# **ACRL Chapters Council Meeting**

# **January 24, 2024**

# **10:00-11:30 a.m. EST**

# **Virtual via Zoom**

1. Welcome by Chair Eric Edwards

* Meeting started at 10:00 a.m. EST.

1. 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.: Program with Q & A – “First Years Meet the Frames”

Heather Dalal (Rider University), Gary Marks (William Paterson University), Ewa Dziedzic-Elliot (The College of New Jersey), and Joyce Valenza (Rutgers University).

* Research team for this survey are from a variety of New Jersey universities and colleges, with the goal of demonstrating the value of librarians within the high school setting. Surveys targeted the students of those high schools. Findings included that the high school students with access to school librarians felt more comfortable with research in college, including the mechanics of information management. LibGuide: <https://comminfo.libguides.com/FirstYears> This presentation also contained an overview of the collaboration efforts between ACRL and ASL in New Jersey. The presenters discussed the panel and conference participation that contributed to the work.

1. 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.: Business meeting
2. Introductions (in chat box). Recorded attendees are:

* Carrie Dunham-LaGree, Drake University, Iowa ACRL ; Jane Hammons, Ohio State University, Academic Library Association of Ohio ; Amber Willenborg, University of Louisville, Kentucky ACRL ; Holly Mercer, Dodge City Community College, Kansas Library Association, College University Library Section ; Beth McNeil, Purdue University West Lafayette (Indiana), ACRL President ; Sarah McHone-Chase, Aurora University, Chapters Secretary and IACRL (Illinois) President ; Delores Carlito, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Alabama ACRL ; Leslin Charles, Vice-Chair ACRL Chapters Council ; Laurie Neuerburg, University of Iowa, Iowa ACRL ; Nicole Rivera, Cedar Crest College, ACRL Delaware Valley Chapter ; Clarissa West-White, Bethune-Cookman University, Florida ACRL ; Eric Edwards, Illinois State Library, ACRL Chapters Council Chair ; Brianna Hughes, University of Maryland, ACRL-Maryland ; Allison Payne, ACRL Interim Exec. Director ; Mies Martin, Aquinas College, Michigan ACRL MiALA ; Mark Shelton, College of the Holy Cross, ACRL New England Chapter ; Laura Hall, University of Kentucky, Kentucky ACRL ; Carmen Orth-Alfie, President FY24, Kansas Library Association, College and Research Libraries Section ; Rusty Michalak, Goldey-Beacom, ACRL Delaware Valley Chapter ; Gary Marks, William Paterson University, ACRL-NJ ; Darlene Johnson-Bignotti, Oakland Community College (Royal Oak, Michigan), President of Michigan Academic Library Association ; Mark Eddy, ACRL Chapter of Ohio – Academic Library Association of Ohio President ; Aleah Price, Program Coordinator, ACRL ; Ewa Dziedzic-Elliott, ACRL-NJ ; Brian Maass, Nebraska Library Association College and University Section / ACRL Rep ; Maria Deptula, ACRL-NJ ; Allison Payne, ACRL

1. ACRL Leadership updates
2. Allison Payne, Executive Director

* ALA will be in San Diego, June 27-July 2, 2024. Registration opens February 20, 2024. <https://2024.alaannual.org/>

1. Dr. Beth McNeil, President

* The ACRL President’s program at ALA will be about Belonging and creating a sense of belonging.

1. Dr. Leo Lo, Vice-President

* No remarks (absent).

1. Erin Ellis, Past President

* A small Board task force has prepared some by-laws revisions for ACRL. These will be on the ballot this spring.
* Please submit your volunteer form for ACRL appointments before February 28, 2024.
* Consider volunteering or nominating someone for a board position as well: deadline is February 15, 2024. Board nomination details and form are at <https://acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/nominations-sought-for-acrl-board-of-directors-11/>

1. Aleah Price, Staff Liaison

* Please see any roster updates to Aleah, at [aprice@ala.org](mailto:aprice@ala.org)
* Reminder that Chapters receive up to two free webcasts annually. To learn more about this program, see <https://www.ala.org/acrl/conferences/elearning/acrlpresents>. To register for a program, email Margot Conahan, at [mconahan@ala.org](mailto:mconahan@ala.org)
* Please remember to take advantage of virtual chapters speaker visits. See <https://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters/officersspeakers> for more information.

1. Chapters Council Leadership Updates
2. Leslin Charles, Vice-Chair

* No updates.

1. Sarah McHone-Chase, Secretary

* No updates.

1. Laura Hall, Legislative Representative

* No updates.

1. Amber Willenborg, LibGuide Administrator and *Chapter Topics Newsletter* Editor

* No updates, but a reminder that the newletter goes out in spring and fall—please look for the call for content or send Amber your content at any time of the year ([amber.willenborg@louisville.edu](mailto:amber.willenborg@louisville.edu))

1. Paula Martin, List Administrator

* No updates (absent).

1. Chair’s Report, Eric Edwards
2. Upcoming elections for Vice-Chair and Secretary

* Elections will happen in the summer meeting. Eric will put out a timeline after that meeting is planned for when candidates need to indicate their interest.

1. Change to *ACRL Guide to Policies and Procedures—*Chapters Council officers no longer required also to serve on their state or regional chapter’s board.

* This change will help with recruiting potential officers—potential officers (Vice-Chair and Secretary) must only be a current member in good standing of ALA/ACRL. ACRL Board approved this in October 2023.

1. Discussion with AASL School Library Chapters on resolution to improve communication with ALA Chapter Relations Office and ALA Public Policy & Advocacy Office.

* Last fall, 2 members of AASL asked for help in facilitating communication with Chapters. Input will be sought in the spring for this resolution. Please watch Connect for more news.

1. Upcoming webinar on Wednesday, February 7 (10:00 – 11:30 a.m. EST) for chapters to share unique or interesting projects they have undertaken recently.
2. Reminder about keeping chapter directory of leadership (link [here](https://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters/roster)) information current and signing up for ALA Connect.

* Email Aleah Price ([aprice@ala.org](mailto:aprice@ala.org)) with changes or updates.

1. Reminder about updating chapter organization survey (link [here](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iOui-OYDKNMG1eTWiBk3okGi_duXHWl5MA6dFeaW9Ok/edit#gid=0)).
2. Open Forum (state and regional chapters may raise any topics of interest or issues of concern)

* Eric Edwards brought up legislative advocacy and asked if anyone feels that they have access to the information that they need to effectively advocate and if there’s anything that we can do to streamline this process. Gary Marks formerly held a position of legislative rep in New Jersey, and he stated that he had to look for a lot of the pertinent information on his own. He noted that not much legislative activity directly impacts academic libraries. Within chat, Mark Shelton noted that his chapter covers 6 states, tracking legislative activity would take much effort. State chapters often address legislative activities, without involving ACRL chapters at all (for example, Maryland and Illinois). Aleah Price will also discuss this issue within ACRL and will report back to Chapters.
* Eric Edwards asked a general question about whether individual Chapters feel that they have enough funds. Mark Shelton, New England Chapter, noted that members cannot register for Chapters specifically when registering for ACRL membership, and this hampers Chapters’ ability to get people involved/connected so that resources can be maximized. Gary Marks agreed that it would be useful to let registering ACRL members identify themselves as Chapters members, too. Aleah Price stated that ACRL itself does not provide funding to the Chapters.

1. Any Other Business

* None

1. Adjournment

* Meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m. EST