Minutes

Attendees
Nathan Hall, Charlotte Roh, Mel DeSart, MD Galvin, Ryan Otto, Kara Malenfant, Allison Langham-Putrow, Thomas Padilla, Ashley Sergiadis, Will Cross, Abigail Goben, Amanda Nichols Hess

Regrets

Guests
Julie Garrison, Lynn Silipigni

1. Preliminaries (Nathan Hall, Charlotte Roh) 8:30 - 8:50
   i. Minutes recorded by vice-chair, Charlotte Roh
   ii. Introductions
   iii. ACRL President Elect Candidates
       1. Julie Garrison & Lynn Silipigni Connaway
   iv. Approval of Fall 2019 call minutes
       1. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pAR-Bt_GrluecedNxYH3vCZmj89Rl6il79pTZ0eLXg/edit?ts=5da09268
       2. Mel DeSart moved, Thomas Padilla seconded
   v. Agenda overview
   vi. Board updates
       1. Forward Together (SCOE)
       2. Major structural changes proposed for ALA, including governance. Probably eventually implications for this committee.
3. Next step for Steering Committee on Organizational Effectiveness is go through Constitution and Bylaws to actually propose motions for to go through Council.

2. ScholComm Discussion Group / ACRL-SPARC Forum update 8:50 - 8:55
   a. The Forum went well despite a last minute speaker substitute, the discussion is expected to go well too. Despite thin Midwinter attendance, the room was full, although it was a smaller room than usual.
   b. Bounce back emails from the list-serv always go up around conference time.

3. Roadshows updates 8:55 - 9:05
   a. General updates (Nathan): Emerging Leaders project was not accepted, but the work of identifying better marketing for the roadshows remains. There will be a call for volunteers for a subcommittee. We proposed to the Board that instead of subsidizing the SC Roadshow, any roadshow would be subsidized for minority-serving institutions. This would then be managed by the professional development program instead of ReSEC.
   b. Research Data Management (Abigail Goben): No updates and activity since last fall; continuing to have marketing issues. Need a new coordinator by June.
   c. Scholarly Communication (Will Cross): Added 3 new members and did an overhaul of the modules for accessibility and inclusivity.

4. Research Agenda Grants Update (MD and Nathan) 9:05 - 9:10
   a. Recipients announced in early December. Thanks to the selection committee for their work.
   b. Next phase: Shepherding recipients through process, call for volunteers to liaise.
   c. We’ve proposed another round of funding for the next budget year, and ACRL Board has approved it (preliminary).
   d. There will be a special issue of College & Research Libraries devoted to the Research Agenda published in 2022 (so work starts now). ACRL 2021 also has a panel slot set aside for the work of this grant.

5. Scholarly Communications Toolkit (Willa, Allison, MD, Ashley) 9:10 - 9:15
   a. New editors have been given access to the toolkit.
   b. Proposed update to toolkit to incorporate research agenda’s equity, diversity, and inclusion focus.

6. Vendor Relations (Mel) 9:15 - 9:20
   a. Lost and gained some members, working on the scope.
   
a. Could use new topics and ideas from the committee.
   
b. Thomas has begun formally shadowing to prepare for Pam to roll-off at the end of June.
   
c. Authors lined up through June 2020
   
   i. Still need July/August, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec
   
   ii. We have a few ideas but welcome suggestions
   
   iii. Need to follow-up on suggestion from Spring 2019 Call for a column from Willa Tavernier on her scholarly communication work as an ACRL Diversity Resident. Originally suggested to run after OpenCon (which didn’t happen) or Triangle SCI (Oct 2020)
   
d. New approach to recruiting columns to avoid last-minute scrambles
   
   i. Offer columns to ACRL/SPARC Forum participants and incoming ACRL President but we’re not holding the slot for them. Instead, we invite them to write and submit when they can and we’ll find an issue for them.
   
   ii. Thomas plans to start soliciting columnists again.
   
   iii. At least one standing column established - Kyle Courtney on copyright.
   
e. Column stats still appear to be down.
   
   i. All 2019 issues combined (no December issue) plus Jan 2020 issue: 8,238 views (does not include downloads or print access). This is down approx 30-35% compared to 2018 columns (though not fully apples to apples comparison)
   
   ii. Most popular column of 2019: May 2019, Ellen Dubinsky, Does open access make cents? Return on investment in the institutional repository (1298 views)
   
   iii. Most popular in last 6 months (since Annual): November 2019 (this was a very last minute scramble due to the scheduled authors falling through): Arthur “A.J.” Boston, What do you mean? Research in the Age of Machines (1159 views)
   
   iv. It might be time to rethink this column - the sorts of topics we’re publishing, the range of voices being included (or not)

   
a. It’s submitted!
   
b. Last week OSTP put out a call for comment, need someone to work with Allison on a response.

9. **Legislative Agenda**  9:30 - 9:35
   
a. ReSEC issues for the Watchlist; other legislative issues we need to prioritize
   
   [http://www.ala.org/acrl/issues/washingtonwatch#agenda](http://www.ala.org/acrl/issues/washingtonwatch#agenda)
   
   Government relations committee asked if we had any issues for them. If anyone has any thoughts, please let us know.
10. Domain Updates

a. SPARC (Nick Shockey and Caitlin Carter): Working with allied organizations to write a letter to administration to support open access policy in response to AAP letter late last year. Have organized four groups to tackle different aspects of negotiation and big deal cancellations, based on community calls. Some of these resources would be great for the ACRL Toolkit. OpenCon was successful but not sustainable in its fundraising for each event; plan to build on existing and local community for future events.

b. ARL: Nathan read an update sent to us by Judy Ruttenberg
   i. Advocacy and Public Policy –
      1. Open Access: Assuming you will hear from SPARC on the Executive Order rumors and publisher pushback, ARL signed on to the Open Access Working Group letter to the White House in support of a zero embargo policy (see publications, below, for blog post on this issue in relation to partnering with scholarly societies on OA transitions)
      2. Copyright -- ARL is tracking legislative activity around copyright modernization, registration process issues, and streaming, all of which are being coordinated out of the Senate Judiciary Committee.
      3. Later this year there will be a series of hearings on the DMCA
      4. ARL has voiced its opposition to the CASE Act (small claims court for copyright infringement) and is working to solve problems with the Senate bill
      5. Privacy is one of the leading issues in DC in information policy. ARL is heavily engaged on the Hill, the outlook for legislation this year is uncertain as is the scope of the bills.
   ii. New task forces
      1. Digital Content Task Force
         a. To identify and implement a first phase of a shared agenda to inform and address the most pressing needs of the Association membership with regard to providing enduring and barrier-free access to digital content, and
         b. To represent ARL’s interests in the ALA Joint Working Group on Digital Content.
2. Joint ARL-CARL Task Force on Research Data Services (2020-2021) will develop a framework for research libraries as partners in advancing open science and FAIR research data, inclusive of:
   a. FAIR principles implementation
   b. Institutional policy considerations
   c. Institutional and local context
   d. Disciplinary context
   e. Cross-institutional collaboration

11. Wrap up (Nathan Hall) 9:50 - 10:00
   a. Next Midwinter we’ll meet remotely and at a time that is reasonable for folks on the West Coast.