

ACRL CHAPTERS COUNCIL
Sunday February 1, 2015
Work Session 10:30am-11:30am
Sheraton Hotel (Missouri Room)
Chicago, IL

Present:

Chapters Council Officers

Eleta Exline, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, (New England)
Caroline Fuchs, Chair (Greater New York Metropolitan Area)
Les Kong, Past-Chair (California)
Nancy Weiner, Secretary (New Jersey)

Attendees, Including Chapter Representatives/Delegates

Katie Blocksidge (Ohio)
Kimberly Boyd (Georgia)
Susan Kromrie (Missouri)
Linda Miles (Greater New York Metropolitan Area)
Janet Padway (Wisconsin)
Nicole Sump Crethar (Oklahoma)
Ericka Raber (Iowa)
Phil Waterman (New England)

- I. Welcome and Introductions. Chapters Council Chair Caroline Fuchs called the meeting to order at 10:37am and thanked everyone for coming. A quick round of introductions followed.
- II. Agenda adopted with addition of the Board Action Form proposal.
- III. Minutes from June 2014 Work Session approved.
- IV. Board Action Form (Fuchs)
 - a. Caroline explained the submission of the Board Action Form regarding the change in language for 5.71 (Roles and Responsibilities of Chapters, Chapters Council and ACRL) was prompted by a thorough review of the documentation on the Chapters Council website by Tasha Cooper and Stephanie Davis. The section under discussion reads:
 - **Chapters Council.** Each chapter participates in Chapters Council through two representatives who have one vote on behalf of the chapter. Representatives are the president (chair) and vice-president (vice-chair) or a delegate who is a member of the executive board of the chapter and a member of ACRL.
 - b. Members of Chapters Council feel the language is confusing since every chapter has a different structure and support resubmitting the Board Action Form to include a slight change to the language. The proposed section would read:
 - **Chapters Council.** Each chapter participates in Chapters Council through two representatives who have one vote on behalf of the chapter. Representatives **may be** the president (chair), vice-president (vice-chair) or a delegate who is a member of the executive board of the chapter and a member of ACRL.
 - c. All agreed that the proposed change should contain an explanatory paragraph. Caroline will draft and send to the listserv for review to resubmit before Annual.

- V. Old Business (Fuchs, et al)
- a. Update: 2015 ACRL Proposal-Caroline reported that the “Sustaining Leadership” roundtable proposal was not accepted for presentation at the ACRL Conference. Caroline suggests that we consider submitting as a workshop proposal to ACRL. Chapters Council has been invited to participate in ACRL 101 at the conference and four members in attendance today expressed interest in participating. Caroline will follow up closer to the conference. In other conference news, Eleta Exline reported that Chapters Council will not be provided with a no-cost table in the exhibits area as discussed at Midwinter last year.
 - b. Update: Governance Structure Survey-Results of the survey were sent out in September to Chapters Council and the report was also shared with National. Some chapters did not respond, but of those that did, 66% of chapters are affiliated with their state association and most sponsor or participate in an annual conference. Caroline thanked those who developed the survey and analyzed results. **Do we want to include the report as an Appendix?**
 - c. Update: Virtual Meetings/agenda- Caroline reported that Chapters Council Officers held a virtual meeting back in September and noted that we discussed creating a Gmail account and completing the Board Action form during this meeting. Draft minutes will be posted to ALA Connect.
 - d. Update: Venue/thematic approach- Caroline that we would like to offer a virtual meeting for Chapters Council that would be in addition to in person meetings at mid-winter and annual. An emerging theme or issue would be part of the meeting and during discussion it was decided that a brief presentation on Chapter succession/sustainability and institutional memory would be a good topic. Linda Miles and Nancy Weiner volunteered to coordinate this and will propose dates for the meeting. The content will be repurposed for the blog.
 - e. Update: Online Orientation for Leadership- Caroline noted that this was a successful webinar program initiated by Les Kong and plans are to offer it again. There is a presentation that provides an overview of what Chapters Council is all about and this will be made available to new leaders.
- VI. New Business (Fuchs)
- a. Documents Repository. Caroline noted that while ALA Connect is the official repository for Chapters Council, documents are also being added to Google Drive which is connected to the Chapters Council Gmail account. This will be helpful since access to the ALA Connect space is limited to current leaders and once the change in leadership occurs, past officers can no longer post items to the Connect space. Those in attendance provided Gmail addresses which will be forwarded to Eleta Exline.
 - b. Social at ACRL National. Caroline and Eleta will coordinate a lunch or dinner event in Portland.
- VII. Adjournment at 11:40am

Respectfully submitted by,
Nancy Weiner, Secretary