

FACRL Online Minutes  
April through October 2007  
DRAFT Minutes

In April, Board President Betsy Simpson announced that there were three vacancies to fill on the Board and presented criteria for consideration as the candidate's CVs were reviewed. The Board discussed five candidates for current and future potential openings on the Board.

The Fall Program planning committee, composed of Elizabeth Killingsworth, Betsy Simpson, Beatrice Nichols, and Michelle Apps began discussion of speakers for the Fall Program.

A draft of the minutes from the April 10 Board meeting was released to the Board on April 16.

Nora Quinlan shared the Academic Libraries Member Group report to FLA with the Board for feedback prior to submission on May 4.

Consideration of candidates to fill Board vacancies continued in May. Following a tally of the votes, Betsy contacted Jonathan Miller, Linda Sobey and Nancy Cunningham to announce their appointments to the Board. Betsy contacted the other candidates to ask if they would be available for future consideration. The candidates accepted appointment to the board.

A conference call was arranged for Tuesday, June 5, 9:30-11:00am.

Webmaster Nancy Cook added a section for meeting minutes to the website.

Nine Board members were available to participate in the June 5 conference call. The topic of the conference call was the Fall Program. Betsy Simpson submitted a draft of minutes from the conference call to the board on June 8. One correction to the minutes was submitted via email.

Also on June 8, Nancy Cunningham announced that Barbara Lewis, Outreach Librarian for USF Tampa Library, had agreed to speak at our annual conference in October on providing library services, such as instruction, to Athletes.

On June 13, Betsy Simpson initiated a discussion of potential keynote speakers for the Fall Program. It was agreed that Drew Smith would be approached with an invitation to be the keynote speaker. Betsy announced that Drew had accepted the Board's invitation on June 14.

On July 9 Nora announced that grant funding was potentially available from ACRL for a future program with a focus on advocacy. There was discussion of a pre-conference at FLA in spring 2008 or for the Fall 2008 FACRL program.

On July 20 Jonathan Miller and Nora presented a draft of the applications for the Fall Program student scholarships. There was discussion among the Board as to whether or not we would consider other degrees in this award, if we should require that the successful recipients complete a conference evaluation and a 500 word essay concerning their conference experience after the program, and if we should require that the recipients attend the entire program. Discussion of the scholarship criteria extended into August.

Jonathan submitted a second draft of the scholarship application requirements to the Board on August 9.

On August 3, Betsy announced that FLA had agreed to cosponsor the Fall Program, and that SWFLN had asked to be a sponsor.

Conversation about the Fall Program continued through the month. Topics included advertising the program and the scholarship competition, hotel space, meeting rooms, presentation technology that would be available, meals, arrangements for speakers, registration fees and costs for the program.

The Board decided to have a new banner made that reflects the dual identity of the group as FLA Academic Libraries Member Group and ACRL Florida Chapter in time for the Fall Program. Beatrice Nichols agreed to investigate options for the banner. Beatrice routed a sample design to the Board for feedback.

On August 27, Nancy Cook announced the FACRL Fall Program to the FLA Academic list, the Florida Library Directors List and the FACRL list. Betsy announced the program to the UF Librarians list and to FCLLIST. Mary made the announcement to the CCLAAdmin list.

VP Elizabeth Killingsworth initiated a discussion of sponsoring academic programs at the FLA 2008 annual conference.

Beatrice reported back to the board with a price quote for the banner. The Board agreed as to formatting details and Beatrice agreed to secure the banner in advance of the Fall Program.

On September 14, Jonathan forwarded the scholarship applications that had been received to date to the Board for review. On the 17th, he routed one additional application for consideration. Betsy asked the Board to review the applicants and vote for their choices by September 24.

Iraida Garcia, Diane Dalrymple, and Alyssa Mandel were selected by the Board as winners of the 2007 FACRL Fall Program Scholarship competition. Mary agreed to send checks to each of the winners and Betsy notified them that they had won.

Conversation during the month covered the agenda for the Fall Program, structure and content of the panel discussion, meeting setup and logistics.

Nancy Cook released the Fall Newsletter on October 2.

On October 9 Betsy presented a draft agenda for the Board meeting and solicited agenda items from the Board.

Also on October 9, Beatrice sent the Board a link to the spring minutes and asked Board members to review them for errors and omissions in advance of the meeting.