

MILEX Meeting – July 11, 2014
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Howard Community College, Columbia, MD

Present: Marla Beebe, Jill Burke, Gina Calia-Lotz, Sarah Crest, Melissa D'Agostino, Celia Daniel, Jessame Ferguson, Stephen Ford, Shana Gass, Sarah Gilchrist, Jeremy Green, Mike Kiel, Aiketha McKenzie, Wanda Meek, Marianne Sade, Sarah Sheehan, Simmona Simmons, Lisa Sweeney, Christina Teasley, Lee Wisel

Business Meeting

Final edit of Bylaws

- Strike dates from Article 5 - Dues.
- Article VI, Section 2: the term of office will be the fiscal year.
- Section 3, c) take out semi-colon
Capitalize Treasurer
- Extraneous italics, font size
- (D.) Comma after outlays
(E.) Lowercase website
- Article x strike "for the"
- Put "ARTICLES" in all-caps throughout document
- Article VIII: comma after drafts
- Remove "final copy submitted by..." Text

Motion carried to approve the slate of officers. Seconded. Approved with quorum vote. No oppositions.

Move to accept the by-laws with edits as noted. Seconded. Agreed. No oppositions.

Minutes: Secretary can send link to meeting minutes as part of call for meetings. Make the draft watermark on minutes.

Corrections to June Minutes:

- Treasury report -- 501c, not copyright symbol
- Decisions: will talk with Craig Gibson
- Remove a "Natalie"

Minutes are accepted pending edits.

Mike says there is now a 1023 EZ form now -- much easier! Don't need a budget.

FY15 Meetings & Programs

FALL PROGRAM:

November 7th, 2014 10-3 Friday. Either big business meeting and small program or vice versa

Need a space. Considering Harford's HEAT center, Anne Arundel Comm Coll, one of the public libraries in Howard (Dorsey Station), UMD center in Shady Grove -- near Rockville. Sarah volunteers to check into Shady Grove. May ask LNDL director about using Loyola Graduate center in Columbia

Topic Brainstorming:

- Publishers increasing prices of e-books.
- Demand driven acquisition/patron-driven acquisition
- Format as process
- Discovery tools -- overwhelming? Usability tests
- What populations are using Ebooks? Where are the stats
- Simmona -- what is important to the students?
- User experience and instruction for overcoming e-book barrier.
- Students actually prefer the print books!
- How much of our time are we teaching mechanics if using Discovery tools, rather than looking at content. Jargon terms used in systems.
- How do you know what kind of source this is? Gina mentions she's working on tutorial called "All About Sources"
- Budget issues for libraries. Access for distance students. Creating space.
- Students are reluctant to using these Ebooks. Difficulty for some people to read books online. They disappear after seven days.

NEW THEME: Format: WHAT?!?!

Mike and Simmona will get with Gergana and Natalie from ACRL-MD to plan this.

Sarah Sheehan: There's a librarian at George Mason who has done program on all the ebook packages and how to access these things.

Lisa Hinchliffe as possible speaker for fall, ACRL might be up for their free speaker this fall.

WINTER MEETING:

January 23, 2015, 10-1. Planning meeting for spring program (ALA is Jan 30th)

Small presentation: Sarah Sheehan will present on data management for instruction librarians. There will be cake for Sarah's birthday.

SPRING PROGRAM:

March 20th, 2015. Also Melissa's birthday; have cake. Sarah C volunteers to take care of programs and name tags.

- ACRL Framework. Can invite speakers.
- Sarah Gilchrist: perspective she heard on Framework, it's a philosophical idea for our lofty goals. It's how we reach up to reach the concepts. It's in the same vein as Common Core. Supposed to reach up to these concepts.
- Also cover metaliteracy!
- Gina will chair the spring program. Sarah Sheehan will assist.
- Sarah talked with Craig Gibson -- he is amenable. Very expensive, though.
- Sarah Crest emphasizes that our spring program is our big program and we should maintain our identity.

Membership & Program Costs

Mike asks: What is our goal? To accumulate money, to pay for food, etc. Pretty much what we've been doing is collect money for food.

Sarah Crest shares vision. We are covering expenses, but we should slowly accumulate enough so that when things come up, we want to be able to pay for them. Counsel given was to build your treasury up to pay for your big program, in case that program gets canceled.

Stephen: Separate membership dues from events. Could increase that by a little bit. Haven't had a dues raise in 10 years. Make dues \$35 for FY15. Motion. Seconded. No opposition. Summer meeting lunches and breakfasts included!

Sarah C: when planning programs, add a hedge beyond cost of food. We don't make our speakers pay. Fees for conferences have varied, but have usually been well under \$75.

Presentations

Jessame Ferguson, Library Director, McDaniel College

Assessment. A lot of research being done, but not getting much closer to improving effectiveness of assessing information literacy. Not yet engaging with our institutions in a way where we can really make a difference to our institutions. Are we sure instructional models are really teaching the skills, how does that make a difference? We need to do a better job of telling the story of what we do as libraries to the institutions. Demonstrating our value. Collections are great, but how do we teach people how to use

them?

Demographics of students and what they know are changing. Recruitment and retention. Demographics a huge part of the retention issue.

Stephen: a lot of times, because we're not grading students, we're not tapping into the demographics.

Sarah Gilchrist: we a lot of times think of librarian as instructor of IL, but should be campus concern

McDaniel did a study using Project SAILS. Are there other institutions willing to do a similar assessment?

Will test these same students as seniors.

What we want to figure out is what is important for students to know in IL. Need to talk more with students.

Maryland Library Consortium -- multi-library consortium. Might be place to form an IL offshoot.

Jessame actually has held workshops for faculty, saying we have the solutions to their problems.

McDaniel has a very strong focus on instruction. Has a center for faculty excellence within the library. Same people you see over and over -- those are your early adopters. Get the story of your successes out. Insert yourself wherever you can.

Article:

Sobel, Karen and Cassidy R. Sugimoto. "Assessment of Learning during Library Instruction: Practices,

Prevalence, and Preparation." *The Journal of Academic Librarianship* 38.4 (July 2012)38: 191-

204.

UB's Assessment in Action Project, Mike Kiel

Wanted to assess impact of IL classes on student success

Used pre- and posttests, developed rubrics for Intro to Info Lit and Advanced Expository Writing

Results showed students scored on average proficient or lower.

Motion to adjourn at 2:30. Seconded. Approved.

ACTION ITEMS

- Sarah Crest volunteers to check into Shady Grove as location for Fall Program.
- Mike and Simmona will get with Gergana and Natalie from ACRL-MD to plan fall program