



Board Meeting

May 8, 2023

[Meeting slides](#)

Minutes

In attendance: Rachel Cooke, Clarissa West-White, Rachel Tait-Ripperdan, Diana Matthews, Julie Hornick, Ava Brillat, Steven Wade, Sarah J. Hammill, Rachel Edford-Trnka, Laurie Rebar, Valerie Boulos, Elana Karshmer, John Reynolds,

Call to Order

Introductions of all attendees for the benefit of new members

Rachel offers to customize service letters if members need that

Amendments to the Agenda n/a

Approval of the Agenda (diana/elana)

Old Business

1. Review [April](#) meeting minutes
 - a. Hearing no discussion (Ava moved/Clarissa seconded)
2. Review April Action Items
 - a. ACTION ITEM: Facilitated session on dealing with stress given the current state of uncertainty in Florida
 - i. Elana will email with more information
 1. Has spoken with Elise about facilitating
 2. Board will need to get back with her about scheduling
 3. Ava offers to take this project over
 4. Will need to figure out reimbursement
 - ii. Rachel will send out Doodle Poll to try to determine date for session
 1. Tabled until more information is gathered
 2. Suggests maybe it could be a part of the annual conference
 - b. ACTION ITEM: Board should do 2nd Review of Call For Proposals
 - i. Accomplished in April
 - c. ACTION ITEM: CFP will go out about April 15 and close August 1 [Clarissa]
 - i. Proposal was sent to the listserv on May 2

- ii. May want to think about using a rolling acceptance for proposals
- d. ACTION ITEM: Valerie will purchase the Stars for the preconference
 - i. Stars were purchased and arrived at the FLA office
- e. ACTION ITEM: Board can review/consider the Novare quote for Conference platform
 - i. Question is whether is whether we should Diana Silvare at Novare to run the technological aspects of putting on the online conference and/or asking TBLC to sponsor the conference with their Zoom events platform.
 - ii. Rachel asks Valerie if we would have about \$8700 left in the account if we paid \$1,500 to Novare. Valerie confirms we can afford it.
 - iii. Valerie suggests maybe we would want to charge a minimal fee for conference.
 - 1. Julie suggests it would be a good idea, since we're upgrading the system we'll be using online.
 - 2. Diana says many are amenable to a small fee, if it means no travel.
 - 3. Valerie notes that not having to pay for the enhanced Zoom ourselves as we did last year will offset the costs for Novare if TBLC would agree to sponsor.
 - 4. Vote to pay \$1500 to Novare (Julie moves/Elana seconds) - motion passes 10 yes/0 nays
- f. ACTION ITEM: Nancy should send out reminders for committee members
 - i. Call has been sent and some are coming in
- g. ACTION ITEM: Clarissa will plan Board meeting times and Orientation Mtg
 - i. Existing board members were asked to vote
 - ii. Board members should check emails

New Business

1. ACRL table debrief - Diana
 - a. Tables available at ACRL for state chapters as well as committee opportunities
 - b. Handouts were passed out
 - c. Many came to offer support for the issues that Florida is facing
 - d. Strong interest in committees - Diana suggests in the future that there be a handout with information on committees for attendees
2. Discussion on academic and school library partnerships for college readiness - Diana
 - a. Diana link in chat to information from ACRL on College Readiness and Academic and School Library Partnerships
 - b. Goal is to increase collaboration between academic and school librarians
 - c. Making sure students in HS start to have an idea about what they will be expected

to do in college

- d. Rachel suggests it might be good to develop goals in order to maintain funding from ACRL and this could be one of the goals
 - i. Table until later meeting
 - ii. Suggests possibility of setting up taskforce or committee
3. Follow-up on voting discussion - Rachel
 - a. Novare vote - see above
4. Possible drafting of statement regarding firing of librarian at New College
 - a. Helena Gold from NC was eliminated in College's restructuring but there is concern because she is a member of the LGBTQ community
 - b. Rachel brought this up to Shane from FLA and they are going to talk to the ALA president about the possibility of drafting a statement. FLA would also support a statement if it comes just from us.
 - c. Rachel suggests we may want to table until next time, after Rachel has talked with ALA president
 - d. Discussion:
 - i. John R. gave a statement in support of this initiative
 - ii. Elana suggests we roll the previous idea of a statement into this issue, too, to keep the momentum going. The draft of the statement is in the Drive.
5. 2023-2024 Meeting Times - Clarissa
 - a. See above, check the spreadsheet to be sure Clarissa has the accurate information from the board members
6. Flagler College Conference - Support letter for grant
 - a. Rachel will send an email in support of the Flagler College conference "Teaching History In Contested Times" through email
 - b. This is an interdisciplinary conference, weighted to history, co-sponsored by the Yale Center for Slavery and Resistance
 - c. Being kept under wraps until after the Governor's budget comes out July 1 for fear of the possibility of losing some of the state funds the college receives
 - d. Rachel will send FACRL Draft Letter of Support for board to review

Officer/Liaison Reports

1. President - Rachel Cooke
 - a. Thanks the Board for her tenure
2. President-elect - Clarissa West-White
 - a. n/a
3. Past-President - Elana Karshmer

- a. n/a
- 4. Secretary - Julie Hornick
 - a. n/a
- 5. Treasurer - Valerie Boulos
 - a. Sarah Hamill and she have an appointment at FLA to change over the account and will get that taken care of
- 6. Communication Manager - Nancy Schuler
- 7. Legislative - Steven Wade
 - a. Higher Education Bill (HB999/SB266) passed and Gov. DeSantis is expected to sign
 - i. Final form requires post-tenure review every five years but does not now allow tenured faculty to be reviewed at any time for any cause
 - ii. College presidents are responsible for hiring faculty as opposed to the governing board
 - iii. Prohibits state or federal funds being spent on activities that promote or advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion
 - iv. Gen Ed courses cannot teach about CRT or systemic racism
 - v. Prohibits diversity statements in hiring
 - b. Library cooperative funding bill passed
 - c. School choice voucher program has been expanded
 - d. Advocacy page is up-to-date
 - i. Rachel suggests this be highlighted on our LinkedIn page
 - e. Chronicle of Higher Ed is excellent source of information and Steven suggests the new FACRL Legislative Liaison work with the FLA advocacy group

Committee Reports (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w5DexGhF70kgRG1OW6g5fCIHfpxwuClvxRnQzMzmpPWw/edit?usp=sharing>)

- 1. Membership - Nancy Schuler
 - a. See recent LinkedIn Featured Member and FACRL Membership video email and share any thoughts with Nancy
 - i. [LinkedIn Featured Member Post link](#)
 - ii. [Draft Membership Video link](#)
 - b. Updated membership list from ACRL has been received. First task for the new Membership committee can be to update this list.
- 2. Marketing and Communications - Nancy Schuler
 - a. Swag for FLA ordered by Valerie (thank you!)
 - b. Announcements about Committee Volunteers and CFP have been shared

3. Nominations - Elana Karshmer
 - a. Rachel will be in charge of nominations and will need to get two people to serve with her
4. Programming - Elana Karshmer
 - a. New liaison needed
 - b. New chair who can devote the time to the committee should be chosen
5. Conference Program - John Reynolds
 - a. n/a
6. Sponsorship - Valerie Boulos
 - a. n/a
7. Scholarship - Julie Hornick/Ava Brillat
 - a. n/a
8. Virtual Conference Logistics - Cindy Gruwell
 - a. n/a

Review Upcoming Events & Reminders

Review Meeting Outcomes and Action Items

1. ACTION ITEM: Rachel will reach out to Diana with Novare about running the conference platform next October
2. ACTION ITEM: Board Members should check email from Clarissa about meeting times for next year.
3. ACTION ITEM: Rachel C. will talk to ALA about drafting a statement in regards to the firing of librarian at New College
4. ACTION ITEM: Board members should review the draft letter of support from FACRL for the Flagler College Conference. Rachel will send an email with the information
5. ACTION ITEM: Nancy asks the Board to review the LinkedIn Featured Member and FACRL Membership video email and share any thoughts with her LinkedIn Featured Member Post link and Draft Membership Video link

Announcements

- Next online Board Meeting: June TBD