

# ACRL/NEC Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 16, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Saint Anselm College, Geisel Library, Upper Level Instruction Classroom  
Manchester, NH

## **Present:**

Phil Waterman – *President*  
Dave Bretthauer – *Vice-President/President-Elect*  
Melinda Malik – *Treasurer*  
Jessica Adamick – *Treasurer-Elect*  
Alan Witt – *Secretary*  
Eleta Exline – *Past-President*  
Karin Heffernan – *Member at large*  
Annette M. Vadnais – *Communications Committee, Co-Chair*  
Carol Will – *Leadership Development Committee*  
Codey Kolasinski – *Communications Committee, Co-Chair*  
Nancy George – *Scholarships & Awards Committee, Co-Chair*  
Gail Geisser – *ASIG, Co-Chair*  
Sam King – *ITIG, Co-Chair*  
Adam Williams – *NELIG, Co-Chair*  
Amy Galante – *Social Media Manager*

## **Attending virtually:**

Marianne Thibodeau – *Membership Committee, Co-Chair*  
Patrick Hartsfield – *Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Co-Chair*  
Mike Cerbo – *Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Co-Chair*  
Leslie Button – *Nominations Committee, Chair*  
Hillary Corbett – *SCIG, Co-Chair*

## **Absent:**

Lynn Amber – *ASIG, Co-Chair*  
Melissa Behney – *Leadership Development Committee, Co-Chair*  
Rod Obien – *ITIG, Co-Chair*  
Gina Bastone – *WGSIG, Co-Chair*  
Peter Cochrane – *Membership Committee, Co-Chair*  
Laura Kohl – *Member at large*  
Sarah Hutton – *Communications Committee, Co-Chair*  
Galadriel Chilton – *ERMIG, Co-Chair*  
Martha Kelehan – *CDIG, Co-Chair*  
Sue Raidy-Klein – *CDIG, Co-Chair*  
Kim Maxwell – *ERMIG, Co-Chair*  
Kirstin Kay – *Chapter Archivist*  
Andrée Rathemacher – *SCIG, Co-Chair*  
Nancy Dennis – *WGSIG, Co-Chair*

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### **1. WebEx Testing and introductions**

Phil called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Introductions were made around the table, and WebEx set up.

### **2. Old Business: Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** Karin Heffernan moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting; Eleta Exline seconded. Motion was unanimously passed.

### **3. Old Business: Task force on Member Engagement (Karin Heffernan)**

We have a task force but are waiting for someone from Maine and a Simmons College Student. Peter Cochrane is working for the Simmons student and Marianne will be working on the Maine representative. See the attached list for the current members. The survey will be molded by the task force and then sent out to the board for approval.

For March: Ideally the surveys will be ready to send out (vetted through the board) and the research will be started on figuring out who to email.

### **4. Old Business: Open Access Journal (Alan Witt)**

Going forward for next meeting we want to have a task force set up and an answer to the first question, ideally. We'll use the membership group to set up a call and post to the chapter website and the SCIG lists.

### **5. SSL Boot Camp Sponsorship Request (Phil Waterman)**

I received a request from Kristen Koob from HKS library knowledge services from Harvard. Co-chair of the Social Sciences Librarians Boot Camp at Tufts in June. She wanted to know if ACRL-NEC wanted to be a sponsor of the camp. Sponsorship comes with a certain number of free registrations. We did sponsor it in 2012, and it's allowed in our Bylaws. It would need a board vote. The Boot camp will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup>. With \$500 we get 1 free registration; \$750 gets us 3; \$1000 gets us 5.

**Adam:** The boot camp is generally a 1 day, with 90 or so attendees. **Melinda:** We can afford any of these levels but we should error on the size of caution and go with \$500.

**Motion:** Melinda Malik moved that the ACRL-NEC sponsor the SSL boot camp at the \$500 level; Adam Williams seconded. Motion was unanimously passed.

## 6. Conference Planning Committee Report (Dave Bretthauer)

We had an excellent number of proposals (73) and did not need to extend the deadline, which speaks to the health and good reputation of the conference. 27 presentation and 18 poster proposals were accepted. The conference theme is collaboration virtually and physically in terms of spaces. We have a draft schedule; 3 breakout sessions with a separate poster session.

West Conn is on board as a virtual host. Stamford is still in process and we may have to let it go. **Phil:** I think we should let it go; we're already expanding to one additional, so we should maintain our focus. **Dave:** Stamford would be nice for the future because it's a train ride up from New York, and it's not as heavy at 7-8 am, and there's a shuttle bus from the station to the campus. I will tell the contact she's off the hook for this year.

Budgetary issues: We face the constraint of an ever reducing number of tables at Holy Cross. We are currently at a limit of 12 tables. We raised rates on attendees 2 years in a row with no complaints. We raised vendor rates last year and they DID notice and complain. We're looking for video projectors we can use so we don't have to rent equipment.

**Phil:** How's the schedule for vendors? **Mike:** Vendors are going very well, working with Scott Stangroom. Dave doesn't have updated numbers as of this week. We have 11 tables sold, with a word of mouth commitment from ProQuest. Everything else is open (sponsorships for breakfast, web sessions, etc.) **Phil:** What levels did the tables go at? **Mike:** 3 gold, 1-2 silver, and the rest at bronze. Two vendors who noticed the price increase last year did not attend this year. We lost AMS imaging as well because they were bought out by Minalta. Our loss in revenue is due to the loss of tables.

In terms of vendor registrations, the majority of vendors send 2 reps as a standard. 2 vendors only sent one, but most do bring two. Steel Case is an office furniture vendor that is focusing on workspaces and collaboration. They might be a good partner for sponsorship given the theme of the conference. [www.steelcase.com](http://www.steelcase.com) is the website, and Hillary Corbett is looking for contact info.

**Dave:** Another issue is virtual conference costs versus potential revenues. We're currently at wait and see... We're currently proceeding on the assumption that we're streaming the conference professionally. **Karin:** With three sessions, assuming 2 breakouts filmed each session, what will the cost be for streaming? Could we expand to 3 filmed each session? **Dave:** We'll check with that. **Melinda:** We can afford to lose a year's worth of revenue, but it will be worth it because we're charging so we should be professional. We will never sell enough tickets virtually to cover the expense. **Eleta:** The major complaints regarding the virtual conference were too much content and hiccups in streaming BEFORE we did the professional service. **Phil:**

Going forward we should assume professional broadcasting. Expanding this service gives more vendor exposure, especially up in Vermont.

General question: Should we continue with comping one presenter per presentation?

**Eleta:** it hasn't always been two; sometimes one, sometimes three. **Phil:** Travel comps do not happen, which is relevant because we're still getting intercontinental proposals. **Jessica:** Maybe we should charge half price for all presenters rather than go through the confusing process of one or two free tickets. **Eleta:** maybe we could charge the student rate to presenters. **Karin:** We should formulate a policy going forward rather than ad hoc, variable rates. **Melinda:** part of our character is the comping/discounts, and we shouldn't abandon that friendly regional feel. The student rate is a good way to go because the virtual pay the student rate. **Phil:** Overall feeling is that we should provide some kind of discount. Dave should go back and crunch the numbers to figure out the best scenario. **Melinda:** Financially we'd be comfortable voting now.

**Motion:** Nancy George moved to create a registration category for presenters with a registration fee of \$30; Annette Vadnais seconded. Motion was unanimously passed.

**Dave:** I tried to get a Holy Cross rep to serve on the committee and 3 people declined. Without a rep, they charge \$150 for meeting space. We're capping Holy Cross registration at 350, a number we've never reached. I'll try to get the numbers together so we can report the budget numbers to the board.

The Keynote speakers are David Weinburger from the Berkman Center at Harvard and Marie Sorenson, an architect. Both work in Cambridge. Marie has constructed a number of libraries.

## 7. Web Hosting Issues (Codey Kolasinski)

The hosting provider for the website is Bluehost. We got an email saying we're using too many resources. They shut us down last week. Codey upgraded temporarily, but we have a decision to make.

Our website is run by the DRUPLE CMS. Every druple instance you create uses another table. Our options are to upgrade or to fold some of the SIG sites into the main site. Upgrade would cost another 11 dollars a month. **Melinda:** It's worth paying \$20 a month to stay and to maintain the SIG's independent status online. Would subsuming the sites into the main site affect our access rates? **Codey:** No. **Patrick:** Could we use multiple skins or subthemes within our original Druple? **Codey:** No. The main issue is being able to do different branding like with NELIG. **Carol:** Did we explore other companies? **Codey:** Bluehost is good in comparison.

An executive decision was made to make the upgrade.

## 8. Conference Site Proposal – Manchester, NH (Karin Heffernan)

I contacted the Manchester Convention Center for a one day conference in 2016 in Manchester. I will digitize the paper copies and put them online.

Reasons for switching venues: At Holy Cross we face a loss of revenue due to steady vendor squeeze, and Manchester has a more even distance to various locations from all over New England's 6 major cities. Switching would also be a way to build the membership in Maine and Vermont, especially if we alternate between north and south.

I went to the Radisson and met with Christine Mooney in charge of conference planning. Good things about Radisson: It's a great location right off of Rt. 3, very close to the Manchester Airport. It has wonderful spaces and no limit on vendors, we could include 20 vendors easy according to Mike. If expenses would be comparable, that would be a decent revenue increase.

In the lunch space, vendors would be in the actual room. Responses from vendors were uniformly positive about that idea. Salon A accommodates 3 breakouts, and is a very flexible space. The Radisson does NOT do virtual streaming fees. Catering is a bit cheaper and could be even cheaper if we went with smaller options. There is also the possibility for a cocktail hour at the end of the conference.

Future possibilities are alternating sites, adopting the NELA model.

**Phil:** Question for Mike regarding vendors: are the 20 possible in addition to possible sponsors for lunch etc. **Mike:** Yes. I also had a question: in terms of the actual conference attendees, do we have a geographic breakdown? **Karin:** No. **Phil:** I'll look for that info.

**Sam King:** MCPH has had many events at the Radisson. They have a paid parking garage (5 dollars for a day) **Melinda:** We could have a vendor sponsor the parking.

**Dave:** Dartmouth conference will be in 2016; is it normally annual? **Karin:** Yes, and the sold out numbers indicate a large underserved constituency that might be interested in a more northern venue. We could switch down the virtual locations to Rhode Island and Connecticut. **Dave:** Setting up virtual hosts is actually quite difficult. **Alan:** The longer planning cycle will help with that. **Nancy George:** The timing issue is crazy for the locations, and the venue changing is crazy. **Dave:** for 2016 I think we should give it a try. **Alan:** We need to create a logistical committee; we've been talking about it for a while, but it will make life a lot easier. The committee can recruit from the CPC for logistics, and then remove it from the VP's control because it would be outside of their terms.

**Motion:** Karin Heffernan moved to create an ad-hoc conference site planning committee; Nancy George seconded. Motion was unanimously passed.

Dave and Phil will put out a call for members for the Ad-Hoc committee with 3-5 members. After the site visit, the board will make a recommendation to the new committee.

## 9. Nominating Committee Update (Leslie Button)

We have 3 Candidates for VP and President Elect. We need to create a better method for gathering candidate information. We're trying to wrap up candidate info by early February. Elections in the past have been done electronically in mid-March for 2-3 weeks. **Eleta:** 3 weeks is better than 2.

**Karin:** Who's running the Virtual conference in Vermont? Is it being run by Castleton state? We can rope them in for state rep. **Dave:** Michael Hamilton Brown from Community College of Vermont might be good for state rep, and would also be good for logistics. **Karin:** Heidi Steiner would be good to rope in as well. **Nancy:** There's a Bowdoin student who might be good for Maine who was involved in NELA. **Karin:** We need Maine and Vermont for next year for appointments. Voting for the other states. **Phil:** I can appoint those the moment we have candidates.

The next step is planning for the election, getting candidate info up, getting the ballot out. Thanks go to Eleta Exline and Nancy George for their assistance.

#### **10. Miscellaneous Topics: Google Group for ACRL National Attendees (Eleta Exline)**

We could use this as a group for ANY conference that members might be attending. **Phil:** We could advertise on the website. That works for ridesharing, crash space, etc. No cost for us, minimal time for administration.

**Eleta:** I volunteered for this, but anyone else who wants to help is welcome. I'm the ad-hoc google group manager. What do we call it?

No consensus opinion on a name; Eleta will come up with an option and run it past the board.

#### **11. Miscellaneous Topics: Review expense voucher forms (Melinda Malik)**

The easiest form is the *Report of Money Receipts* for if you are cashing a check or taking in money. It has lines for what it is, the number of things and amount. Mail checks with form to Melinda.

The more challenging form is the *Request for Payment*. If you are planning an easy event and all expenses are labels for nametags (for example), send in form with names of the person who paid for it. Divvy out what they paid for. Melinda has to have a form signed by the person submitting it and Phil (or Dave if Phil's not available), before she can process it. She also needs original receipt. We expedite electronically by scanning the lot and sending them to Phil, Dave, and Jessica and Melinda. We then send the originals to Melinda.

If you are working with companies, many of them will send in a PDF with expense vouchers. We need a clean PDF; unclean ones will require the originals.

Occasionally, you'll have a college that says that you have to use our catering and pay the day of the event. If so they have to give us an original invoice 2 weeks minimum before the event and promise not to change it. That's the only way they can get the money on time.

Insurance queries go through Melinda. We ARE covered, and it's not included in the SIG budgets. Requests for W-9 forms also go through Melinda.

Honorariums of \$600 or more trigger taxation; they need to give *us* a W-9 form in that case.

## **12. Miscellaneous Topics: ITIG (Sam King)**

DigiCamp is March 13th, Digital Road Show at SNHU at April 10th. We're in negotiations with University of Southern Maine for a Road Show in Portland Maine in September.

## **13. Miscellaneous Topics: Chapter's Council Update (Eleta Exline)**

The table we were promised for free at ACRL national has been withdrawn by "ACRL staffers".

## **14. Miscellaneous Topics: Leadership Development Committee (Carol Will)**

We need to scale back the UMass Amherst leadership meeting to cut down on costs because the speaker, Charles Manz is asking for \$1200 honorarium. We'll report back when plans firm up.

## **15. Other Business and Next Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be at Bryant University on March 6<sup>th</sup> in Smithfield, RI.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Nicholas Witt

ACRL/NEC Secretary 2014-2016

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## **Electronic Voting Held between November 15th, 2014 and January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

No votes were held

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## Board Reports

### Treasurer's Report

*Melinda Malik*

Good morning,

Attached is the Q2 (10/01/2014-12/31/2014) financial statement (Profit & Loss, and Balance Sheet). This has been a fairly quiet quarter transaction-wise. Please continue to CC Jessica ([jadamick@library.umass.edu](mailto:jadamick@library.umass.edu)) on all correspondence with me.

A few reminders:

1. Don't forget, the Request for Payment and Report of Money Receipt forms are available on the Board chairs and SIGs site.
2. Reimbursement for mileage is at the non-profit rate and remains unchanged for 2015 at 14 cents per mile. Please be sure to communicate this to anyone for whom you are reimbursing for mileage. Here's the link to the IRS website if you'd like more information - <http://www.irs.gov/Tax-Professionals/Standard-Mileage-Rates><http://www.irs.gov/Tax-Professionals/Standard-Mileage-Rates><http://www.irs.gov/Tax-Professionals/Standard-Mileage-Rates>
3. For auditing purposes we must have original receipts and invoices on file. If we are paying an invoice directly to a vendor or reimbursing a board or ACRL-NEC member or other organization, we must receive the original documentation along with the Request for payment form (with appropriate signatures) before a check can be issued. If you have any questions about documentation let me know. I'm happy to review what you've received to see if it is acceptable. It is the responsibility of the SIG and committee chairs to ensure this documentation is gathered and submitted.
4. Once you're ready to set up your event registration, contact Kerri Vautour at [kvautour@springfieldcollege.edu](mailto:kvautour@springfieldcollege.edu). Please CC both Jessica and me if you are charging a registration fee so that we know it's happening.

Respectfully submitted,



Melinda Malik

Treasurer

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## **Committee Reports**

### **Conference Planning Committee**

*Dave Bretthauer*

#### **2015 Conference Planning Committee Report and Draft Budget**

##### **January 2015**

##### **Programming**

We received 73 proposals and did not need to extend the original deadline. If you shared any of the CFP announcements with any listservs on your own, thank you, and please add this information to our publicity list. Of these, 27 presentations and 18 poster sessions were accepted. Elizabeth reserved 9 rooms for us (in addition to the Ballroom). I am extremely grateful for the hard work of Christine Turner, Claire DeMarco, Susan Stearns, and Bharti Joshi as the Programming Subcommittee, and Kristina Edwards for her work with Elizabeth.

##### **Draft schedule**

8-9 Registration/Vendors/Breakfast

9-9:15 Welcome/Business

9:15-10:30 Keynotes

10:30-10:45 Break / Vendors

10:45-11:45 Breakout #1, 9 sessions

11:45-12:45 Lunch / Vendor announcements, awards, SIG chair lightning introductions (90 seconds)

12:45-1:45 Breakout #2, 9 sessions

1:45-2:30 Poster Session / Vendors & sponsored snack

2:30-3:30 Breakout #3, 9 sessions + Resume Review spread out in Ballroom / Lobby

### **Planning Comments**

Given the number of proposals we received, we found it useful to use the 2012 conference as a model; one recollection of those who participated in its planning was that two poster sessions hadn't worked very well.

We will coordinate ridesharing via a Google group again this year thanks to the assistance of CPC member Jennie Murack, who has used this service in the past.

We have discussed the SIG/networking session. As of this writing our plan is to have SIG co-chairs briefly introduce SIGs during lunch; if you have not been contacted by Danitta Wong, please plan to have at least one co-chair attend the conference and speak about your SIG for 90 seconds. It is difficult to hone the well-received networking event from last year, since no one on this year's CPC seems to have participated in it and neither of last year's organizers continued CPC service this year.

Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, CT, is onboard as a third virtual host site and I thank Arianna Schlegel and Veronica Kenausis for making this happen. I have exchanged emails with UConn Stamford's Manager of Conference Services (there would be facilities charges if we use the site which are reflected in the draft budget), but as of this writing I have not been able to find a Library staff member at Stamford to serve as a contact and plan any local activities. I have my doubts that we will be able to get the details nailed down enough in time for UConn Stamford to be a fourth site.

We have proceeded on the assumption that we will pay for the improved quality of professional audio/video streaming to virtual sites and recording again this year. Joel Atkinson has obtained a quote from Pack; the only change is that for one \$75 additional fee we can add three or four virtual host sites.

### **Draft Budget and Financial Matters**

The draft budget is attached to this report. I based it on last year's document and made an effort to prevent typos and errors by having to enter numbers only once in the entire file and referencing these numbers elsewhere in the file. Anything in blue (or red) is either calculated or referenced from elsewhere in the file, not entered in the cell you're viewing; numbers in black should be manually entered. This is a work in progress (you may still find some numbers entered twice), and figuring out where to enter each number isn't intuitive. Also, the 2015 actuals had to have one attendee so that formulae don't throw errors. I counted myself, and promise to attend!

As of this writing, the projected net revenue is \$2,810 less than was projected for 2014.

Most new expense pressures are

- incremental costs of experimenting with the addition of a third and potentially a fourth virtual site
  - o potential facility and technology fees at UConn Stamford, which would use non-library spaces
  - o estimated refreshment costs for Danbury (none yet included for Stamford).
- honoraria to this year's keynotes.

The revenue pressures of the 12-vendor table limit have already been discussed and multiple efforts have been unsuccessful at improving this limit. The good news is that Hogan is not raising any rates this year.

CPC proposes capping Holy Cross registration at 350 (including approximately 24 vendor attendees). While the Ballroom combined with Room 328 can accommodate more, the quality of the experience suffers. That limit has only been exceeded once since 2010, 340 in 2012.

To address these pressures,

- CPC is trying to borrow three projectors and laptops because otherwise Holy Cross will rent them at double the cost. We have already secured one of each and welcome any offers of assistance.
- CPC is asking the Board to consider either eliminating free registrations for presenters, or limiting free registrations to one per presentation. We prefer not to raise registration fees again as we've done so two years in a row, and raised vendor sponsorship fees last year.

Vendor sponsorships are proceeding well thanks to Michael and Scott. Thus far we have three Gold, one Silver, and six Bronze sponsors. They are working to fill all 12 tables before focusing on Lunch, Break, Virtual Conference, and Scholarship sponsors (these are listed on the spreadsheet anyway). Given the theme, does anyone have contact info for Steelcase? Karin suggested that we have an Aluminum sponsorship.

### **Questions for the Board's consideration**

1. Will we continue to use a professional service for streaming and recording video and audio?
2. Will we continue to provide up to two free registrations per presentation, will we limit free registrations to one per presentation, or will we eliminate this entirely?
3. We will cap Holy Cross registration at 350?
4. Opinions sought: should I continue to get UConn Stamford on board as a virtual host, or is one additional virtual conference site enough of an experiment?

Dave

### **Constitution & Bylaws**

*Patrick Hartsfield and Michael Cerbo, Co-Chairs*

The Constitution & Bylaws Committee has nothing to report since the last meeting.

Patrick Hartsfield & Michael Cerbo

## **Leadership Development**

*Melissa Behney and Tracey Leger-Hornby, Co-Chairs*

The LDC met on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> to plan for a spring program. The committee is planning a program for early March. Final details are being worked out with the speaker, a faculty member from the Isenberg School of Management at UMass, and UMass conference services. The program budget will be submitted for consideration the Board at its January meeting, if we have firm numbers prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of LDC co-chairs Melissa Behney and Tracey Leger-Hornby,  
Leslie

## **Nominations**

*Leslie Button, Chair*

This year the Nominating Committee has been very successful in recruiting candidates. The Committee recruited the following individuals:

### **Vice-President Candidates:**

- Kieran Ayton, Rhode Island College
- Laura Hanlan, WPI

### **Member-at-large candidates:**

- Connecticut: Kris Jacobi, Eastern Connecticut State University
- Massachusetts: Lisa Richter, Bristol Community College
- New Hampshire: Chelsea Hanrahan (NEC) and Laura Barret (Dartmouth)

I realized today that I need to send a message to the membership asking for additional nominations by January 29. I will email the Board once nominations close.

I want to thank Nominating Committee members Eleta Exline and Nancy George. They played a large role in our success this year.

Leslie

## **Scholarships and Awards**

*Nancy George, Chair*

The web site has been updated and the scholarships and awards advertised on a variety of listservs.

Comments: We need help in advertising the awards/scholarships to students. Also, we need access to the membership database so that our committee may work on Best Paper nominations.

Nancy George, Chair

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## **Special Interest Group Reports**

### **Access Services Interest Group**

*Lynn Amber, Co-Chair*

The Access Services Interest Group is in the process of organizing a one-day conference in the fall with a potential date of November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014. We are tentatively looking at holding the conference at the New England Technical College in East Greenwich, RI and are in the process of gathering cost estimate information for this venue.

We met on July 29<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross in Worcester to begin planning for this conference with a possible theme of - **Resource Sharing: More than Just ILL**. We are still actively seeking a keynote speaker and planning break-out session topics revolving around this theme.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Amber

## **Collection Development Interest Group**

*Martha Kelehan and Susan Raidy-Klein, Co-Chairs*

Susan and I regret that neither of us will be able to attend tomorrow's Board meeting.

CDIG is in the planning stages for a late April program co-sponsored with ERMIG (location as yet unknown). We need to have a few more things in place before we come to the board with a budget request, but hopefully we'll have that ironed out soon. Look for more from us soon.

Sincerely,

Martha, on behalf of CDIG

## **Electronic Resources Management Interest Group**

*Galadriel Chilton and Kim Maxwell, Co-Chairs*

After our successful November 12, 2014 half-day program, we documented key factors that we found necessary for such an event based on program evaluations and the lessons we learned from our program planning logistics. We're using this information to work with CDIG on a possible program for Spring 2015 and have had a couple of conference calls since November. Highlights from our November program evaluations include:

<b>ERMIG 11/12/2014 Program: Measuring Value in Academic Collections</b>	
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Total Attendees (Excluding Galadriel & Kim)	74	
Attendees that Completed Evaluation	30	
Response Rate	41%	
Attendee Feedback		
The Program Was Relevant to Respondent's Work	73%	Very Relevant
The Duration of Program - 4 Hours	83%	Good/Great
Geographical Location of Boston	60%	Very Convenient
Start Time of 9 am	80%	Good/Great
End Time of 1 pm	80%	Good/Great

## Attendee Comments:

*"I really liked the variety and depth of the presentations. I think it is good when the nuts and bolts of a project are included and not just the end result or conclusions."*

*"Even days afterwards, other librarians and I were still talking about the program."*

*"Speakers made excellent presentations, and were very knowledgeable about their topics."*

*"It was great to learn about the decisions made based on analysis of data collected. Streaming package added, database cut, etc."*

Respectfully Submitted,

Galadriel Chilton

**New England Library Instruction Group**



*Adam Williams and Rob Walsh, Co-Chairs*

The New England Library Instruction Group held 3 instruction swaps around the New England area on December 5th, 2014. The locations were as follows:

Simmons (MA) - 20 attendees with 3 presenters

Keene State (NH) - 9 attendees with 2 presenters

Trinity (CT) - 13 attendees with 2 presenters

NELIG officers hosting the events reported that everything went smoothly and the events were received well by participants and attendees.

Between the previous Fall meeting and the instruction swap NELIG has spent \$366.45 of our \$1500 budget.

The call for proposals and save the date for our annual event have gone out and we are looking to have 4-5 morning breakout sessions and 4-5 in the afternoon. We've put together a keynote panel and brought in a plenary speaker for mid-day. Our title and theme is Crossing the Threshold: Real Life Applications of the ACRL Framework. The program will take place at Bryant University on June, 12th.

NELIG is also considering an informal meet-up to continue the conversation about the Framework, in several locations throughout NE, sometime in the spring.

Adam Williams - co-Chair (Bentley University)

Rob Walsh - co-Chair (Trinity College)

Amanda Scull - Vice-Chairs/Chair Elect (Keene State College)

Kelly Lemeur - Vice-Chair/Chair Elect

Laura Weber - Secretary (St. Georges School)

Maura Keating - Secretary-Elect (Bryant University)

Kathy Labadorf - Listserv Manager (University of Connecticut)

## **Scholarly Communications Interest Group**

*Andrée Rathemacher, Co-Chair*

The Scholarly Communications Interest Group held its fall program on December 5, 2014 at College of the Holy Cross. The program was titled “Updates from the World of Open: SHARE, OERs, and MOOCs.”

Featured speakers were Nicole Allen (SPARC), Marilyn Billings (UMass Amherst) and Charlotte Roh (UMass Amherst) on Open Educational Resources; Linda Plunkett (Boston University) on the White House Open Access Directive and SHARE; and Kyle Courtney (Harvard) and Laura Quilter (UMass Amherst) on MOOCs and Copyright.

Program evaluation results received through SurveyMonkey indicated that the event was very well received, with an average rating of 4.5 out of 5.0 for the program and very favorable comments also.

The program had 43 registrants. With income of \$1,435 and expenses of \$1,899, the SCIG used \$464 of its allotment, leaving \$1,035 for our spring program.

Planning for the spring program has begun, with “open humanities” as a topic. The program will take place on March 19 at Northeastern University. Confirmed speakers so far are Martin Eve of the Open Library of Humanities, Peggy Glahn of Reveal Digital, and Amanda Rust of Northeastern.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrée Rathemacher

SCIG Co-Chair

## **Women and Gender Studies Interest Group**

*Nancy Dennis and Gina Bastone, Co-Chairs*

On Friday, January 16, 17 WGSIG members and friends will tour the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America.

Plans have just been finalized for a visit to the Sophia Smith Archives at Smith College on Wednesday, March 18. An announcement will be posted soon.

Content for the WGSIG web site is being assembled for posting later this spring.

Co-Chair Dennis will attend ALA Midwinter meetings of WGSS, Feminist Task Force, COSWL, and related committees to learn about national activities of interest to WGSIG.