & Webmaster Appointment
 - a. We will send out a call for nominations for VP and Treasurer soon, using Rebecca's previous email as a template. The new term for officers begins on 9/1/23 so we will need to offer a slate of candidates in the coming weeks.
 - b. Laurie's term as Web administrator is also expiring but this is an appointed position and she agreed to be reappointed for two more years.
5. Officer Reports
 - a. Secretary/Membership (Jeanne):
 - i. Since our last meeting three additional members have been added to the membership list and listserv, bringing us up to 97 people.
 - b. Treasurer (Danny):
 - i. No financial report but direct deposit has been set up with EBSCO for *Codex* payments.
 - c. Webmaster (Laurie): no report
 - d. LLA (Marty): no report
6. Letters of Support Update:

- a. Megan completed the letter for school librarians and is working on the others (public libraries & censorship issues, tenure, targeted letters to representatives).
 - b. After discussion it was decided a separate letter defending tenure is not needed at this time (though the importance of tenure will likely arise in the context of the other letters).
 - c. Megan asked how the letters should be signed and it was decided that the letters will come from the Executive Board.
7. ACRL Live Webcasts
- a. We will host "Strategies for Adult Learners" (May 11, 2023 at 1 pm CST). Megan has the link.
 - b. There is no limit to the number of locations that can host or members who can participate.
 - c. After a brief discussion it was decided that we will invite members to register (via a form we will create) and then send the link to those who register.
8. National Library Week, April 23-29
- a. Zack reported that we have received 3 nominations each for the librarian and the staff awards.
 - b. Deadline is Monday the 24th, so Megan will re-send the nomination information today.
 - c. Since we are not offering Research Forum Awards these will be our only awards this year. We could still do a *Codex* award when the issue comes out later this year.
9. Other Business
- a. We will have an open membership/business meeting after the semester ends, probably in late May.
 - i. If we have the slate of candidates for the election at that time and can introduce the slate at the meeting. If we don't have the slate ready we can invite people to consider running and provide information about the workings of the Executive Board.
 - ii. The idea of having a speaker/presentation as part of the meeting was suggested and Rebecca agreed to speak on the implications of the state's Digital Equity Plan for higher education.
10. Deliverables for next meeting
- a. Megan: announce cancelation of Summer Research Forum but also plans for a business/membership meeting in the summer
 - b. Mike: draft email to solicit nominations for elected positions (consulting with Rebecca as needed)
 - c. Megan: continue working on letters of support
 - d. Megan: create form for members to register for the May 11 webinar
 - e. Megan: re-send out CFN for Librarian/Library Personnel of the Year Awards

Adjournment: Danny motioned; Laurie seconded

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jeanne Pavy

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