

ACRL/NEC Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 14, 2014 – 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Assumption College
Worcester, MA

Present:

Phil Waterman – *President*
Dave Bretthauer – *Vice-President/President-Elect*
Melinda Malik – *Treasurer*
Jessica Adamick – *Treasurer-Elect*
Alan Witt – *Secretary*
Kirstin Kay – *Chapter Archivist*
Codey Kolasinski – *Communications Committee, Co-Chair*
Peter Cochrane – *Membership Committee, Co-Chair*
Annette M. Vadnais – *Communications Committee, Co-Chair*
Nancy George – *Scholarships & Awards Committee, Co-Chair*
Nancy Dennis – *WSIG, Co-Chair*
Karin Heffernan – *Member at large*
Gail Geisser – *ASIG, Co-Chair*
Laura Kohl – *Member at large*
Amy Galante – *Social Media Manager*
Adam Williams – *NELIG, Co-Chair*

Attending virtually:

Eleta Exline – *Past-President*
Kim Maxwell – *ERMIG, Co-Chair*
Patrick Hartsfield – *Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Co-Chair*
Melissa Behney – *Leadership Development Committee, Co-Chair*
Marianne Thibodeau – *Membership Committee, Co-Chair*
Mike Cerbo – *Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Co-Chair*
Sam King – *ITIG, Co-Chair*
Hillary Corbett – *SCIG, Co-Chair*
Andrée Rathemacher – *SCIG, Co-Chair*

Absent:

Sarah Hutton – *Communications Committee, Co-Chair*
Lynn Amber – *ASIG, Co-Chair*
Gina Bastone – *WSIG, Co-Chair*
Sue Raidy-Klein – *CDIG, Co-Chair*
Martha Kelehan – *CDIG, Co-Chair*
Rod Obien – *ITIG, Co-Chair*
Leslie Button – *Nominations Committee, Chair*
Galadriel Chilton – *ERMIG, Co-Chair*

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1. WebEx Testing and Introductions

Phil Waterman called the meeting to order at 9:50 am. Introductions were made around the table, and WebEx set up with everyone encouraged to bunch up near the center.

2. Old Business (Phil Waterman)

Finance Committee Composition:

- The positions have been decided; they will be Diane Klare (Past Treasurer), Leslie Button (Past President), and Heidi Steiner-Burkhardt (member at large)

Nominating Committee Report

- Proposed members of the nominating committee are Eleta Exline, Nancy George, Leslie Button

Motion: Nancy George moved to approve these members for the 2014-2015 nominating committee; Melinda Malik seconded. Motion was unanimously passed.

3. Open Access Journal Report (Alan Witt)

Asking Why?

The librarians to whom I spoke said that they created the JESLIB to fit a perceived gap in the field of scholarship. In our case, that motivation isn't exactly applicable. There are a couple of reasons for doing a journal that do fit a need, however.

- The ACRL-NEC exists to support the careers and skills of its members. Scholarly work in the library field is a career booster for a subset of tenure-track academic librarians, and thus a refereed journal would fit our core mission.
- Likewise, library research is a component of the library school education; the possibility of local partnerships with URI and Simmons to give enterprising students a possibility of publication might also be an avenue we could pursue.

Additionally, there are the opportunities for valuable job experience via reviewing papers, helping to manage the journal etc. Finally, we've been boosting our national profile, and this would contribute to our most-active-chapter status.

Form and Function.

The main point that was made in the various conversations and literature was the need to articulate why we would want to make a journal and what purpose it would serve. In the case of JESLIB, the library was already working in that area and there was no specific journal covering escience librarianship: thus a niche was available. The importance of a niche focus was reinforced by a couple other sources:

<http://blogs.biomedcentral.com/bmcblog/2014/06/17/what-does-it-take-to-run-your-own-journal/>

What that implies for us is a need to find a coherent, manageable focus. A couple of ideas have already been put forward by various people, such as:

- Conference proceedings of the annual conference.
- Student research: opportunities for full research projects with library students
- New England librarianship

The conference proceedings idea fits the niche idea, and would also act as a draw for quality presentations and a possible vehicle for future expansion for the conference.

Along with focus is the question of peer-review. The advantage of doing the peer-review process is that it provides a niche area for New England academic librarians to contribute scholarly work and advance along the tenure track. The advantage of not doing peer-review is that it is a lower time and resource cost to the organization.

Platforms

JESLIB benefitted from already having access to a publishing platform through a university. One possibility would be to work with one of the library schools to host the journal, which would give us plenty of opportunities for collaboration. Alternately, we could find an individual college with appropriate access that we could approach and negotiate with. Finally, we could find a platform ourselves, but that option would likely be more costly.

OASIS has a lot of excellent information on starting and maintaining an open access journal.

http://openoasis.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=353&Itemid=379

Going forward:

Now that we know the questions to ask, we need to begin implementation. Alan will come up with a skeleton version of the questions that need to be answered: in short, they are

1. What will the focus of the Journal be? (Conference Proceedings, student work? Etc.)
 - a. Group discussion agreed that a narrow focus would be easier to implement and could be broadened later.
2. What format will the journal be in? (Traditional documents vs. multimedia)
 - a. Karin made the point that since library work is focusing on metaliteracy, opening the journal up to multimedia might be a boon.
3. Peer Reviewed or not?
 - a. Alan pointed out that Peer Review would be a major booster for the journal, but would also increase the difficulty of implementation.
4. Hosting options
 - a. We would need to talk with URI, Simmons, member colleges, and other hosting venues to compare pricing, hosting options etc.
 - i. It was pointed out that hosting the journal at an institution would mean a loss of a degree of control, which could make problems down the road.
5. Sustainability
 - a. We need to think through the process of making the journal sustainable. Who would edit it, run it etc? Would it be an elected position?

Once the skeleton is fleshed out a bit, a call will be put out to Membership looking for committee members to work on the journal and answering these questions. The committee would consist of 2 Board members (including Alan) and 2-3 other people from the membership at large.

The goal for the next board meeting is to have the membership of the committee worked out and to have made a start at answering these questions.

4. Outreach Expansion Task Force (Karin Heffernan and Laura Kohl)

The 6 State reps were approved, and Karin and Laura will be co-chairing the task force on Outreach.

So far, individual invitations set out, and one URI student has committed to being on the committee.

Surveys are being sent out to the three groups (Library Students, Community College Librarians, Paraprofessionals) to see what it is as a chapter that we can offer them.

The first 5 questions would be on all the surveys; going forward from “What type of librarian are you”, the questions would change depending on the type of job. Currently they are at the very rough draft stage.

Some of the questions at hand are: Should we have a Library Student Special Interest Group? Should we have a Community College Special Interest Group? Each group has unique issues and may require a specialized group to focus on them. For example, support staff sometimes have issues with getting time off and permission to attend professional development.

Hillary: We should use the term “Two Year Colleges” so that the group can include private 2 year institutions.

Karin: I’m working on a draft for the ACRL NEC State Representative Guide (listing of duties/standard operating procedures) **Alan:** We could try using specific Gmail addresses for each individual position. **Karin:** Or setting up a listserv. **Laura:** Gmail would work for that too, because it gives access to Google Docs.

The next steps are:

Finish assembling the committee; Send survey to Eleta for input and then pass through the committee.

If anyone has contact suggestions for Karin and Laura for any of these groups please let them know.

5. WSIG Name Change discussion (Nancy Denis)

The national standard for groups on this topic is Women and Gender Studies Interest Group

Motion: Nancy Denis moved to change the name of “Women’s Studies Interest Group” (WSIG) to “Women and Gender Studies Interest Group” (WGSIG); Melinda Malik seconded. Motion was unanimously passed.

Patrick will change the language in the manual.

6. Conference Planning Committee Report (Dave Bretthauer)

There have been two resignations from the committee due to work conflicts. One has been replaced so far.

Please try to send out reminders about the Call for Proposals on all library lists every two weeks or so.

The bare bones of the website are set and currently expanding, thanks to Cody.

We have confirmed our speakers as of last week: they will be David Weinburger and Marie Sorenson

We are looking at the possibility of an additional virtual host site close to New York. Additionally, on Wednesday afternoon the director of UConn Stamford talked with Dave about the possibility for hosting at their site. Stamford is convenient for access from NY. WCSU is another possibility.

Dave would welcome any input for the challenges and options for hosting these extra sites.

Karin: Albany NY would be excellent as a possible location.

Dave: We should offer members of other chapters the Member rate. We're looking not to step on chapter toes, just to offer additional programming. The lack of programming in those areas would lead to people wanting to come to us. We should partner through the ACRL chapters in NY for hosting.

Karin: Who are virtual hosts this year?

Dave: University of Southern Maine, Osher Map Library, coordinated by Ian Fowler; Castleton State College in Vermont, coordinated by Lauren Olewnik and Charlotte Gerstein, with significant assistance from Michael Braun Hamilton of Community College of Vermont; We have been looking into a third possibility along the Chapter's western border, first with WCSU in Danbury, CT, which is on board, and also now possibly with UConn Stamford.

Mike: We are on track with registrations: We are doing very well (8 of 12) so far with vendors, and we've received our first vendor check.

Dave: Space Planning: there is increased attention from the Fire Marshall, so that's causing issues. Limited to 12 tables in the gallery where the food is served. Possibility of opening up the back.

Mike: We need to push back at the 12 tables rather than accepting the status quo; this is our primary money maker.

Karin: Short term: should we try for more creativity about sponsorship? Perhaps vendors would be willing to sponsor Speakers? Let's look for some other options for sponsorship. Long term: We should move to Manchester for centrality.

Mike: We've talked about this for years. There should be other ways to work with the vendors. Perhaps more virtual conferences and have a sponsor for each one?

Nancy: Maybe for the next meeting at St. Anselms we should organize a field trip to explore the possibility of the new venue.

Dave: Geographically there's a real challenge, and we're concentrated down south. Still, there's no reason not to look at other locations. One member mentioned that there is also a great facility in Fort Devons, Sturbridge.

Karin: It's about a 2 hour drive from URI.

Phil: We should also implement the split between logistics and conference details.

Karin: The problem is that this would be a non-school committee. The SIGS are also having meetings all over. Are there separate vendors for lanyards, folders, etc.

Dave: We should stay with printed nametags, then. We won't save space by switching to hand written nametags.

Peter: What if we created a price point for individual schools to have on-site virtual points of service?

Phil: Going forward on the large issue: let's do a field trip to Manchester. We will need to brainstorm the separation process between site planning and conference planning. I'll put it as an agenda item for the next meeting.

7. Scholarship Awards (Nancy George)

The scholarships for attending the annual conference were first developed in 2006, and first given in 2007. Now, costs are up to \$400 for the annual, not including airfare and other incidentals.

The committee proposal is to raise the amounts for the National and Christine Drew scholarships to \$2000 each. These scholarships pay for expenses stemming from attending the conference, up to \$2000.

Other item: Currently we offer 6 ACRL NEC annual conference scholarships to students and 6 to staff and librarians who are attending for their first time. The question is, should we open them up to non-first time attendees? Preferably, we would be able to issue a scholarship to a student from each of the NE states, but we've been barely getting enough people to fill out the scholarships we provide. **Karin** suggests that we market the scholarships via the new State Representative position. **Nancy George:** Another challenge is that it's difficult to reach library students effectively. Specifically, we have issues reaching students who are online exclusively.

Motion: Laura Kohl moved to increase the ACRL National Conference Scholarship & the Christine Drew scholarship for immersion from \$1000 to \$2000; Karin Heffernan seconded.

Discussion of the motion:

Melinda: Funding will not be an issue for this increase because we are in the black. **Peter:** Should this be a dialogue with ACRL national to work for early bird specials? **Phil:** Probably not given past communications with our chapter.

Motion was unanimously passed.

8. Membership Discussion (Peter Cochrane)

This September we will be starting the new membership year as part of switching to the Academic year cycle.

We're implementing the pro-rating later this month to fix the issue. Pro-rated time frame of January 1 through August 31st

The language of the change needs approval: See the agenda for the exact wording

Renewal anytime during the Academic calendar year will only get you membership through August 31st. This is somewhat academic because we've never enforced the member pricing for the conferences. One possibility would be to give people free Membership for the 3 months and then send them a renewal message in July. **Melinda:** We could even put a note in the website, or not accept members until the cycle is over. We could also set the registration to apply for the "next" academic year. Other conferences have done similar things.

Motion: Peter Cochrane moved to update the manual and website language to correspond for the new year. All other wording would remain the same; only the dates will change, to reflect the year; Dave Bretthaur seconded. Motion was unanimously passed.

New member definitions: We have one new person coming in this fall. But we still don't know how to track whether someone is new. Even with Event-Brite, it's easier but not a good option for tracking these things. We should put some option on the website that people can check off "new member" versus returning member. New is either a first time member or not a member in the most recent year. **Melinda:** this could just be internal language and not something that would affect scholarships or registration. **Peter:** That works.

We will work with a generic Gmail account to make member communications easier to pass on.

There is also the possibility of reducing dues for ACRL National members, but Marianne and Peter are thinking about changing the practice of giving benefits to National. We could require National members to register for free with the local chapter so we can better track actual disbursement of services. Currently, once a year we get a mail list from National that is not representative. It's also very passive. It's better for us to actively require membership as a marketing tool to show how good a value we are by comparison. This is a potential issue for the Chapter Council.

9. Constitution & Bylaws discussion (Patrick Hartsfield)

We should separate the constitution and bylaws from the manual.

The idea of separating the constitution and bylaws from the manual serves 2 purposes:

1. It makes it easier to maintain the files - during the latest update we found that the separate constitution & bylaws document on the chapter website was out of date, but the "main" manual was current. The separate constitution & bylaws document was created a few years ago to make it easier to reference it, but it's led to maintenance issues.
2. (Hopefully) reduces confusion about updating "the manual" - having two distinct documents should help keep everyone on the same page when we determine changes have to be made. Updates to the constitution/bylaws often affect the manual, but they are distinct entities. I think it will also help us think of the manual as the procedural document it really is.

Phil: This makes sense, and fixes the issues we've seen. It's just a procedural fix, so no vote is required.

10. Other Business

Kirsten Kay:

Brief update: I'm working at the physical archive transferred to UMASS special collections, processing and doing inventory. Question: I've been collecting recent digital documents, saving those to a server as a local location. Do we want to start incorporating digital documents into the permanent ACRL-NEC archive as a permanent collection?

Benefits: It would join and collect all archiveable stuff in one location. UMass has already operationalized digital collection procedures. Phil Waterman would sign a deed of gift, and none of that material would be put on a publically usable website. Instead it would be stored in dark archives.

Kirsten: Nothing has been signed over yet. **Phil:** How would it work for the next archivist: **Kirsten:** Each set of updates would be in batches. Our organization would always have access to the material through the archivist. **Melinda:** Print binders would be stored at a local site. **Kirsten:** Material would not be distributed across several sites. Storage is free. **Phil:** Centralizing for free is awesome. We should get that process going. **Melinda:** Is it common that financial records be made publically available? **Kirsten:** We've received financial materials that have not been weeded out, but we can build that into the donor agreement that all financially sensitive information would be limited. We could restrict public access to the chapter for 10-20 years, especially for finances. **Phil:** What's the time frame for implementing something like this? **Kirsten:** We can work on this and report back on the next meeting? **Melinda:** Would this apply to stuff we already have? **Kirsten:** I'll check the donor agreement and get back to you, possibly so we can amend and tweak the current agreement.

Meeting start times: Phil will send out a Doodle poll about start times

The next Board meeting will be at the Geisel Library at St. Anselm College on January 16th, 2015.

Motion: Melinda Malik moved to approve the minutes from last meeting; Karin Heffernan seconded. Motion was unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Nicholas Witt
ACRL/NEC Secretary 2014-2016

Electronic Voting Held between August 25th and October 27th

1. A motion was made by Leslie Button and seconded by Lauran Kohl to approve the SCIG budget request for the fall.
The motion was approved 15-0.

Board Reports:

Archives Report

Kirstin Kay

I've almost finished processing the ACRL NEC collection at UMass. I hope to get the finding aid up after the semester cools off.

I've added the revised digital version of the board manual to my digital collection of documents. Right now these are stored on a UMass library server (with other Special Collections files related to the ACRL collection). But these files have not been officially donated to the university (as an accretion to the collection). I'd like to discuss if we want to start donating digital files to the official collection. UMass special collections is now taking born-digital documents into the archive.

Kirstin

Treasurer's Report

Melinda Malik

Good Afternoon,

Attached is the Q1 (7/1/2014-9/30/2014) financial statement (Profit & Loss, and Balance Sheet). This has been a fairly quiet quarter transaction-wise. I have begun training Jessica on the roles and responsibilities of Treasurer and will continue to do so in the coming months. Please continue to CC her on all correspondence with me.

Once again this year we retained the services of Todd McCann, C.P.A. to prepare our federal and state tax documents. The documents will be mailed on Monday (due date is November 15th).

Don't forget, the Request for Payment and Report of Money Receipt forms are available on the Board chairs and SIGs site. If you're planning a program and would like someone to look over your budget I'm happy to do so. Once you're ready to set up your event registration, contact Kerri Vautour at kvautour@springfieldcollege.edu. Please CC both Jessica and me if you are charging a registration fee so that we know it's happening.

Lastly, as a reminder I have changed jobs and have new contact information:

Melinda Malik
Head of Reference & Instructional Services

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Respectfully,

Melinda Malik, Treasurer

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee Report:

Website is up and healthy after three successful attacks and three successful recoveries. We've set up a more robust backup system where the site is housed in no less than five locations at any given time. Security updates are done on the fly the day they are posted to the public on drupal.org. Going forward, we're planning on making new permission groups to further lock down the site and to read about and implement new security features.

Changes to the site include:

- regular authenticated users can now post to news feed OR post event. Before they could only post an event which would place info on calendar and news feed
- admin login link added to the site's footer
- changed board site so it is distinguishable from main site (header color change)
- posted 2014 conference videos to youtube and integrated them into the 2014 conference website: <http://conference2014.acrlnec.org/content/conference-videos>

-Codey Kolasinski

Conference Planning Committee

Dave Bretthauer

2015 Conference Planning Committee Report

November 2014

(I'll forward this to the CPC in a moment—there are some developments since October 29 which not everyone has heard)

CPC met at UConn Storrs on Wednesday, October 29.

As I hope everyone has seen, the Conference theme is settled: "Spacing Out with the Library: An Exploration of Collaboration Across the Physical, Virtual and those Places in Between". The Call for Proposals is out and closing date is December 5; please share the announcement on any lists you think might be appropriate and let us know you've done so. We've decided to send reminders every 2-3 weeks. Proposals are starting to come in. Also, the 2015 conference website is up, a bit more than barebones at this time; we will add an interesting graphic.

The keynote speakers are confirmed: David Weinberger of Harvard Berkman Center, Marie Sorensen, Architect / Principal-in-Charge, Sorensen Partners. One would discuss primarily physical spaces and the other virtual, though it's already clear to me that there will be some blending. I've followed up with both speakers about their presentation requirements and my next steps with them.

WCSU Library is willing to be a virtual host. WCSU should be a good site for Eastern New York Chapter members. I got this news late Friday afternoon and haven't yet continued that conversation.

You're hearing this next piece of news before the CPC is: before I'd heard back about Western, because of deadlines I had started a similar conversation with the Head of UConn Stamford Library and we followed up just a few minutes ago. Stamford would be an ideal site for interested Metro New York Chapter members as the campus is a 10 minute walk from the Metro-North train station and they have a shuttle bus to campus we could probably make use of via advanced registration. I have a number of details to follow up on: there would be a charge for Stamford spaces if we used them; I need to find a volunteer at UConn Stamford (not insurmountable, but not done yet), we need to make certain neither New York chapter is running a program on May 8. It might be good to poll those chapters for possible interest, which I haven't started yet.

Vendors: Michael tells me we are on track with vendor registrations thus far (sorry, Mike, I know you gave me a number but either I didn't write it down or can't find it in my notes).

Space Planning: There is still the issue of the number of tables in the Gallery and we have some unanswered questions for Elizabeth Rice. The limit to 12 tables seems to be based directly on increasing attention from the campus Fire Marshall. Elizabeth is recommending opening 304/5 to the ballroom and using that space for vendors. I think we'd all like that space better if some food could be in there; otherwise it probably becomes a space for bronze? We've discussed this matter and I think everyone is aware of concerns and questions, though we don't yet have resolutions. We will meet at Hogan in December to settle space usage.

Registration: We can redo our Registration process to gain some of the entry space for vendors, but having offered the suggestion now I'm not sure we should since vendors don't seem to appreciate this space, either. Regardless, the group seems to like the idea of using tablets to check attendees in quickly as they arrive, and direct them as needed.

We haven't looked at the day's menu yet.

We don't yet have an exact schedule for day. We know we will have two keynotes and perhaps a follow up conversation. Obviously we'll have a better idea in December when proposals are in.

I am starting to draft a budget based on last year's, but there are costs we don't yet have. We are seeking a proposal for streaming and recording from the company that did last year's work.

Dave

Constitution & Bylaws

Patrick Hartsfield & Michael Cerbo, Co-Chairs

Good Afternoon All,

The only item to report since our last meeting is that the Manual has been updated with any changes. Patrick sent an email on the specifics back in October.

See you all on Friday.

Thank you,

Michael Cerbo & Patrick Hartsfield
Constitution & By-Laws

Leadership Development Committee

Melissa Behney & Tracey Leger- Hornby, Co-Chairs

Report to the Board

November 12, 2014

LDC had scheduled a program for October 2014 entitled, "Who Do You Think You Are? Uncovering Your Leadership & Communication Styles." The registration fee was significantly higher than for past offerings (\$125 for members vs. \$75 or less), and timing was during the very busy fall semester. With registration beneath the necessary threshold, the committee

determined that the best option was to cancel the program within the timeframe needed to avoid incurring costs. A number of individuals contacted committee members after the cancellation to indicate interest in registering for the program. Mary Hurlie, the program facilitator, has indicated that she would be willing to provide the program at a future date. The deposit at Tower Hill Botanic Garden is being held to allow the committee to use the facility for a spring date.

A spring program with a speaker followed by roundtable discussions is planned. Dr. Katie Vail, interim director of academic technology at Harvard University, is interested in being the speaker for the spring program. She will be presenting at a January NERCOMP program and the content of the talk will be similar. A member of the committee has also expressed willingness in presenting on the leadership skills honed in developing and carrying out a significant institutional project. Dates for these offerings will be determined when the committee meets in December.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Behney
Tracey Leger- Hornby
Co-chairs, Leadership Development Committee

Membership Committee

Laura Kohl & Karin Heffernan, Co-Chairs

1. ACRL NEC Membership approved changes from 2 MAL positions to 6 State Representative positions.
2. Two current Members at Large will co-chair Task Force on services and benefits to library school students, community college library staff and paraprofessionals.
3. Individual invitations and networking has begun for the task force membership. A final list of members is not yet available.
4. Draft surveys to be given to library school students, community college library staff and paraprofessionals have been created to allow the task force membership a good starting point for their work.
5. A draft of a template to assist new state representatives with creating lines of communication between ACRL-NEC and local organizations and membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Kohl & Karin Heffernan

ACRL NEC Members at Large

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ACRL-NEC Outreach Expansion Task Force Survey

The purpose of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) New England Chapter since its inception in 1972 has been to provide academic and research librarians opportunities for professional growth by conducting programs and conferences across the six New England states as well as to create a network of colleagues for consultation and collaboration to:

- encourage the exchange of ideas and information relating to library developments
- disseminate educational information oriented to academic and research libraries
- support and participate in programs of other regional and local organizations in New England when appropriate

in order to promote and improve library service to the academic research community.

Since the early 1990s there has been an effort to encourage library support staff to participate in the organization. Thus far, these efforts have met with limited success. To this end, the current Board has formed a task force to investigate how the chapter might better involve and meet the needs of paraprofessionals in academic libraries, community college librarians, and library school students. Initially to assess the needs of these constituents, the Board is administering surveys to these groups soliciting information about how ACRL-NEC might better serve these populations. Your participation in completing this survey would be greatly appreciated.

QUESTIONS ON ALL 3 SURVEYS:

1. Which state do you live in?

- Connecticut
- Massachusetts
- Maine
- New Hampshire
- Rhode Island
- Vermont
- Other? (confusion? denial?)

2. Please select your current position:

- Librarian at a community college
- Paraprofessional in an academic library
- Library school student

3. Do you belong to any library organizations at present?

Yes:

- State Library Association
- NELA
- ACRL
- ACRL New England Chapter
- ALA
- Other?

No, because:

- Haven't been made aware of these organizations
- Costs too much
- Offerings are not applicable/useful

- Have to travel too far to attend events
- Other?

4. Have you attended any library organization programs?

Yes:

- Conference
- Workshop
- Meeting
- Social gathering (Dine Around, etc.)
- Webinar
- Other?

No, because:

- Wasn't aware of them
- Cost too much
- Offerings were not applicable/useful
- Had to travel too far to attend event
- Don't have the technology to attend virtually
- Other?

5. Have you utilized any library organization services?

Yes:

- Job Listings
- Job Shadowing
- Website
- Networking
- Resources
- Other?

No, because:

- Wasn't aware of them
- Cost too much
- Offerings were not applicable/useful
- Other?

LIBRARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

ACRL-NEC currently offers library students:

- Reduced price conference admission and membership
- Scholarships to ACRL-NEC conference
- Best Paper Award
- Pairing Program w/ current librarians at ACRL-NEC conference
- Participation in conference planning committee
- Resume review, cover letter writing instruction, mock interviews, etc. at selected conferences

6. What programs or services would you like offered to library school students?

- Job shadowing
- Opportunity to present at conferences
- Professional librarian mentor

- Career services such as resume reviews, cover letter conferencing, mock interviews, etc.
- Internships at member librarians' institutions
- Librarian-Student Pairing for all types of conferences (state library associations, NELA, ACRL-NEC, ACRL National, ALA, etc.)
- Other?

7. At this time, ACRL-NEC has seven different special interest groups, would it be beneficial to have a special interest group of ACRL-NEC dedicated to library school students? (Ex: LSSIG = Library Student Special Interest Group)

- Yes
- No
- Other ideas?

LIBRARY PARAPROFESSIONALS

6. What area of library services do you work in?

- Access Services
- Collection Development
- Electronic Resources
- Reference & Instruction
- Scholarly Communication
- Information Technology
- Other?

7. Are there specific duties/skills in your position for which you would like professional development opportunities?

- Website development/maintenance
- Cataloging
- Scheduling software
- Circulation software
- Budgeting
- Presentation skills
- Powerpoint creation
- Spreadsheet tools
- Other?

8. Are there interpersonal skills for which you would like professional development opportunities?

- Leadership
- Conflict resolution
- Teaching skills
- Interviewing people
- Other?

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARIANS

6. Which aspects of working at a community college are different than working at a four-year college/university?

- Only 2 years to develop students' information literacy skills

- Funding is lower than private institutions
- Librarians perform multiple functions due to smaller staff size
- Decision making isn't local if community college is part of a state university system
- Other?

7. In what ways might ACRL-NEC tailor its offerings to better suit the needs of community college librarians?

8. At this time, ACRL-NEC has seven different special interest groups, would it be beneficial to have a special interest group of ACRL-NEC dedicated to community college librarians? (Ex: CCSIG = Community College Special Interest Group)

- Yes
- No
- Other ideas?

Nominating Committee

Leslie Button, Chair

Hi all,

I'd like to present to the members of the Board, for their approval, the people who will assist me this year in the process of seeking nominees for the 2015 election:

- Eleta Exline, Past-President
- Nancy George, Co-Chair, Scholarships and Awards

Our work needs to begin very soon. We'll be looking for nominees to serve as candidates for the following positions:

- Vice-President/President-Elect
- Members-at-Large

Thanks in advance for your consideration and if you have any suggestions for people we might approach, please pass them along!

Leslie

Special Interest Group Reports:

Electronic Resources Management Interest Group (ERMIG)

Kim Maxwell & Galadriel Chilton, Co-Chairs

We hosted our free, half-day program on Wednesday 11/12/2014, and it was fantastic. The venue was perfect, the technology worked 100% of the time, the speakers were great presenters with really interesting content, and the whole day went off without a single hitch.

We had no guide for how to pull this all off: we reinvented the proverbial wheel on this one. So, the next task we've set for ourselves is to write up what we did to pass along to future chairs of this group. We're also more than happy to share it with anyone else who is interested. We'll definitely be sharing it with the Collection Development Interest Group (CDIG), as we know they are hoping to put on a program in the Spring.

Kim Maxwell

Scholarly Communication Interest Group:

Andrée Rathemacher & Hillary Corbet, Co-Chairs & Mark Clemente, Vice-Chair

We are preparing for our Fall Program, which has now been advertised widely and for which registration is open. It will take place on Friday, December 5 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. The topic is "Updates from the World of Open: SHARE, OERs, and MOOCs." The program will provide up-to-the-minute news and analysis of three important topics in scholarly communication and higher ed:

- The White House Open Access Directive and SHARE: Linda Plunket, Boston University
- Open Educational Resources: Nicole Allen, SPARC; Marilyn Billings, UMass Amherst; and Charlotte Roh, UMass Amherst
- MOOCs and Copyright: Kyle Courtney, Harvard University, and Laura Quilter, UMass Amherst

The program will also provide an opportunity for attendees to report on their institutions' Open Access Week activities and share news from other recent events.

Registration cost is \$35.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrée Rathemacher
SCIG Co-Chair

Women's Studies Interest Group (WSIG)

Nancy Dennis & Gina Bastone, Co-Chairs

WSIG Name Change

A proposal to change the name of WSIG to Women & Gender Studies Interest Group (WGSIG) has been submitted to the agenda of the November 14, 2014 ACRL New England Board meeting for discussion.

Co-chairs Dennis and Bastone feel that the proposed name is more reflective of current academic practice, as most women's studies programs now include gender issues.

This name change would bring consistency between ACRL New England's women's studies group and the ACRL national women's studies group. The national group has been called WGSS, Women & Gender Studies Section for some time.

Division of WSIG Responsibilities

As a result of meetings in summer and fall 2014, Dennis and Bastone have agreed to the following division of WSIG duties:

Co-Chair Dennis will be responsible for reviving the legacy activities of WSIG through the:

- Development and maintenance of the WSIG website featuring links to a "Resource Directory" of women/gender related libraries, archives, service organizations, publishers, historic sites, and publications. ACRL New England Webmaster *Codey* Kolasinski has graciously agreed to introduce Dennis to Drupal in a long distance session on Thursday, November 6. Material is currently being assembled for the web site.
- Reporting on activities from national and regional conferences, lectures, and other events relevant to women/gender studies librarianship. These reports will appear on the WSIG web site. Dennis will be attending ALA Midwinter 2105 for the express purpose of making contacts and learning what's going on with WGSS, Feminist Task Force, Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship, and other relevant groups.

- Scheduling of visits to archives, historical sites, museums, libraries, presses, and organizations related to women's/gender studies scholarship and pedagogy. Dennis and Bastone intend to schedule a tour in January before ALA Midwinter. A call is into the Schlesinger Library for a visit during the early part of the month. Alternatives to the Schlesinger include the Maine Women's Writers Collection at the University of New England campus in Portland, and Our Bodies, Ourselves (formerly the Boston Women's Health Collective).

Co-Chair Bastone seeks to expand the focus of WSIG activities to activism in social issues relating to women/gender by:

- Initiating the appropriate social media presence (twitter, Facebook, etc.) for WSIG.
- Sponsoring a presentation on academic librarians' roles in preventing sexual assault on campus. Gina has been working with Brandeis student affairs professionals on this issue for some time, supporting their efforts with her work. She is very interested in holding a panel on this topic.
- Developing a "Bring in the Experts" day, which would be modeled on the Social Sciences/Sciences Boot Camps many academic librarians attend each June. In our workshop, women/gender studies scholars would bring librarians up to date on new scholarship and teaching approaches in the field. The Women's Studies Research Center at Brandeis could be a possible sponsor of such an event.
- Helping librarians develop sensitivity to needs of all students by arranging training in race, class, gender, and sexuality.

Nuts & Bolts Issues

The WSIG mailing list is woefully out of date. Therefore, Dennis and Bastone plan to publicize events to the entire ACRL New England membership list (and will be asking for assistance on how to do this). They will also publicize to regional groups as appropriate.

Dennis and Bastone recognize that it will take time for WSIG to reestablish itself. Through our multipronged approach and "can do" attitudes, we will do our best to reinvigorate this important interest group.