



## **Board Meeting Agenda - All-Membership Meeting**

**February 13, 2023**

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### **Agenda**

**Attendees:** Rachel C., Diana, Julie, Clarissa, Valerie, Nancy, John, Steven, Ava, Elana, Cindy

**Call to Order @ 3pm**

**Amendments to the Agenda**

n/a

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Old Business**

1. Review [December](#) & [January](#) meeting minutes
  - a. Diana/Ava
2. Board has approved the Wild Apricot renewal for two more years, through 2025
  - a. Work was undertaken and approved via email
  - b. The cost will be \$5000/2 year contract
  - c. May want to find something less expensive in the next two years
3. Review January Action Items
  - a. ACTION ITEM: Julie will finalize December's meeting minutes for approval at February meeting [Julie]
    - i. Done
  - b. ACTION ITEM: Committee liaisons should reach out to committees (or look at them ourselves) to clean guidelines up in advance of them being put on website [Committee Liaisons]
    - i. Ongoing and may take some time to finish
    - ii. No hurry, but need to clean up for inclusion on the website
    - iii. Make as generic as possible
  - c. ACTION ITEM: Email should be sent to membership to invite them to all-membership business meeting in February. [Nancy]
    - i. Done
  - d. ACTION ITEM: Rachel will let Valerie and Steven know to prepare reports for all-membership meeting [Rachel, Valerie, Steven]
    - i. Done
  - e. ACTION ITEM: Nancy will reach out to FLA to explore idea of regular ACRL column

in *Florida Libraries* [Nancy]

- i. Florida Libraries is not freely available
- ii. Will need to look for option that is open to all academic librarians
- iii. Tabled for now; will revisit at a later date

## **New Business**

### 1. Elections Report

- a. Thank you to Steven and Rachel E. for serving on committee
- b. Nancy has set up website
- c. Many who had indicated they were initially interested were unable to run, so there are some unopposed candidates
- d. No one running for Diversity Officer
  - i. General sense of fear resulting from current government policies at state universities has led people who might be interested to back off
  - ii. Decision was made to hold off running for this this year
  - iii. May have someone volunteer when the board convene for the new academic year
- e. Elections open 2/14
- f. Membership is encouraged to vote in the elections
- g. The call for volunteers for committees will open after the elections

### 2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Currently have \$16,385.27 in account
- b. Reported on income revenues from memberships, conference fees, and sponsorships
- c. Expenditures were made for the website, service fees to Affinipay, Conference tech costs, scholarships, sponsorships of other conference events (e.g., FLA Coffee Hour or Preconference). There are also occasional organization expenses such as postage.
- d. Lost a little money this year with greater expenditures than income, but we're in good financial shape
- e. Will be paying for website for two years and may use funds to explore another website

### 3. 2023 Annual Conference - Clarissa

- a. The 2023 FACRL Annual Conferences will be held virtually on Friday, 10/20, from 9am - 4pm
- b. Theme: Where do we go from here? Best Practices in Academic Libraries
- c. Call for proposals will go out in March
- d. Contact Clarissa West-White, [whitec@cookman.edu](mailto:whitec@cookman.edu) with any questions

### 4. Spring FACRL Preconference at FLA

- a. FACRL will host a preconference session for the FLA Annual Conference on 5/16 at the Hilton Daytona Beach from 1 - 5pm
- b. Theme: FACRL Presents Academic Libraries & Student Success for the Next Generation
- c. <https://www.flalib.org/schedule-of-events-in-person>

- d. Registration capped at 50
  - e. May offer presentations online after the event for those who cannot attend
  - f. Questions may be addressed to Rachel Cooke, [rcooke@fgcu.edu](mailto:rcooke@fgcu.edu)
5. Twitter/LinkedIn Discussion - Nancy Schuler
- a. The question was posed: Do we want to maintain our Twitter account? Would LinkedIn be better?
  - b. We don't typically have much engagement, nor too many followers, with the Twitter account
  - c. Discussion
    - i. Cindy G. felt making the switch would be a good move and would be better professionally, Julie H. agreed
    - ii. Question was asked from the floor if we already had a LinkedIn account. We do not, but making the switch would allow us to create one
    - iii. Membership from the floor expressed general assent
    - iv. The question was asked whether we would want to keep Twitter for the conference
      - 1. Nancy thinks we can post conference-related chats on LinkedIn
      - 2. Maintaining too many platforms is unwieldy
    - v. Motion was called for and made by Cindy/seconded by Julie to retire the Twitter account and create LinkedIn account. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.
6. Academic Freedom Discussion
- a. It was impossible to find candidates for the new Diversity Officer position because of the current atmosphere in Florida
  - b. Elana stressed the need to push through the fear and step up to support diversity initiatives
  - c. The recommendation was given that we create a statement for FACRL on Intellectual and Academic Freedom
  - d. The way the current atmosphere is impacting faculties at public institutions was reported. The Board was cautioned that private institutions may be next.
  - e. Discussion
    - i. Rachel noted there is no guarantee that academic library collections won't be targeted in the way that K-12 schools have been targeted.
    - ii. ACRL website has resources we can use to affirm our values
    - iii. Cindy G., Rachel C., Ava B., and Elana K. volunteered to draft a statement. Elana asked others to email her if they are interested. She will serve on the committee.

### **Officer/Liaison Reports**

- 1. President - Rachel Cooke
  - a. n/a
- 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. Report was made above
- 6. Communication Manager - Nancy Schuler
  - a. All election candidates are highlighted on the website
- 7. Legislative - Steven Wade
  - a. Florida's legislative session will run from 3/7 - 5/5 this year
  - b. Concerning the Governor's proposed budget for 23-24:
    - i. No increase in state aid for MLCs
    - ii. No funding for Arts & Culture
    - iii. Money to relocate migrants around the country was requested
    - iv. No funding for HB 1 (School Choice)
      - 1. Would expand Florida's school voucher program
      - 2. No position on HB 1 was given from the Governor
        - a. Florida Policy Institute is interested in making vouchers universal
    - v. Governor involvement in Higher Ed
      - 1. Legislation enacted post-tenure review every five years
      - 2. Attempt was made earlier in the academic year to bar UF faculty from testifying as expert witnesses
      - 3. Proposed prohibiting campus activities or programs that promote DEI and CRT
        - a. Other states, notably OK & SC are following suit
        - b. Chilling effect on Higher Ed's willingness to get involved with DEI & CRT
      - 4. Politically motivated appointment to New College board of trustees
      - 5. Ban of new AP African American Studies course
    - vi. Advocacy
      - 1. Has been no vocal system-wide defense of academic freedom
      - 2. Florida citizens need to focus on local senator or representative for bigger impact
      - 3. Reminded membership of the Advocacy page on FACRL website
      - 4. Steven has joined the FLA legislative and advocacy committee and is looking forward to the opportunity to collaborate with them

- vii. Discussion of the Freedom to Read Foundation
  1. Affiliated with ALA
  2. Promotes and protects freedom of speech and of the press and the public's right of access to information and materials stored in the nation's libraries
  3. FACRL could join as an organization at one of several levels if we so chose

**Committee Reports** (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w5DexGhF70kgRG1OW6g5fCIHfpxwuClvxRnOzMzmPWw/edit?usp=sharing>)

1. Membership - Nancy Schuler
  - a. Working on FACRL materials for distribution at the FLA conference
2. Marketing and Communications - Nancy Schuler
  - a. They are talking about the spring marketing schedule for elections and preconference
  - b. Will be discussing what actions to take next concerning the possibility of starting a newsletter
3. Nominations - Elana Karshmer
  - a. Encouragement of membership to run for office next year
4. Programming - Elana Karshmer
  - a. If members are interested in presenting for a webinar, please contact Elana
  - b. Rachel C. expanded on charge of the Programming Committee
5. Conference Program - John Reynolds
  - a. Encouraged people to get involved
  - b. Discussed the role of the committee to evaluate and approve the proposals for the conference
6. Sponsorship - Valerie Boulos
  - a. Activity on this committee won't pick up until April or so
7. Scholarship - Julie Hornick
  - a. Work of scholarship committee takes place in the fall
8. Virtual Conference Logistics - Cindy Gruwell
  - a. Looking at possible online solutions to replace Zoom for the conference next year

### **Review Meeting Outcomes and Action Items**

- **ACTION ITEM:** Communication committee will create LinkedIn account [Nancy]
- **ACTION ITEM:** Need to turn on Legislative & Advocacy page on website [Steven & Nancy]
- **ACTION ITEM:** Email Elana with interest in drafting Intellectual and Academic Freedom statement [Board Members]

### **Announcements**

- Next online Board Meeting: Monday, March 13, 2023 at 3PM