



## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 13, 2023**

[Meeting slides](#)

**Attendees:** Cindy Gruwell, Rachel Cooke, Diana Matthews, Nancy Schuler, Ava Brillat, Clarissa West-White, Valerie Boulos, Rachel Trnka, Valerie Boulos, Steven Wade

**Call to Order @ 3pm**

**Amendments to the Agenda - n/a**

**Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve - C. Gruwell

Second - E. Karshmer

**Old Business**

1. Review [February](#) meeting minutes
  - a. Motion to approve - C. Gruwell
  - b. Second - D. Matthews
  - c. Review February Action Items
  - d. ACTION ITEM: Communication committee will create LinkedIn account [Nancy]
    - i. Account URL: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/facr/>
    - ii. Members have been invited to follow the account
    - iii. Still testing out with membership committee and Board and will roll out after testing is completed
    - iv. Hoping to use it for anything that Twitter used to accomplish (e.g., Membership Spotlights, etc.)
    - v. ACTION ITEM: Board should take a look at LinkedIn page
  - e. ACTION ITEM: Need to turn on Legislative & Advocacy page on website [Steven & Nancy]
    - i. This was done last month
  - f. ACTION ITEM: Email Elana with interest in drafting Intellectual and Academic Freedom statement [Board Members]
    - i. Working with committee on it. It needs to be shaped into a statement. Goal

is to put something together later this week, with something cohesive to appear soon.

- ii. Will hopefully send out through listserv before next meeting.

## **New Business**

1. HB99/ALA Signing on to AAUP/AFT/NCAC Letter
  - a. ALA reached out to President of FLA
  - b. In discussion with Rachel to find out what ALA can do to support us. They can't put out a statement on our behalf, but they can sign on to a statement that we develop.
  - c. FLA would like feedback from FACRL
  - d. Discussion
    - i. Some members have no problem with the AAUP statement that calls out Governor DeSantis.
    - ii. It was noted that statements like this aren't really trying to persuade anyone to think any differently, but rather they are to call out what has been done and register disagreement with current policies.
    - iii. We could, as individuals, sign on the AAUP statement if desired or Rachel, with Board approval, would be willing to sign as President of FACRL
    - iv. Universities and librarians around the state are walking on eggshells, and there is considerable fear about consequences
2. Support session for stressful times - Elana
  - a. In the face of what is happening around the state, given uncertainty and policies that are constraining faculty and librarians and causing stress, Elana proposes some kind of support session where someone comes in and facilitates a session of relaxation/self-care/sharing for FACRL membership.
  - b. Discussion:
    - i. Multiple members like idea that people would be able to share their stress and find support. It was mentioned that the purpose of FACRL is to build community so this would not be outside the scope of the organization.
  - c. There is an individual with a background in counseling and libraries who can be contacted about possibly facilitation such a session. Elana could reach out to this person.
  - d. Motion was made (C. Gruwell) and seconded (by R. Trnka) to explore the possibility of a facilitated meeting.
    - i. Valerie asked if there was a budget need and Elana said she would report back after contacting the facilitator
    - ii. Valerie noted, and others agreed, that we may need the FACRL Zoom account set up again because using public university Zoom accounts may

be problematic.

### **Officer/Liaison Reports**

1. President - Rachel Cooke
  - a. Working on pre-conference for FLA
  - b. Order for food was put in for the conference for 25 people, with the option of scaling up if necessary
2. President-elect - Clarissa West-White
  - a. Call for papers will be ready for comment by end of week and will be shared
3. Past-President - Elana Karshmer - n/a
4. Secretary - Julie Hornick - n/a
5. Treasurer - Valerie Boulos
  - a. Money situation hasn't changed much in the last month
  - b. Currently have \$16,441
  - c. Wild Apricot has been contacted about renewing for two years
  - d. Only other expense should be the conference fee
  - e. Expect the balance to be near \$10,000 for going into our conference season
6. Communication Manager - Nancy Schuler
  - a. Need to be sending out announcement about committee service
7. Legislative - Steven Wade
  - a. Advocacy page is up and running
  - b. Noted the HB999 and HB931 bills that are similar and may be combined
  - c. Legislative session goes into early May and the page will be updated as session continues
  - d. *The Chronicle* has a page that is tracking the states that have anti-DEI legislation in some stage of proposal/debate. Not linked due to paywall.
  - e. Rachel C. noted the new companion higher education bill, HB266, that is likely to pass, and will send a graphic that is showing where the bills overlap

### **Committee Reports** (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w5DexGhF70kgRG1OW6g5fCIHfpxwuClvxRnQzMzmPWw/edit?usp=sharing>)

1. Membership - Nancy Schuler
  - a. LinkedIn information as noted above
2. Marketing and Communications - Nancy Schuler
  - a. Made a flyer for ACRL for anyone interested in joining FACRL. Diana Matthews and Chris Sturgeon are going to the conference and will staff the chapter table.
  - b. FACRL swag for FLA

- i. Is there a budget? Nancy requests \$250
    1. Rachel C. moves to approve budget request; Ava and Clarissa seconded
    2. Seeing no discussion or objections, the motion carries.
  - ii. There are materials from past years that Valerie has and she will take pictures and send them so we can determine what we have and what we might need.
  - iii. Anything purchased can be sent to Rachel C. to carry to the conference
3. Nominations - Elana Karshmer
  - a. Elections are closed
  - b. Will work with Steven and Rachel to certify the election
  - c. Winners will be notified soon
4. Programming - Elana Karshmer
  - a. Committee has been inactive this year
  - b. Will share suggestions on how to get it back running at a later point
  - c. Support session (as noted above)
5. Conference Program - John Reynolds - n/a
6. Sponsorship - Valerie Boulos - n/a
7. Scholarship - Julie Hornick - n/a
8. Virtual Conference Logistics - Cindy Gruwell - n/a
  - a. Rachel will try to get a quote about the conference program

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

- ACTION ITEM: Board should take a look at LinkedIn page and review (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/facrl/>)
- ACTION ITEM: Elana will continue to work on drafting Intellectual and Academic Freedom statement.
- ACTION ITEM: Elana will explore options for a facilitated session on dealing with stress given the current state of uncertainty in Florida
- ACTION ITEM: Board should review the Conference Call for Papers when Clarissa has sent it out
- ACTION ITEM: Nancy will explore possibilities for FACRL swag to be handed out at FLA
- ACTION ITEM: Election results to be shared with the membership [Elana]
- ACTION ITEM: Rachel C. will explore the cost of different platform for conference

**Announcements**

- On March 21, 2023, an interim vote was taken by email, with the item passing, on the formation of an interest group for academic librarians at private institutions across the state of Florida
- Next online Board Meeting: Monday, April 10, 2023 at 3PM