

**ARLD Meeting @ UMBC's Library**  
**Thursday, April 26, 2007 10:00 am to 11:30 am**

**In attendance:** Michael Shochet; Jennifer Butler; Lucy Holman Rector; Katy Sullivan; Regina Rose; LaTanya West; Uta Hussong; Gregory Horvitz; Bob Garber; Chris Patterson; and Patty MacDonald.

Goals of the meeting included:

- Review ACRL Conference reception
- Finalize MLA Conference plans
- Discuss developments MLA dues re-structuring
- Discuss ARLD and MLA's website updates

1. Welcome and introductions

Katy Sullivan welcomed the group and we went around the room introducing the new people in attendance.

2. Approval of minutes of November 3, 2006, meeting.

The minutes were approved.

3. Report on ACRL Conference reception:

Lucy reported that the ARLD reception at Westminster Hall was well received by attendees. The head of all the state chapters of ACRL spoke at the reception and she mentioned that Maryland was the first chapter to host such an event, way to go! Total contributions for event met well the costs. Lucy mentioned that Kate at the MLA office was very helpful in putting this all together with us.

ACRL Conference in general was seen an overall success. Everyone loved the tote bags and freebies. The three main speakers were Mike Tyson (mixed reviews), John Waters (mixed reviews), and Nina Totenberg (good reviews). Bob said that David Silver of U of San Francisco was a particularly good presenter at the session he attended on "Digital Media, Learning and Libraries."

Patty and Jennifer reported the dinner groups went very well. Next ARLD Conference will be in 2009 in Seattle.

4. Finalize MLA Conference (**ALL PACKETS NEED TO BE PICKED UP IN THE MLA DESIGNATED OFFICE AT THE HOTEL!**)

ARLD is presenting five programs, 1 pre-conference and 4 regular sessions:

Planning the Future: A library toolkit (Pre-conference, Wednesday, 11 to 4)  
Presenters: Lawrie Gardner and Janice Lathrop

Packets and Intro: Jennifer  
Minute taker: Jennifer

Futuring Methods for all libraries (Thursday, 11 to 12)  
Presenters: Lawrie Gardner and Janice Lathrop  
Packets and Intro: Regina  
Minute taker: Regina

DIY Usability testing (Thursday, 2 to 3:15)  
Presenters: Lucy Holman Rector and Michael Shochet  
Packets and Intro: Jennifer  
Minute taker: Regina

Blogging and podcasting for everyone (Friday, 9:15 to 12:30)  
Presenters: Andrea Bartelstein and Michael Shochet  
Packets and Intro: Tammy  
Minute taker: Katy

Chronicling troubled times: A conversation w/Laura Wexler (Friday, 11:15 to 12:30)

Presenter: Laura Wexler  
Packets and Intro: Katy  
Minute taker: Lucy

Other MLA info:

Lucy reported that this year's raffle prize is an IPOD Nano. Tickets will be sold during the conference.

2008 MLA Conference will be May 14 to 16 in Ocean City.

#### 5. ARLD/CALD combined program in March

Katy reported the program, "Managing Electronic Resources," went very well although only about 50 people attended. CALD wants to continue this partnership with ARLD with future joint programs. Discussion about making the topic more appealing to a wider audience and where to have future programs followed.

#### 6. New MLA fees

Katy reported that MLA is restructuring its membership dues and there will be about a 20% increase across the board next year. This is long overdue as the fees have remained the same for seven years. In the future, a smaller increase will occur about every other year to keep up with increased costs.

#### 7. Website update

Katy reported that the MLA website is going to be totally revamped and is supposed to be ready by the Conference. This means that each division will be able to enter its updates independently which should make things much smoother. Either the ARLD secretary or someone else will be responsible for updating site once it is up and ready to go.

#### 8. New officers for FY 2008

Congratulations to ARLD's new officers (effective May Conference):

Janice Lathrop –President  
Patty MacDonald –VP/ President elect  
LaTanya West –Secretary

Kudos to our outgoing President, Katy Sullivan, for a fabulous (and longer than she thought!) job!

#### 9. New Business

Jennifer will be the official legislative group officer for our chapter of ACRL.

Rocco DeRosa recently retired from MLA after many dedicated years of service. He is living in New Jersey, and is in poor health. ARLD will be taking up a collection at MLA in May to send a basket to Rocco to thank him and wish him well. Regina will be accepting contributions. E-mail sent to ARLD listserv with this information.

#### 10. Future meetings

Discussion about how future ARLD meetings should be conducted. Should we go back to having business meetings with a 'learning component/presentation' with them? Everyone seemed to like this idea. Michael suggested speaking on SlingBox technology, for instance. We do need to some money making programs, too, and will discuss ideas this summer at our business meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by Regina Rose, Secretary, ARLD.