**ACRL Chapters Council Meeting**

**Via Zoom**

**Friday, September 23, 1:00-2:00 PM EDT**

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair McCallister called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM EDT.

Attendees (all virtual): Delores Carlito, University of Alabama at Birmingham (Alabama Chapter); Jess Denke, Muhlenberg College (Delaware Valley Chapter); Carrie Dunham-LaGree, Drake University (Iowa Chapter); Eric Edwards, Illinois State Library (ACRL Chapters Council Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect); Carin Graves, Michigan State University (Michigan Chapter); Laura Hall, University of Kentucky (Kentucky Chapter); Jaime Hammond, Naugatuck Valley Community College (New England Chapter); Jane Hammons, The Ohio State University (Ohio Chapter); Kelly McCallister, Appalachian State University (ACRL Chapters Council Chair); Dr. Clarissa West-White, Bethune-Cookman University (Florida Chapter); Dr. Laura Wimberley, California State University Northridge (California Chapter)

1. Business Meeting
   1. Approval of last meeting minutes

Chair McCallister asked if anyone had questions or corrections for the minutes from the June meeting. Jaime Hammond’s first name is misspelled; Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Edwards will submit a corrected version to ACRL and post it to ALA Connect. There being no other changes or corrections, Chair McCallister asked for a motion to approve the minutes, along with a second. Dr. Laura Wimberly made the motion, with a second from Dr. Clarissa West-White. The motion carried.

* 1. Need to elect a Secretary

No one ran for Secretary in the elections at the June meeting, and Chapters

Council has not successfully recruited anyone since then. People interested in serving should contact Chair McCallister as soon as possible. She is working with ACRL to make the requirements for serving as Secretary more inclusive, such as having just ACRL membership be a prerequisite, instead of membership in Chapters Council, as the rules currently specify.

In the meantime, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Edwards has agreed to fulfill the Secretary’s responsibility of compiling and submitting the minutes from Chapters Council meetings.

* 1. Work on 2022-2023 Committee work plan

One of the main goals for the coming year is to increase communication

and collaboration among the different statewide and regional chapters. The

Google Doc that Past Chair Dawn Behrend set up (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13SNEDB4sQjInvHVjJ5WIoQ_6qFsF8oyHTik_3_y6xyQ/edit?usp=sharing>) is a good start, but not all chapter leaders have access to it. The spreadsheet includes such information as the number of officers in a chapter and how often that chapter holds a regular meeting. Chair McCallister will work with Past Chair Behrend to ensure that all current chapter leaders can access and contribute to the file.

Chair McCallister reminded everyone that the Chapters Council space on ALA Connect is another forum for collaboration. She will check with Lauren Carlton at ACRL to see if it would be possible to add the Google Doc and other shared files, such as spreadsheets, to that space. Additionally, she will make certain that all of the current chapter leaders have access, including inviting anyone who is not yet on the ALA Connect space to join.

Although the ALA Connect space has worked reasonably well so far for sharing news and updates, it might be prudent to consider alternative platforms for collaboration. Some of the possibilities include StarChapter and Wild Apricot. Wild Apricot might offer more features, but it also costs more. Therefore, investigating StarChapter as a cheaper alternative might be worthwhile.

Another goal is to increase Chapters Council’s visibility within ACRL. Chair McCallister explained that ACRL representatives normally attend Chapters Council meetings to provide updates. Inviting the top ACRL leaders, such as the current President, might be a good way to enhance Chapters Council’s working relationship with the ACRL leadership and ensure that Chapters Council’s members remain informed of any relevant organization-wide updates.

Meeting attendees expressed interest in learning more about what the regional and statewide chapters can do for legislative advocacy efforts, especially within the legal boundaries for a non-profit organization. Chair McCallister noted that Chapters Council does have a Legislative Representative who usually attends meetings and would be a good person to ask. The current Legislative Representative is Laura Eileen Hall. Also, everyone is welcome to check the advocacy page (<https://www.ala.org/acrl/issues>) on the ACRL website for legislative priorities and additional information.

Also, promoting DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) initiatives within the statewide and regional chapters is an area of interest, especially since ALA and ACRL have increased their focus on DEI in recent years. The annual reports that chapters have to submit to ACRL include a section on DEI efforts, but what type of work qualifies as DEI is not always clear. ACRL does have a webpage with resources for DEI/EDI activities (<https://www.ala.org/acrl/issues/edi>).

* 1. Discuss possible ideas for
     1. LibLearnX (in New Orleans, January 27-20, 2023)

More information on this event is available at <https://www.2023.alaliblearnx.org/>. If meeting in person would be feasible, it might be a good idea to have a dinner or other activity during which Chapters Council members could discuss ideas for further planning. Inviting other groups within ACRL and ALA to attend would be a way to strengthen connections between Chapters Council and ACRL and ALA as a whole. This meeting would be separate from the regular Chapters Council meeting at LibLearnX.

* + 1. Annual Conference (in Chicago, June 22-27, 2023

More information is available at <https://2023.alaannual.org/>. Chapters Council hold its summer meeting during the Conference, and there might be additional opportunities to meet for networking and collaboration.

1. Updates/Announcements from National Chapters

There were no updates, likely because it is early in the semester. The statewide

and regional chapters will have an opportunity to provide updates at the next meeting, in

January.

1. Old Business

There was no old business.

1. New Business

All chapter leaders should check the rosters of statewide and regional chapters, at

<https://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters/roster>, to make certain the information is up-to-date. Chapters Council uses the contact information listed on this page when it reaches out to the various chapters directly. Send any corrections to Lauren Carlton, at [lcarlton@ala.org](mailto:lcarlton@ala.org).

1. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place during LibLearnX. The meeting will have a

hybrid format. Watch the Chapters Council space on ALA Connect for more details as

they become available.

1. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair McCallister adjourned the meeting at 1:57 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Eric Edwards, ACRL Chapters Council 2022-23 Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, on October 20, 2022; resubmitted with correction by Eric Edwards, ACRL Chapters Council 2022-23 Interim Chair, on November 23, 2022.