

LIBRAS Executive Committee/SIG Chairs Meeting

Minutes of Meeting
October 10, 2012

Opening:

The meeting of the LIBRAS Executive Committee was called to order by President Kathryn Maier-O'Shea at approximately 12:30 p.m. on 10 October, 2012 at the A. A. Smith House on the campus of North Central College.

Present:

Jill Bambenek, Dominican University (Treasurer); Jacob Hill, Elmhurst College (Public Services SIG); Kathryn Maier-O'Shea, North Park University (President); David Malone, Wheaton College (Vice-President); Andy Meyer, North Park University (Technical Services SIG); Mary O'Dea, Lewis University (Secretary); Emily Prather-Rodgers, North Central College (Collection Management SIG); John Small, North Central College (Past President / Continuing Education Coordinator); Aimee Walker, North Central College (Communications Director); Julie Wroblewski, Benedictine University (Archives SIG).

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the most recent meeting were not presented at the current meeting.

B. Open Issues

Aimee Walker still needs staff lists with e-mail addresses. The new method of communicating LIBRAS information will allow Aimee to force-populate mailing lists.

C. New Business

SIG Events:

Introduction

David Malone reiterated the decision that each SIG commit to an 'event and a half' this year, an 'event' comprising a half- or full-day substantive activity on a topic of current interest to libraries, and in the form of a presentation, a gathering to view a webinar, or the like.

Status/Progress

As of the meeting date, North Park University had hosted its full event: 'iPads in the Library'. Speakers were Margaret Heller, Dominican University; Amy Weidner, Benedictine University; and Matt Ostercamp, North Park University.

Discussion

Aimee Walker reminded those present that a LIBRAS SurveyMonkey account is available for use in polling member interest in topic ideas being considered.

Jacob Hill asked whether LIBRAS ever invites outside speakers, and whether there is currently a budget that might be used for the purpose. David Malone said that there is precedent for that.

The changed character of the LIBRAS consortium was also discussed, and emphasis given to the fact that it now includes a social component that is intentional. Some potential topics of interest: Serials pay-per-view as a viable alternative to unlimited access subscriptions; archives tips & tricks (led by an instructor); content-management software; site-visit to a solo archivist; outreach to non-archivist staff; a 'how-to' event for increasing awareness & importance of archival resources campus-wide for deposit or use; customer-service training, similar to that given in the corporate world; a combined rideshare/social event for the CARLI annual meeting; patron-driven acquisitions; shelf-ready acquisitions; workflow changes with decrease in personnel and processing of physical objects; e-books and tech services. It was also suggested that perhaps some of the lower-profile institutions could be encouraged to host.

SIG Chairs have tentatively proposed the following events schedule:

December: Collection Management (Emily Prather-Rodgers)

January: Archives (Julie Wroblewski)

February: Public Services (Jacob Hill)

March: Technical Services (Andy Meyer)

April: social event, or ACRL rideshare (to Indianapolis)

Adjournment:

[Meeting was adjourned by Kathryn Maier-O'Shea.]

Minutes submitted by: Mary E. O'Dea, Secretary

Approved by: LIBRAS Executive Committee