

**ACRL-LA Executive Board Meeting**  
**Friday, Feb. 19, 2010**  
**Minutes**

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Present: Kelly Blessinger, Tony Fonseca, Melissa Goldsmith, Jessica Hutchings, Megan Lowe, Karen Niemla, Boris Teske, Debra Rollins

Absent: Alma Dawson, Mike Matthews, Mark Zelesky, Rob Bremer

**I. Called to Order at 10:40**

**II. Approval of minutes from Nov. 20, 2009**

Tony entertained a motion to accept minutes, Jessica motioned, seconded by Boris.

**III. Treasurer's Report (Kelly)**

*Included as an appendix*

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Peer Network/Experts Program**

Megan submitted a report that indicated the peer network program has received positive feedback so far. She intends to follow up by contacting the experts to see if they have been contact by interested mentees yet.

**B. CODEX (Megan)**

Megan submitted a report which noted that a significant number of CODEX peer reviewers have officially registered with the site.

Her report also noted that Sigrid Kelsey has informed her that the article she co-authored for the first issue will be used in a continuing education class at The University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Megan added that several submissions, including one from John Budd, are expected. Tony stated that he will submit at least a report on the ACRL-LA ROI (Return on Investment) project and calculator, if not an article, adding that afterwards he will be taking the project to Alma Dawson, who offered SLIS help with the ROI calculator, as well as to Annie McKinney, with the ultimate goal of an article and a calculator website.

### **C. Website/EBay (Karen)**

Karen noted that we have sold some items on E-bay, and that all sales were from out of state, which means we are expanding our clientele. The chapter netted between \$60-\$70 on the items that she and Tony donated for sale. She added that we can re-post the unsold items and sell more new donations, but that there is a cost to set up the eBay page per item, around \$2 per item.

Karen also noted that Codex could use a software upgrade; however, she added that some upgrades will not work with our site.

Karen also pointed out that Moodle would be a viable solution for web-based events/classes, adding that we could hold these for a fee if so desired. Tony added that Melissa may want to follow up on such possibilities for Pre-LUC 2010.

### **D. Committee Reports**

#### **Awards**

Boris noted that although the announcement went out four weeks ago, there were still no applicants. He asked the Board to discuss extending the deadline from February 19 to March 11, 2010. The Board agreed that this was a good idea, so Boris proposed to check with Alma on this.

The Board also proposed the possibility of a submission of the article co-authored by Debra Rollins, Jessica Hutchings, Melissa Goldsmith, and Tony Fonseca, so that the four could be considered as one author. Boris suggested that they submit the article, and allow Alma to decide. Debra Rollins agreed to submit the article. Kelly Blessinger also stated that she will nominate someone.

#### **Membership/Elections (Jessica)**

Jessica stated that she will begin the membership drive at the beginning of June. As for elections, she noted that the slate of candidates has to be submitted 90 days in advance of the election, so she would need to call for nominations by April.

The Board considered Kelly's request that the Secretary and Treasurer positions be disengaged from one another and made into two positions. Melissa and Boris argued that this will require a Bylaws vote, so Melissa will prepare a Bylaws change for vote by Feb. 26, 2010. The vote will be tallied for 30 days, at which time the Board will know which positions will be open for election:

If the Bylaws change is approved, elections will be held for President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. In such a case, Kelly will submit her name for Treasurer.

If the Bylaws vote is not approved, elections will be held for President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer.

### **Transitions**

Debra pointed out that The Successful Transitions to College Research Committee sponsored a well-received panel discussion at the school librarianship conference in January. Since then, she has received a request from LLA to create an encore presentation of the panel, to be held at LLA Annual on March 11, 2010, at 2:00 pm. This panel will take the form of a second conversation on ways to support students in their transitions from high school to college. Debra announced that she has already landed a facilitator, Mitch Fontenot, and one panelist, Tony Fonseca, but is looking for other panelists. Board members suggested a few names for her, and she will follow up.

### **SLIS**

Tony submitted a report which noted that he and Melissa have been invited to guest lecture on poster sessions for the Academic Libraries class. Tony has already been in contact with Alma and has set up the lecture, on April 22, 2010, some time near noon. He suggested that Melissa may want to work with Megan, if Megan can work the lecture into her schedule, since she has more experience than he with poster sessions. Megan stated that she would check her schedule.

Tony also noted in his report that Mark may still be looking for practicing librarians for the SLIS monthly socials, and that he may have other announces or initiatives, but since he was not at the meeting, he (Tony) would have to get the information and pass it on later. Kelly pointed out that Mark was graduating in May.

## **V. New Business**

### **A. October Mini-Conference**

Melissa and Tony expressed concern with the lack of participation at Pre-LUC 2009, so Melissa presented the idea of coming up with five options for Pre-LUC 2010, and creating a survey for the membership, so that they could help decide the best topics for this year's event.

Melissa's five suggested ideas were as follows:

- 1) Copyright: She noted that if this were the topic, we could approach Judd Copeland, who may be willing to present, since Tony has

been in contact with him, and Judd has already expressed an interest in doing an ACRL-LA event.

- 2) Information Technology: Melissa did not have a speaker in mind, but Debra said she would look up the name of someone she thought would be a good choice.
- 3) Facility Upgrades: Melissa noted that like Pre-LUC 2009, this might come across as marketing to administrators or directors, so we'd have to be careful in describing this option as being for everyone. She stated that one good choice for this would be Dr. Henry Stewart of Troy University.
- 4) Statewide Initiative on Electronic Thesis and Dissertations / Regional Depositories: Melissa noted that this topic would allow for discussion of the library's role in institutional ETD Repositories. She also noted that Ralph Boe could be a good choice of speaker, since he has already expressed some interest in having LOUIS behind such initiatives.
- 5) Finding Your Inner Specialist: Melissa described this as a discussion of academic librarians' specialty areas, and how these areas and interests could be better incorporated into their duties.

After Melissa presented the five choices, Boris suggested a write in for the ballot, so that members could suggest more choices. Tony added that an open-ended question could allow members to identify speakers in these areas that they would like to see. Karen said she can create a likert type scale survey, the results of which Melissa can compile.

**ADDENDUM:**

Melissa will work with Tony to create Pre-LUC 2010 survey questions by March 2, 2010.

These will be sent to Karen, who can then create the survey and post it to the web site ASAP.

A vote will be tallied by March 22, 2010 so that we will not be too far off schedule.

## **B. Associate Memberships**

Melissa presented the Board with letters and fliers to market both Student and Associated Memberships. She added that among those eligible for the latter, we should include graduated students and librarians who have moved out of state. Other target groups suggested included unemployed librarians, scholars outside of the field, and retired librarians.

To clarify the differences between Associate and Full Members, Melissa pointed out that one cannot be an associate member if one is a practicing librarian. As for the privileges of Associate Membership, Melissa noted that these would be the same as those for Student Memberships. For example, Associate Members cannot run for executive boards or offices, but they can be on committees; they will not be able to vote on all issues.

Melissa stated that she will send physical copies of the letters and forms to Jessica, and that she would e-mail virtual copies as attachments to all other Board members.

### **C. LLA**

Tony submitted a report noting that Deb was creating the aforementioned encore panel for LLA.

He added that as far as the LLA-Academic Business Meeting (March 11, at 4:00 pm) was concerned, he and Melissa planned to attend but make no announcements, and that they would answer questions if any were forthcoming. He added that Karen will be at the Business Meeting as well, since she would likely be LLA-Academic incoming Secretary. He reminded the Board that, like last year, there could be some tough questions about merging, and some antagonism, and that if these occur, we should stick to the official statement that we have no intention of merging at present, and have not even looked into the matter. He also suggested that we stay away from qualitative language if asked about the differences between the two organizations' focuses. In short, he suggested that we express the relationship as a "both-and" rather than as an "either-or" relationship.

Tony also noted that the Meet and Greet Social would be the same day at 5:00 pm. He said he believed that the new LLA President would be an academic librarian, which should help matters. He also suggested that we make concerted efforts to break the barrier that seemed to exist last year (with the two organizations in each their own corner) and walk over to the LLA-Academic part of the room to chat as often as possible.

### **D. Scholar Librarian Award**

FROM AWARDS DISCUSSION:

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**E. Secretary/Treasurer Office:** February 26th

FROM MEMBERSHIP / ELECTIONS DISCUSSION:

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**VI. Adjournment at 12:10**

## Appendix: Treasury Report

### ACRL-Louisiana Treasurer's Report

<b>Beginning Balance</b> 11/20/09	<b>\$2,874.31</b>
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Date	Check #	Withdrawals	Memo	
12/11/2009	5/28/1901	Mark Zelesky	ACRL-LA Discussion Group	-\$25.00

<b>Total Withdrawals</b>	<b>-\$25.00</b>
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Date	Deposits	Details	
12/18/2009	ACRL	Chapter Reimbursement	\$124.00
1/7/2010	Transfer from PayPal	Pre-LUC Funds	\$494.73

<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$618.73</b>
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<b>Ending Balance</b> (2/11/10)	<b>\$3,468.04</b>
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