

ACRL-LA Executive Board Meeting
July 30, 2010; Alexandria, LA

Present: Goldsmith, Bremer, Fonseca, Blessinger, Rollins, Niemla, Lowe, Hires
Absent: Matthews, Ireland, Dunnington, Morello

I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by Goldsmith at 11:35. Present in Alexandria were Goldsmith, Fonseca, Bremer, Blessinger, and Rollins. Present via Skype were Lowe, Niemla, and Hires.

II. Introductions

- a. Goldsmith asked each person to introduce him/herself, including research interests. Introductions were done by Goldsmith, Rollins, Bremer, Blessinger, Fonseca, Lowe, Niemla, and Hires.

III. Mission Statement

- a. Goldsmith gave a brief history of our recent discovery of the need for a clearly articulated, prominently featured (on the web site) Mission Statement. She talked about the conversation that she, Fonseca, and Matthews had with Sara Zimmerman and Ralph Boe of LOUIS, and their questions about our lack of a Mission Statement. She explained that our Mission Statement should articulate what differentiates us from LLA, LLA-Academic, and LOUIS.
- b. The Board members discussed the proposed Mission Statement which was sent to Board members earlier by Goldsmith, after being drafted by Fonseca and Goldsmith. Lowe expressed that she was uncomfortable with term “political activism,” which occurred in the proposal. Bremer stated that such a phrase would not help us keep our non-profit tax status. Goldsmith agreed to strike the word “political.”
- c. Goldsmith and Niemla briefly discussed the logistics of getting the full Mission Statement onto the web site. Bremer suggested that we have a brief Mission Statement on one page, linked to Goal statements on a separate page.
- d. Goldsmith pointed out that the mission statement would be used to recruit.
- e. Bremer suggested that even if we approve the Mission Statement, we review it in a year and see if it needs to be tweaked. The Board agreed. The Board voted on approving the Mission Statement with the amended wording.

VOTE: APPROVE: 8 DISAPPROVE: 0

IV. Workshop Update

- a. Goldsmith explained that during the week, speaker Jud Copeland had called to state that due to a medical emergency, he will not be available for the Friday LUC workshop. Goldsmith noted that after she received that call, she, Fonseca, and Matthews determined that a good fallback would be to do a workshop on LOCKSS/CLOCKSS. Fonseca explained how the decision came about, which involved a new LOUIS backed task force, headed by Matthews. He added that

Nicholls has already agreed to be the test site for the state. He also noted that Matthews had already managed to get a LOCKSS virtual speaker. Goldsmith reminded everyone that we would also have a poster session competition.

- b. Goldsmith explained that Jud Copeland can be called on in 2011 as an LLA pre-conference speaker. She stated that she had already talked to Carla Clark about an ACRL-LA pre-conference workshop on Open Access, and that Copeland had already agreed to be part of it. She also suggested herself, Lowe, and Bremer as possible speakers during the pre-conference, which would touch ideas such as copyright, NDLTD, and DOAJ. Fonseca suggested that we also ask LLA-Academic to supply one speaker for the pre-conference workshop if it is approved.
- c. Niemla and Goldsmith discussed the logistics of the LUC workshop lunch. Niemla suggested that the chapter could save money by making sandwiches rather than buying lunches through Roly Poly. Goldsmith and Rollins noted that this may tax Board members, who are already presenting at LUC, and Rollins noted that the possibility of a problem should trump the money savings. The Board decided it might be better to just use Roly Poly, and supplement the wraps with other food items. Fonseca suggested making Ireland the point person on collaborating the food since she is secretary.

V. NDLTD

- a. Goldsmith reminded everyone of the NDLTD web site (ndltd.org), and she pointed out that LSU is currently the only NDLTD member in the state.
- b. Goldsmith brought new members of the Board up to speed on the ETD mentoring that ACRL-LA can offer to members. Goldsmith then suggested that ETD Mentoring on the website, with herself as the point person. Fonseca suggested the wording to be as follows: ETD Mentoring (Post Publication).

VI. Web Site

- a. Niemla mentioned that she will simplify the web site and make important information easier to find.

VII. Codex

- a. Lowe stated that Project Muse said Codex could not be added to their holdings since they are fee-based; Project Muse is exploring open access possibilities. She added that she as yet had had no response from DOAJ or EBSCO.
- b. Lowe stated that the next issue would be out by August 13th.

VIII. Advocacy

- a. Fonseca introduced a proposal, based on a request by Blessinger and Bremer, that ACRL-LA form a joint advocacy team with LLA and LAMA. Rollins moved for a vote. Blessinger seconded. The Board voted on making advocacy one of its priorities and looking into forming a joint force with LLA and LAMA, as proposed.

VOTE: Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 1

- b. Fonseca pointed out that the second part of the proposal were possibilities of the specific policies the Board would use in determining the logistics of how this would be done. The proposal listed five possible methods. Rollins moved to table this discussion until the next meeting, once members had more time to examine the proposals. Goldsmith seconded. The discussion of the logistics of Advocacy was tabled.

IX. Committee Reports

a. Standing

- i. Awards: Rollins reported that the Awards Committee had seven responses from interested members so far; she added that Alma Dawson was stepping off the committee.
- ii. Bylaws: Dunnington was not present to report on the Bylaws Committee. Goldsmith introduced some proposed Bylaws changes having to do with meetings. She asked Board members to e-mail their suggestions to amend the proposal by Aug. 15th, after which time the proposal would be sent to Dunnington.
- iii. Membership and Elections: Matthews was not present to report on the Membership and Elections Committee. Goldsmith reminded everyone that Matthews was working on a membership drive.

b. Ad Hoc

- i. Funding: Niemla reported that the Ebay plan has not worked that well. She suggested the idea of selling services. Fonseca agreed in principal, but suggested that Niemla write up a proposal and submit it to Bremer, so that he could ferret out the legality issues. Bremer stated that if approached incorrectly, this practice could be illegal. Fonseca suggested that we continue discussion on this via email. Goldsmith agreed to investigate tax issues.
- ii. STAR: Rollins reported that the STAR Committee had a panel accepted at LUC, and was looking into the LAMP Tour in Ruston. Fonseca added he may have another opportunity for the committee.
- iii. SLIS: Fonseca had nothing to report on the SLIS Committee.
- iv. Peer Network: Lowe had nothing to report on the Peer Network Committee.

X. Adjournment

- a. Goldsmith adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.