

ACRL-OR Board Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2015, 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Via GoToMeeting for all

Attendees: Uta Hussong-Christian - chairing (Oregon State), Arlene Weible (State Library), Garrett Trott (Corban), Jennifer Snoek-Brown (MHCC), Stephanie Debner – minutes (MHCC), Jennifer Cox (Art Institute of Portland), Kate Rubick (Lewis & Clark), Elizabeth Brookbank (WOU), Hannah Rempel (Oregon State), Annie Downey (Reed)

1. Welcome and Introductions

- New member at large: Jennifer Cox. Thanks to her for stepping into Stewart's member-at-large position.

2. Changes to Agenda

- ACRL webinars – add on towards the end of the meeting

3. Approval of September 2015 Minutes - Uta

- Hannah motioned to approve minutes as presented.
- Kate seconded.
- Motion passed unanimously.

4. OLA Board Meeting Reports for September and December - Uta

- September
 - OASL mentioned that they are stepping away from hosting the Oregon Authors website; Oregon Authors looking for new potential partners.
 - Approved resume/cover letter service
- December
 - OLA responded to NE region accreditation revised draft standards
 - Voted for new REFORMA round table
 - About \$25,000 of scholarship money on the table, looking for most effective way to use it. Promoting leadership, involvement in OLA. Scholarship committee will draft a new plan for how funds to be used for initiatives going forward.
 - State Library getting a new board; that will be approved in January
 - Permanent email address going forward. Each unit will have a permanent email address for some of their leadership.
 - Hannah and Stephanie Thomas reported that OASL has come around to extending OLA conference for a day (to a Saturday) as a way to include OASL members better in OLA; they'll work with relevant units to work on programming; OASL cancelling their spring program for 2017, so they will be joining in to OLA conference in Salem
 - OLA conference notes: All-conference read for OLA; Banquet has been changed to a president's reception
 - Strategic planning: RFP ready to go out in January for a consultant to engage OLA in strategic planning

- Garrett suggested that OLA start to rotate in someone from OASL for OLA President. Hannah mentioned that they are figuring out their own leadership, so this is something to keep in mind for the future.

5. State Library Report - Arlene

- Two main additions to board: Superintendent of Public Instruction; Commission on the Blind; these are two big constituencies for the State Library
- SDLAC is starting to pull together information about inadequacies of Gale databases, especially content that is supposed to be there that isn't; Diane Sotak, Emily Miller-Francisco, Amy Hofer – three academic reps to SDLAC – get info to them if you have anything to say
- LearningExpress Library: State Library will be doing a mailing in January to all libraries in the state about new features in LearningExpress Library; Jennifer S-B asked if State Library would also be sending materials to college career counseling areas; Arlene said that that would be an option for people to ask for more materials
- Changes with Answerland:
 - Tamara Ottum is now the statewide coordinator
 - Moving forward with RFP to change software platform
 - Tamara currently working on recruiting to advisory group, currently missing someone from a community college
 - Recruited members of advisory board to serve as evaluation panel for RFP, Academic reps for this: Johanna Meeks (Concordia); Art Hendricks (PSU)
 - There won't be a virtual reference summit in 2016; Washington State Library will host their first virtual reference conference in spring 2016 and will make a point to invite Oregon librarians.

6. Legislative Update – Uta (for John)

- Attended meeting in mid-November
- New majority leader: Ginny Burdick (past OLA Legislator of the Year)
- Request from Senator Wyden's office for OLA statement re: cybersecurity legislation; Rachel Bridgewater and Diedre Conkling drafting a policy brief to be approved by OLA Board; nothing issued to Senator Wyden's office yet
- OLA asked for a statement on surveillance of individuals involved in Black Lives Matter; Intellectual Freedom Committee is working on a statement and will be sharing with ACLU
- ALA Legislative Days, May 2-3, 2016; John asked if funding was available; there is, so John will be going on behalf of ACRL as part of the Oregon delegation

7. Pack Forest Debrief - All

- We awarded the Award for Excellence to John Schoppert and the presentation was well-received. ACRL-WA is considering starting up a similar award.
- Hannah mentioned the activity identifying counties of Washington and Oregon. Something to think about for Menucha activity time.
- Kate expressed a preference for less structured social time activities. She also mentioned the issue that came up about more inclusive programming for research librarians and better ways to include them in ACRL-OR. Suggestion: a series of short talks by research librarians focused on collections so that academic librarians aware of collections/services available to their researchers.

- Uta suggested that we might offer different types of activities in different spaces. In the past, we haven't used the Creevey commons room or the lodge basement, so we might consider using those spaces for evening programming.
- Jennifer S-B mentioned that she liked the short talks interspersed through longer talks; thought they were well organized (10-15 minutes was a good length).
- Garrett asked about where ACRL-WA gets their speakers, because last few main speakers haven't really resonated. Hannah mentioned that they tend to get speakers via the ACRL national speakers bureau.
- Hannah said that we had a nice board/members meeting. Uta mentioned that we spent a good amount of time talking about the Twitter book group; reviewing the notes from the meeting, there is no consensus on that idea. It still may be worth trying, but the board will review it at a later meeting.

8. ACRL-OR Award for Excellence Form revision update – Hannah/Jen K.

- No feedback on the revisions, so we can move forward with that.
- This was presented at the September meeting and revised to focus much more on projects.
- Uta motioned to approve the revised form.
- Garrett seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.
- We will be doing an award at the Menucha meeting; at a future meeting, we will discuss whether to move the award to every other year (so it is only awarded at Menucha).

9. K-12/Academic Librarian Collaboration Scholarship – Uta

- We're ready for the next cycle, but there doesn't seem to be an actual application form. Uta wants to put out a call for volunteers to develop this form and put out the call for 2016.
- **Elizabeth B** volunteered to be a part of this effort.
- Uta: What did we do before? Elizabeth: We developed guidelines, but nothing really formalized.
- **Arlene** also volunteered to help with this.
- **Action item (Elizabeth and Arlene):** Deadline: end of January to have the application and call drafted, so we can discuss it at the February meeting.

10. Professional Development Scholarship Application – Jen K./Garrett/Uta

- Jen K./Garrett updated this application and created a matrix for evaluating proposals.
- Scholarship committee volunteers – Uta
- Garrett asked for some more feedback about the matrix used to assess submissions. Hannah suggested that matrix be shared with applicants so they know how applications are being evaluated.
- Were we asking what other funding sources that applicants were using/applying for? Yes, that should also go on the application. What about financial need?
- We have three \$500 scholarships, available on a rolling basis. Should we divide these into quarters/periods? Yes, this seems like a good idea.
- Those who submit first will receive first consideration within an award period.
- Arlene suggested adding an FAQ for how applications are evaluated. Garrett thinks this will be helpful, especially given relatively brief answers required for the application. This will help the evaluators as well as those making proposals.

- If board members have comments to make on the Google Doc that Jen K. sent out, please do so within the next few days.
- There's still a little updating that needs to be done. **Action item: Garrett and Jen K.** finalize the application, the call letter, FAQ, and update MemberClicks form by the end of January so it can be voted on at next board meeting.
- Holding off on calling for volunteers for scholarship committee. One-year commitment. Will revisit at the February board meeting.

11. OLA Conference Planning

- Session role call
- Elsa and Garrett proposed a panel session for non-traditional information literacy instruction; this was accepted. They got a lot of response for those interested in being on the panel.
- Jennifer S-B's program was accepted: When Others Tell Our Story: Librarian Portrayals in Film.
- Uta and Elaine Hirsch co-presenting on lessons in leadership. They'll be calling for panel participants; those who have attended formal/informal leadership trainings; how did they apply it in their work.
- Hannah had some sessions accepted: inside the hiring process (panel presentation) from a range of perspectives; thriving as a mid-career librarian (panel presentation); with Anne-Marie Deitering about curiosity.
- Arlene involved in two sessions, but they're not academic: government information resources for children's/teen librarians (with DIGOR); teaming up with people at Deschutes County Library and Josephine County Library about job-seeking resources.
- In past, we've posted about ACRL-sponsored sessions. This year, thinking about highlighting any content that would be interesting for academic librarians. **Action item:** When the program comes out, **Uta** will take the lead on looking at the program and pulling out content that seems relevant, and send it out to the board.
- Jennifer S-B asked if any proposals were approved that asked for sponsorship money from ACRL. Uta said no.
- Garrett asked if there was going to be anything in the program to tag programs of interest to various constituencies. Uta said that she'd mention that to Valery King, who is on the conference program committee.
- Another idea: repurpose information from the ACRL blog and have available to attendees when they check in.
- Party planning on hold. The Riverhouse can't confirm menu information until 90 days out from the conference, so Kate will be able to look at this in late January.

12. Online Northwest affiliation with ACRL-OR – Uta

- Online Northwest lost their home and fiscal agent when OUS dissolved. How do they move forward, and do they move forward?
- Casting about for potential partners, or being subsumed into another organization (taken on as a project of that group)
- Karen Munro contacted Uta about the possibility of ACRL-OR being a potential partner; Shirley Roberts helped facilitate this connection. Shirley said that ONW has to affiliate with a specific unit of OLA, not OLA as a whole.
- If they affiliate with us, they have to figure out how to do all of their financial stuff, e.g. event insurance, vendor donations, registration.

- ONW has a contract with OSU for 2017 conference; everything handled via OSU conference services. Currently, this contract is on hold while ONW gets their ducks in a row, but they can only put it on hold so long.
- ONW dissolve completely and be subsumed by ACRL-OR? Then we'd be responsible for another conference every year or every other year.
- They are also talking with the library director at UO and Orbis-Cascade Alliance for a possible partnership. Arlene suggested that the Alliance was perhaps the best fit, due to the multi-state attendance for the conference.
- Garrett mentioned the issue of ONW being so close to OLA on the annual calendar. What about ONW collaborating more with OLA, have ONW as a pre-conference day?
- Jennifer S-B suggested that alternating years with Library Instruction West and/or going with a time of year that is not so dicey, weather-wise.
- The drawback with affiliation: we might be on the financial hook if they can't draw attendance for the conference or cover bills; if financial part is divested from OSU conference services, that may lower their costs to make it more feasible.
- Garrett suggested that affiliation might be a good thing; it would be nice to be able to offer a second conference to our members.
- Elizabeth wondered if ACRL-OR is just too small to really take this on; we don't have the infrastructure. Garrett suggested that it would be more about us as a unit of OLA. Kate said that she was much more in favor of the Alliance taking this on, because of the multi-state aspect; also raised the issue of it being hard enough to staff the ACRL-OR board as it is.
- Uta said that their immediate need was a fiscal agent, because they currently can't pay bills, etc. We could do a short-term affiliation to get them through the crisis point, but ACRL-OR is not the best long-term solution, either for affiliation or for subsuming the group.
- Arlene encouraged the ONW folks to talk to the State Librarian.
- Hannah said that she thought that attendance was strong; Uta said that Karen Munro indicated that attendance had been declining over the past few conferences.
- **Action item: Uta** will talk to Karen Munro. We would be willing to affiliate on a short-term agreement; talk to the Oregon State Librarian; ACRL-OR in favor of a solution that involves the Alliance.

13. Menucha Planning – All

- We didn't get a lot of community responses for theme/programming options. In the lead seems to be a preference for a theme around leadership for and through change or transition, or fostering/supporting a culture of creativity/problem-solving; Uta thinks these may be able to be combined.
- How does everyone feel about these possible themes?
 - Garrett said that we might consider narrowing the theme.
 - Elizabeth said that if we go with leadership, to be clear about articulating that it's leadership at all levels. Uta said that it's not about positional leadership, but more about fostering change. So maybe we need to avoid the word "leadership."
- Uta: possible conference title: On the Leading Edge: Transformative Change in Academic Libraries... but then found out that this is the theme for the next ACRL national conference.
- Hannah noted that speakers only go so far with your conference title/theme
- Garrett suggested that maybe we consider getting a key presenter first, then figure out the theme. Arlene suggested finding a speaker who can address mobilizing change at an

institution where it affects all levels of staffing; perhaps Vailey Oehlke (or perhaps Vailey could suggest other speakers).

- Jennifer C mentioned hearing the director of the Vancouver Public Library speak at ALA about this topic; she spoke about exactly this topic; Jennifer C will find out who it was.
- Elizabeth mentioned Deb Gilchrist, who created a culture of assessment, which was a big change. Hannah mentioned that it would be nice to get someone out of a community college context, since we have a lot of CC librarians in ACRL-OR.
- Hannah mentioned Lauren Pressly, new director of UW-Tacoma; she is hugely engaged in a culture change right now. Lauren also mentioned that she was looking forward to coming to Menucha.
- Annie was concerned about starting and ending with an administrator. What if we had one speaker who was an administrator and one a librarian? Jennifer S-B seconded this; having two administrators might counteract the message about leading from all levels. She also suggested that someone who was a solo librarian.
- Garrett suggested that having a librarian and a non-librarian might be interesting, e.g Safiya Noble (who recently spoke at Lewis & Clark's Sherrer Lecture). Kate talked about Safiya Noble's research interests. Uta: How does this tie in with theme of leading through/fostering change? Would this address the idea of leading change at different levels? Annie: this would definitely address this for reference/instruction librarians. How flexible would she be about the topic she talked about? Kate felt that her talk would address anyone who works with the public, facilitating critical pedagogy. Elizabeth said that this seems like a different kind of change than what we were talking about earlier.
- Annie suggested Jessica Critten, for someone who talks about change and critical pedagogy; instruction services librarian at University of West Georgia.
- Uta: It sounds like we have two different kinds of speakers for different ideas of change.
- Jennifer S-B: that we could bridge the two through themed short talks
- Arlene said that creating a culture of change would really resonate with some of these research librarians; supported the idea of short talks for the practical side of things (vs. the bigger picture/theoretical).
- Kate suggested that Deb Gilchrist would be a draw.
- Uta: liking the idea that rather than bookending the conference, have each speaker start each day.
- Jennifer S-B: should we vote/rank speakers? See who we can get and then see how themes fall out?
- Administrator side: Deb Gilchrist; Lauren; Vailey; director of Vancouver PL. Kate mentioned that people might be put off if Vailey is one of the main speakers. Jennifer S-B said that Deb is a good speaker, very practical. Stephanie mentioned that since Deb is tied so closely to the reference/instruction side that might be off-putting for members who don't play in that world. Uta summarized that the board is in favor of approaching Lauren first from the administrator side.
- Non-administrators: Safiya Noble (Hannah: mentioned that she's been in Portland twice in the past year or so; she might need to change up what she's talking about); Jessica Critten.
- Best case scenario is a match-up of Lauren Pressly and Jessica Critten. Uta will contact Lauren first; if Lauren says no, then contact Deb. Next step: contact Jessica; if not interested, then contacting Safiya Noble.
- Kate raised the issue of all possible presenters (with exception of Safiya Noble) being white.

- **Action item: Uta** will leave this open until mid-January, resend out to board, and take in any more feedback (set deadline of January 10th or somewhere in there). At that point, she will start issuing invitations to speak. Ideally, we will have speakers committed by the February meeting.
- Kate suggested April Hathcock at NYU; Stephanie mentioned a disappointing presentation by her at Acquisitions Institute last May.

14. Goals revision for 2015-16 – Uta/All

- We've got a lot of things coming up, so will need to get committees going to take on that work.
- **Action item: Uta** will look through the calendar to identify what's coming up and where we need volunteers; this will be discussed at the February meeting.
- To address at February meeting: repurposing one of member-at-large positions to be a social media coordinator, or having someone commit on an annual basis to take this role on. Jennifer C asked if this would involve a by-laws change; Uta said that it would and there would need to be a vote. Jennifer S-B suggested that we try the more informal route first, and maybe include that information in the call for board elections for new positions.

15. Midwinter Chapters Council Meeting Rep -- Uta

- Uta can't go to Midwinter; if anyone is going, it would be good if they could represent ACRL-OR at Chapter Council meeting.

16. Library Director Interviews for blog – Uta

- Since we all have liaison responsibilities... Uta would love to see an interview with a library director up once a month. Uta mentioned her interview with Chris Schaffer and the question about advocacy. It's a great way to showcase library leaders across the state and to see what advocacy looks like at different academic libraries.
- **Action item: Uta** will send out the interview questions via email; **All** to identify a library director in their liaison schools to do an interview with over the next year. Arlene suggested that people be flexible in how they interview people (email vs. phone).
- Jennifer S-B suggested that as we get more, we find a way to highlight these on the blog. Uta mentioned that she'd been thinking about pulling out advocacy answers for the blog.
- New library directors: Lori Wamsley is becoming the director at Lane CC. Willamette University has a new library director. **Action item: Arlene** will email the board when she hears about new library directors.

17. ACRL webinars

- There's been a really nice uptick in viewings of ACRL webinars. There are six scheduled webinar-viewing events on the calendar over the next couple of months.
- There are some new webinars up; we have one left for the year. There's one that is a two-parter on the new framework, and one on the digital humanities. **Action item: Uta** will send out the options for people to look at via email.

18. Next Meeting

- Friday, Feb. 19 @ Reed College (Annie Downey is hosting)

19. Adjournment: 2:59 p.m.

