

## **Liaisons Assembly Committee**

### **Meeting (ACRL)**

American Library Association Annual Conference

Orlando, Florida

Saturday, June 25, 2016, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

HYATT Regency Orlando, Bayhill 23

### **Attendance**

Lynne King, Cynthia Henry, Carrie Donovan, Alison Ricker, Tiffany Hebb, Marilyn Myers, Jose Aguinaga, Lisabeth Chabot, Lori Phillips

### **Updates from Liaisons**

Marilyn Ochoa is the liaison to SITE and was appointed to serve as a member of the LearnTechLib Advisory Board this allowed her to address indexing of the database in an aggregator and will be discussing open access options with SITE. Next discussing faculty-librarian collaborations for maker activities. Sessions were designated as Information Literacy Education topics at the conference she attend, with Maker SIG coming out of this conference. Marilyn will continue to engage ILE and Maker SIG in hopes that they will collaborate to help raise visibility of the value of libraries in this area.

Lisabeth Chabot reported that the Council on Independent Colleges (CIC) has a long history of working with ACRL. At their annual professional development event, the CIC hosts a series of information fluency workshops focused on different disciplines. Teams from CIC institutions comprised of a librarian, a faculty member, and a chief academic officer can apply to attend. Facilitators work with the teams to work through an institution-specific project and the team members wrap-up the experience with a poster session and gallery walk. Lisabeth also attends the CIC Chief Academic Officers institute and that event will be in new Orleans in November this year. She will take the opportunity to highlight Assessment in Action projects from CIC-member institutions, which has been of great interest for this particular audience in the past. Another area of focus for Lisabeth in her work with this group involves high-impact practices (HIPs) and how libraries can contribute to student success through HIPs. She submitted a presentation for the CIC annual conference on this topic.

Alison Ricker is the liaison to the American Association for the Advancement of Science. AAAS funds registration for 30 librarians to attend their annual conference and Alison facilitates the selection of these individuals. Alison will submit a call out on the STS-L list for interested librarians and invites them to submit their contact information through a google form. Participants for this opportunity are selected on a first-come/first-served basis.

Tiffany Hebb is the new liaison to the Center for the First Year Experience. Tiffany attended the FYE conference in February where she attended programs, facilitated a social gathering for librarians who were in attendance, and met with the executive director. The liaison who served in this role prior to Tiffany supported her through her onboarding experience by providing advice and sharing conference reports. One opportunity that Tiffany has identified for collaboration between ACRL and FYE is related to common readings for first-year college students. FYE is starting to study the trends regarding this topic across institutions in several areas, including genre, reading level, and whether or not there is a movie associated with the book. Tiffany also mentioned that Kennesaw State University just created an online master's degree in first-year studies which may be of interest to librarians.

Jose Aguinaga liaises to the American Association of Community Colleges and they have an annual conference and a Fall program each year that involve mostly community college administrators. One timeslot of the main conference event is dedicated to library-oriented programming. Last year's topic for this programming was Open Educational Resources (OER) and the event featured the collaborative experience of community college librarians and faculty in developing and curating OER. This program received a lot of attention from the administrators who were in attendance. In his role as liaison, Jose is also on the Commission for Research and Emerging Trends which is another opportunity to highlight library-related issues.

### **Announcing New Liaisons**

The new liaison to the American Sociological Association is Hailey Mooney.

### **Talking Points LibGuide**

Sara and Julianne are working on the Scholarly Communication and Information Literacy "intersections" area of the [Liaisons Talking Points web page](#). This site has several sections that would benefit from additional or updated content. Any liaisons who would want to volunteer for any of these sections are most welcome to do so. The Talking Points site includes issues that liaisons should be conversant on and it isn't intended to be an exhaustive resource.

### **Workshop**

The Liaisons Training & Development Committee did not host a workshop for liaisons this Spring. Liaisons had indicated their interest in learning more about the intersections of Scholarly Communication and Information Literacy and, because ACRL was already planning to host a webcast on this topic in April, it was determined that the liaisons would attend that event. If any liaisons have topics that they would like to learn more about, LTDC would be happy to host a webcast for the group. Some possibilities include digital scholarship/digital humanities or space planning. The learning opportunities could be publicized to the broader ACRL community, but they would be intended for liaisons who need to advocate on behalf of libraries to external constituencies or organizations.

### **Other Discussion**

August 1 is the official deadline for requests for travel funding for liaisons. Sample applications are on the ACRL web site. Reimbursement requests are due August 15<sup>th</sup>. Liaisons will receive an email reminder about these deadlines.

Conference reports are to be posted on ALA Connect in the Liaisons Assembly area. We are working toward disbanding the Liaisons Connect Community.

A short article in C&RL news or a piece in ACRL Insider might be an interesting way to draw attention to the activities of the liaisons and the organizations to which they liaise. The panel program featuring liaisons and their activities at ALA 2015 was well-received and could be offered (at least) every three years.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:55p.m.