

**ACRL/NEC Board Meeting
Minutes**

Friday, January 10, 2014 – 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Northeastern University, Snell Library, Room 421
Boston, MA

Present:

Eleta Exline	President
Philip Waterman	Vice-President/President-Elect
Melinda Malik (attended virtually)	Treasurer
Betsy Learned (attended virtually)	Secretary
Leslie Button (attended virtually)	Past President
Carina Cournoyer (attended virtually)	Member-at-Large (2012-2014)
Sarah Hutton (attended virtually)	Communications Committee, Co-Chair
Michael Cerbo (attended virtually)	Constitution & Bylaws Committee, Co-Chair
Patrick Hartsfield (attended virtually)	Constitution & Bylaws Committee, Co-Chair
Peter Cochrane	Membership Committee, Co-Chair
Tracey Leger-Hornby	Leadership Development, Co-Chair
Brian Gallagher	Nominations Committee, Chair
Nancy George	Scholarships & Awards Committee, Co-Chair
Amy Galante (attended virtually)	ASIG, Co-Chair
Martha Kelehan	CDIG, Co-Chair
Kim Maxwell	ERMIG, Co-Chair
Erica Charis	NELIG, Co-Chair
Hillary Corbett	SCIG, Co-Chair
Andrée Rathemacher	SCIG, Vice Chair
Nancy Dennis	WSIG, Co-Chair
Kirsten Kay (attended virtually)	Archivist

Absent:

Karin Heffernan	Member-at-Large (2013-2015)
Tim Spindler	Communications Committee, Co-Chair
Marianne Thibodeau	Membership Committee, Co-Chair
Melissa Behney	Leadership Development, Co-Chair
Laura Kohl	Scholarships & Awards Committee, Co-Chair
Gail Geisser	ASIG, Co-Chair
Susan Raidy-Klein	CDIG, Co-Chair
Galadriel Chilton	ERMIG, Co-Chair
Kieran Ayton	ITIG, Co-Chair
Veronica Kenausis	ITIG, Co-Chair
Rob Walsh	NELIG, Co-Chair
Amy Robb	WSIG, Co-Chair

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1. WebEx Testing and Introductions

Eleta called the meeting to order at 9:50 am. Several Board members were unable to attend the meeting due to an unexpected snowstorm. WebEx was not functioning properly, therefore GoToMeeting was used instead.

2. Acceptance of previous minutes

The minutes from the November 4, 2013 Board meeting were accepted unanimously.

3. CPC report and budget (Phil)

Phil proposed two budget options for the annual conference—one with a fee increase and one without. Vendors have reserved two fewer tables this year than last, resulting in approximately \$2,000 less revenue this year. Fees for vendors have been increased by \$150 for each level. To offset we can increase members' registration by \$5.00. Student rate will remain the same.

The virtual conference has not worked as smoothly as hoped in the past due to uneven quality of the broadcast. Outside vendors are expensive but Phil has pricing for a vendor to host the 2014 virtual conference. If quality of the broadcast is improved we could raise fees for the virtual conference registration. (See Conference Planning Committee report for full details.)

Overall costs for the conference will be increased by about \$3800. A slight increase in vendor fees and attendance will offset costs. Phil expressed the need to assess the growth potential based on the improved technology. Eleta said if the virtual conference is successful we might expand our reach to other locations. Central NH might be a good location to explore. Eleta, Nancy George, and Phil discussed the prospects for additional sites. Eleta suggests mapping where our conference attendees are and come from. She asked if expanding to 3 sites would increase our production costs. Phil will check but he believes so. The improved virtual conference meets our Chapter initiative to reach out more to the northern states. Overall attendance for the annual conference this year should be about 315 (in person). Last year attendance was 322.

The conference budget is in line with the Treasurer's report. Patrick asked about how the virtual conference is delivered. Phil indicates that it takes place at a physical site. You can't attend remotely from your personal computer. Phil and Eleta support the benefit of the site location aspect as it promotes discussion and networking.

Phil's preference is to go with the increased budget proposal. **Motion:** Nancy Dennis moves that the conference budget be accepted; Nancy George seconds. Motion is unanimously passed.

Email messages were sent this week for conference proposal approvals. Poster sessions will be confirmed next week. Ten vendors have signed up with a potential of 18 sponsors. Registration will go live at the end of this month or the first week of February.

4. ASIG budget

Eleta helped Gail revise the ASIG winter conference budget to stay within the \$1500 SIG allocation. Amy Galante briefly described the winter conference.

Motion: Phil moved the ASIG budget be accepted. Hilary seconded. Motion unanimously passes.

5. Review and approve budget for current FY (Melinda)

During the August Board meeting we didn't approve or vote on proposed budget because we were waiting for web software and logo development costs. We had a total loss for the year of \$1,260, however, Melinda is not concerned as the loss didn't factor in differences from the annual conference budget. Phil reiterated that his conference budget was conservatively projected. **Motion:** Nancy D. moved to approve the budget for the current fiscal year. Phil seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with thanks to Melinda from the Board.

6. Reestablishment of the Finance Committee

Melinda suggested bringing back the Finance Committee which is identified in the bylaws, Article III, but has not been recently appointed. Melinda sees value in the additional support—i.e. more than one set of eyes on our finances. Eleta supports the idea of bringing back the committee. Hilary mentioned that this could be a source for identifying potential future Treasurer candidates. Eleta added that having the committee may be a reassuring factor for these future candidates. There was general agreement for bringing the committee back. Eleta asked if there are any suggestions as to who may want to be on this committee. Nancy Dennis volunteered with high interest. Phil asked Brian if there were any potential candidates from his nominations search that could be approached. Eleta says we could put a call out to the membership for volunteers. Eleta asked Melinda if a committee of three would be sufficient Melinda agreed. Brian has someone in mind but will speak with Eleta at a later date once he reconnects with the person. No vote was needed.

7. Review insurance coverage

Leslie described that we have two insurance policies with two different companies providing two types of coverage. Can we get one carrier to provide both types of coverage? It is timely to take this up before renewal time later this year. Eleta suggested that we charge this to the forthcoming Finance Committee. Leslie offered to support the Finance Committee with this assignment. Hilary asked for clarity on what our desired outcomes are. Leslie responded that the desired outcome is for one company, one policy for all coverage and that the pricing be competitive. Hilary agreed that since our policies are old, there may be better rates now. Brian indicated that due to a short lead time the Board has had little time in the past to investigate the matter in more detail. Eleta indicated that another outcome would be to have

one broker for the two policies. Eleta stated that this is a good practice to review the policies every few years in consultation with past presidents.

Motion: Hilary moved that the Finance Committee, once established, review the chapter's insurance coverage. Erica seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Volunteer Opportunities form/demo

Eleta created a Google form version of the volunteer form and Codey put it up on the chapter website in Drupal. A new volunteer form will help to centralize and advertise all volunteer opportunities in one central location on the chapter website. You can still email out your needs through the listserv but it should also be posted on the chapter website volunteer form. Previously the conference planning committee was the only volunteer opportunity promoted here. Eleta hopes that this will solicit a wider range of opportunities and volunteers. She tested the form during the Board meeting. Codey will make minor adjustments to the Drupal form.

Volunteer opportunities should contain a description of at least a couple of sentences up to a paragraph or two. Eleta said that this process can also be used for short-term volunteer opportunities such as having someone review the links on your SIG website. Short-term volunteers can benefit SIGs and committees by reducing the Chair's workload. It is also a way to recruit volunteers for greater responsibilities later on.

When completing the form, be sure to fill in responsibilities like number of meetings and time commitment required. Include the qualifications needed, how to apply, and the contact person. Codey included an expiration date as part of the form. Eleta states that if you want the opportunity removed sooner than the expiration date, Codey may need to be contacted. Patrick asked why this form is on the public site. Kim Maxwell states that on the public site anyone can add an opportunity. Hilary agreed that automatically posting opportunities is a security issue if left on the public website. If moved to the Board site, this would remove the issue. If something is submitted on the Board site, would it populate on the public site? Eleta will find out from Codey what our options are. General consensus is to move this form to the Board site.

Eleta demonstrated the test volunteer form posting. Hilary recommended that a contact link should be included in case an edit to the posting needs to occur. Eleta asks that the Board start using this form.

9. Discussion of membership year - Bylaws change

The Board had discussed changing the membership year at the last Board meeting. What impact does a change from the calendar year to an academic year hold for the Chapter's finances and Treasurer's duties? Melinda stated that if a change were to be made to an academic year, it's best to time it so that there is not an influx of membership dues payments right before the end of the fiscal year. As long as we push the membership dues after July 1, that would be

ok. Melinda had no objections to the academic year as it gets very busy for the Treasurer near the end of the fiscal year.

We will need someone to manage the creation of membership registrations in Eventbrite. Peter offered to handle the Eventbrite work. Melinda said she didn't want to have too many people with access to the fiscal side but she would agree to let Peter work with it. Kerri Vautour, Eventbrite Registrar, is back to work now so Melinda's workload will normalize.

Eleta indicated that if we do change the membership year it would prompt a change in the bylaws, requiring a member vote. There also would be an overlap of funds created if we switch from a calendar year to an academic year. This will affect budgets but not cash flows. We may need to give people additional membership time or pro-rate the membership year. This may be a good membership drive incentive. Melinda said that we wouldn't take too much of a hit and we are financially in a good place to do so. Eleta indicated that members are more likely to sign-up during the start of the academic year as opposed to January.

Motion: Nancy George moved the membership year be changed to September through August. Kim seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Cerbo thinks we should pro-rate for a shorter year as opposed to giving members the extra month. This would affect the 2015 membership year. Martha Kelehan asked are there any tax implications for people who itemize deductions? Hilary stated that it would mean two payments in one year. Eleta stated that to avoid that they might allow members to pre-pay for the following year.

Motion made by Erica and seconded by Martha: Assuming that the bylaw measure passes, the next membership year will be pro-rated to adjust for the change to the new membership term which would begin in September, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Letter to ACRL National

Brian recapped the discussion from the last meeting about the Board's dissatisfaction with our relationship to ACRL National. How can we connect better with National? There is little mention of chapters at the national level. The letter's intent is to rally the other chapters to join us in efforts to convince National to be more inclusive of chapter concerns at the national conference. Brian wanted to concentrate on conference opportunities first. Karin Heffernan (not present) had expressed in an e-mail message that we might address all our issues with National at once. Brian indicated that national can only deal with one issue at a time.

Eleta is going to Chapters Council in a couple weeks at ALA Midwinter and will bring copies of the letter with her. She will talk to other chapters and then follow-up with any that are not at the Chapters Council meeting via e-mail. Nancy recommends that the e-mail go out before Chapters Council so that people not attending will be aware in advance. Eleta agreed. Eleta suggests that we, ACRL New England, handle the mailing of the letter. We don't need physical

signatures just a list of each chapter that signs on with us. Brian expressed that we are not the only chapter that feels this way.

Kim Maxwell commented on the letter. She recommends that if the Council, as Brian says, can only follow-up on one idea at a time, don't include more than one idea. Just focus on the one and then present the next idea 6-months later for example. Brian will revise the draft to refocus the letter on chapter concerns only. He'll send Eleta another draft with the goal of getting it done prior to Chapters Council later this month.

11. SIG mailing lists - what are goals and current practices?

Peter suggested a letter might go out to the members about becoming a member and how to get involved. Should we add another option for choosing their SIG preference besides the membership form? Should we take the SIG question off the membership form altogether? There could be a place on the website to sign up for SIGs. Do we have to check to make sure they are chapter members? No. Could the question be on the volunteer page asked Nancy G.? Eleta says, yes, that makes sense. We don't differentiate between members and non-members. It doesn't matter whether one is a national member, local member or non-member in our registration rates.

How will the SIG lists improve membership? Kim Maxwell gave ERMIG as an example. Anyone can join the mailing list for ERMIG. Kim got attendee lists from relevant similar organizations e.g. NACELink, LinkedIn, etc. in order to grow their SIG membership. Their Google group has 55 members including co-chairs. Kim says they are hoping to turn the Google Group into a resource for local networking. Are there directions for getting off the lists? Google Groups allows you to unsubscribe.

Martha K. of CDIG said that she is new and was unsure what to do with a Google Group. Other than marketing to people, does CDIG need a Google Group? Andrée expressed that people do like the concept of belonging to a group. Kim indicated that there are national networking opportunities but there aren't any local or regional opportunities. ERMIG would like to use their mailing list to create such a forum.

Erica indicated that on the NELIG list people will sometimes post jobs. The list is a way to target information for relevant members. Nancy G. gave an example of being able to use a list to identify/source recruits for getting involved. She reiterates that the volunteer form may serve this better now. The general consensus of the SIG chairs present is that the mailing list should be continued. Erica asked if the Chapter, at least annually, offers the ability to opt-out. Kim indicated that with Google Groups there is a way to opt-out in the footer of the Google Group page.

Phil described the opportunities that will be possible in May for SIGs to promote their groups. CPC members will be reaching out to the SIGs shortly. Hillary stated that the lunch time tables last year worked well for SIGs. Phil expressed that there was mixed feedback on this from the evaluations. Phil would like all

SIGs to have tables at the conference. Erica said that better advance communication to the SIGs and staffing for the SIG tables would be appreciated.

Kim said we should ask and not automatically add people to a mailing list as a matter of etiquette. Hillary stated that SCIG uses her Google Group primarily to reach those that will not usually hear about them otherwise. She has about 100 members on their list. On the last program evaluation, they asked "Are you a member of our mailing list?" This resulted in growth of 10 additions to her mailing list.

Amy G. said ASIG uses social media and surveys as the main way to get people involved. More non-librarians can be included. A lot of people look to ASIG for picking up the slack for what has been missing for Access Services employees.

Erica agrees that SIG preference doesn't need to be on the membership registration form. Eleta recommends that we remove it from the form. Hillary suggests that we send an e-mail asking Google Group members if they are still valuing being part of this group as a way to prune our list to just those that find it to be useful. Eleta agreed that this is good general maintenance practice. Peter suggests that all SIGs whether they are maintaining a mailing list or not will have a way to contact a SIG from one centralized webpage on the chapter website. Eleta said we can do anything on that page for SIGs including mailing lists and Google Groups. We will work on the renaming of the page online.

Motion: Nancy George moved and Nancy Dennis seconded: Remove SIG sign-up options from membership registration form. Put management of SIG member lists completely in the hands of the SIGs and provide a contact for all SIGs on the chapter website. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Other business

Betsy announced that she has not been able to post minutes to the website. She is working with Tim on this and will let us know when they are available.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Peck Learned
ACRL/NEC Secretary 2012-2014

Electronic Voting Held between November 4, 2013 and January 9, 2014

There was no electronic voting held between these dates.

Board Reports:

Treasurer's Report

Melinda Malik

Greetings and Happy New Year!

Attached you'll find the Q2 (Oct 1 - Dec 31) profit and loss statement and balance sheet.

I've also included a final budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year that we should approve (tab four in the attached document), which includes final figures budgeted for the new web conferencing software (\$468) as well as funds for a new logo design (\$2000).

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Melinda Malik

Member-at-Large Report

Carina Cournoyer and Karin Heffernan, Members-at-Large

- I. The MALs along with Peter Cochrane (membership) submitted a proposal for a presentation at the conference in response to requests from library students and others in past years. This year's conference theme (which we call "Developing Your Inner Librarian") hits on the professional development and job-hunting skills perfectly.

Our proposal:

Panel of 3 different mini-presentations (15 mins each) then open up for 15 min Q & A.

- First session: Assessing your skills to see where you need to grow/improve, which are transferable skills, new skills required by the profession (ex: instruction)
- Second session: Interviewing for both the interviewer and interviewee. Questions to ask to get a clear understanding of a candidate whether for a library professional position or a work/study position in the library. How to answer questions in an interview. What are academic libraries looking for? What does the process look like when interviewing for a library job?
- Third session: Professional networking for professional development, as well as for jobs.

We have several different people we are pursuing to be the presenters for these sessions. Peter is asking Laura Saunders (first doctoral grad from Simmons who was a career resources librarian and now is faculty back at Simmons). Carina investigated Gail Lowney Alofsin, who is an inspirational speaker and president of Authentic Measurable Performance and faculty at URI to speak about professional networking. She spoke at URI this spring, but it was decided that she wasn't quite what we had in mind. Suggestions would be appreciated!!!

ALSO, we suggested (if it might be possible) to find someone to do a separate presentation (half hour) on how to write a good cover letter and then spend the second half hour with 4 volunteers reviewing conferees cover letters to help them improve them.

ALSO, we suggested break-out sessions that have 3 or 4 parts where there would be 3 or 4 short presentations all held together with a theme (kind of like a short Dartmouth Conference format) such as new technologies: (ex: one session on 3D printers, one on creating posters, one on using ooVoo for online lessons). So you'd go to a breakout session room and hear 3 different short presentations on new technologies or new skills or new activities librarians are doing to expand your skills in your librarian job (i.e. professional development).

- II. The MALs submitted a proposal at the last Board meeting to put up for a vote to the membership, CHANGING from a 2 MAL format to 6 state reps. We are developing appropriate wording for the ballot.

Karin Heffernan

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee Report

Sarah Hutton and Tim Spindler, Co-Chairs

I have provided training to Codey Kolasinski so he can begin taking over more functions on the web. He is already doing a lot of the work to maintain it.

Tim Spindler

Conference Planning Committee Report

Philip Waterman, Chair

The 2014 Conference Planning Committee held its third meeting on December 13th at Assumption College. The committee addressed the following items at the meeting:

- **Keynote Speaker:** Keynote speakers were confirmed: Susanne Markgren and Tiffany Allen from the Library Career People blog (<http://librarycareerpeople.com/about/>).
- **Programming**
 - **Proposals Update-** Deadline for submissions was midnight on the day of our meeting. The programming subcommittee met after the conference planning meeting to discuss the current submissions and to evaluate selections. To date, we have 29 in total: 7 are poster sessions, 4 are interactive sessions, 12 are presentations, and 2 are panels.
- **Volunteer Coordination & Host Relations**
 - Jill Livingston will contact the SIGs to discuss how they would like to promote themselves at the conference
- **Vendor Relations**
 - We have 7 of the 14 vendor spots filled:
 - 1 gold

- 1 silver
- 5 bronze
- Scott noted that Elsevier is usually late to commit as a gold sponsor, and that Thompson already gave a verbal commitment as a gold-level and lunch sponsor, but has not sent in a check yet.
- Phil is concerned about revenue because the virtual conference broadcast through an outside company will be costly, \$3,850, and registration fees from virtual attendees won't cover this cost (30-40 virtual attendees equals \$100+ fee. In-person attendees paid \$60-\$85.). We need confirmation of vendors to see how much vendor revenue we will receive, and we need to consider raising registration fees.
- A modest \$5 increase in registration fees (fees were raised \$5 last year too) would not cover the entire cost of the virtual broadcast. Phil will discuss with the Board if the chapter wants to subsidize the virtual broadcast cost in order to continue the chapter's efforts at outreach to its northern members.
- **Communications & Publicity**
 - The conference website is live: <http://conference2014.acrlnec.org/>. If we decide to do a virtual conference, their registration information will be added to the site.
 - We plan to make the RideShare program self-sustaining. Rather than having a committee member pairing up riders and ride providers, the registration process and conference website will provide information on how riders and ride providers can connect directly with each other. We thought through the chapter's Facebook page or listserv.
- **Registration**
 - This subcommittee will be working to get the registration site live by mid to late January. New features to the registration form will be the option for attendees to opt out to having their contact information supplied to vendors and to opt in to having their name and institution shared on the conference website ("See Who Else is Attending the Conference!").
- **Virtual Conference**
 - The final quote from a private company to broadcast the virtual conference is \$3,850. This would include the keynote speech and two sets of breakout sessions in the morning and afternoon.
- **Conference Schedule**
 - The conference schedule will be very similar to last year's schedule. The early afternoon breakout session, however, will be for posters and structured networking time. Last year's conference survey showed that people did not like having the poster sessions at the same time as the breakout sessions, and they wanted more time to network. The committee is still working on how this structured networking time will be organized.

- The next meeting will be scheduled for February.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee Report

Patrick Hartsfield and Michael Cerbo, Co-Chairs

The C&B Committee has made the changes to the Nominating Committee Chair duties as voted on at the last meeting. We haven't released the new version yet, however, because part of the change was to also create an online form to collect candidates' information in lieu of the paper form currently in the manual. When the online form is ready the committee can add the link to the manual, remove the old form, and release the revised manual.

Leadership Development Committee Report

Melissa Behney and Tracey Leger-Hornby, Co-Chairs

The LDC fall workshop on planning and budgeting originally scheduled for October 31 has been rescheduled to Friday, March 7th. Marketing information and registration details will be sent out soon.

The committee submitted a proposal to make a presentation at the upcoming annual conference. The topic will be "Emotional Intelligence" based on the work of Daniel Goleman. Melissa Behney, Barbara Kenney, and Diane Klare will present. The committee will meet shortly after the March presentation to make plans for future directions and programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracey Leger-Hornby, Co-Chair

Nominations Committee Report

Brian Gallagher, Chair

Below is the list of candidates for this year's elections:

Vice-Presidential Candidate - Dave Bretthauer, UConn

Treasurer-Elect Candidate - Jessica Adamick, UMass, Amherst

Secretary -

- James Salisbury, Community College of RI
- Alan Witt, Rivier College

Member-at-Large -

- Kieran Ayton, Rhode Island College
- Laura Kohl, Bryant University

As you can see, only one person stepped forward to serve as VP, one person for TE.

In these times of down-sized staff and increased workloads, how can the Chapter convince more people to step forward as these six fine individuals chose to do? In the past, we have discussed altering the responsibilities of the VP to make it seemingly more desirable. But...then does that mean altering the TE position as well?

Are alterations really the answer? As was pointed out in the current MAL proposal (which is a very good proposal, Carina and Karin) - seeking volunteers willing to section off yet another valuable - and diminishing - slice of free time can prove challenging.

So - how do we address this challenge?
I'm going to cop out and say that's a conversation for another day.

Right now - I'd like to offer my sincere thanks to those six people who said yes.

I'd also like to thank the members of the Nominating Committee:

- Leslie Button
- Nancy George
- Diane Klare

Finally - my heartfelt thanks to Melinda Malik, our current Treasurer, who spoke to potential candidates, explaining to them the responsibilities of the position.

BTG

Scholarships & Awards Committee

Nancy George and Laura Kohl, Co-Chairs

The Scholarships and Awards Committee has advertised the scholarships and awards and looks forward to advertising the scholarships and awards again before the application due dates.

Committee member, Louise Buckley, has nominated a number of articles for the Best Paper Award.

In addition, the web page was updated for clarity, application due dates, and to include the Christine Drew Scholarship.

See: <http://www.acrlnec.org/content/scholarships-awards>

Special Interest Group Reports:

Access Services interest Group

Gail Geisser, Chair

ASIG will be putting the finishing touches on their winter conference this month. "Work Place Culture" will be held on Feb. 21, 2014 at the Hogan Center at the College of the Holy Cross. Our guest speakers are Michael Krasulski and Brian Greene.

Collection Development Interest Group

Martha Kelehan and Susan Raidy-Klein, Co-Chairs

We held our “fall” event “Creating Community with Digital Collections A Conversation about Curation and the Public Good“ at Tufts University on December 13th, with close to 50 attendees from around the region. Initial feedback was very positive about the program, but we will have more to report after our formal evaluation goes out (hopefully today).

We intend to hold another program sometime in the spring/early summer. U Mass Lowell has volunteered to host, but we also open to other ideas.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha & Susan, CDIG co-chairs

Electronic Resources Management Interest Group

Galadriel Chilton and Kim Maxwell, Co-Chairs

Here’s a quick update from Galadriel and me for ERMIG.

We’ve been working on our Spring program. We’re confirming available dates for space in Boston, hoping to get that sorted by Friday. We’re also working on a Call for Proposals for the program, and hope to have that out next week.

See you Friday,

Kim

Information Technology Interest Group

Kieran Ayton and Veronica Kenausis, Co-Chairs

I am attaching a report from ITIG regarding 2014 DigiCamp planning. Thanks to Kieran we have secured an awesome location (Simmons College) and we will be nailing down specifics in the next week or two.

I am looking forward to attending the January 10 meeting virtually.

Veronica Kenausis

New England Library Instruction Group

Erica Charis and Rob Walsh, Co-Chairs

The New England Library Instruction group held its winter program Friday, December 6 at three sites: Trinity College in Hartford CT, Wheelock College in Boston MA, and St. George’s School in Middletown, RI. Proposed sites at Southern New Hampshire University and Bates College in Lewiston, ME were cancelled due to lack of interest. The program was a classroom share model as it has been the past few years. There were over 50 people in attendance across the three sites and many of the presentation materials have been posted to the NELIG website.

We are currently working on our “spring” (if you can call February that) and annual

programs scheduled for February 7 and June 6 respectively. The February 7 program will be a public speaking workshop led by a local actress, which we've titled "When Speaking Feels Like Streaking: Learning to Teach and Present Confidently." Since we will be charging a fee, we are running the registration through Eventbrite. We have a registration cap of 40 people and there are 15 people signed up as of this report. The Annual Planning Committee will be meeting on site (UMass Dartmouth) next week to try to solidify as many details of the June 6 program as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Erica

Scholarly Communication Interest Group

Hillary Corbett, Chair and Andree Rathemacher, Vice Chair

The Scholarly Communication Interest Group said goodbye to co-chair Dee Magnoni, who has left the area to begin a new job as library director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. We wish her all the best in this exciting new position! The SCIG leadership group put out a call for nominations for a second vice-chair position to fill the gap left by Dee's departure, and is pleased to welcome Mark Clemente, Library Fellow for Scholarly Publishing and Licensing at MIT, to this role. In order to provide leadership continuity, Hillary will serve for an additional year as co-chair with Andrée (2014-2015).

The SCIG is beginning to plan a pre-conference workshop on data management, to be held at Holy Cross on Thursday, May 8, 2014. The pre-conference will be a reprise of a workshop hosted by the UMass Medical Library in November, with the same workshop leaders (Donna Kafel, et al). The workshop organizers feel that since it was initially marketed mostly to e-science librarians, there are still many other librarians in the area who would find it useful. Data management is, in fact, a topic that our past program attendees have identified as something they would be interested in having a SCIG program on. We are fortunate that Donna and her team are willing to offer the workshop again; a budget proposal will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,
Hillary Corbett