

**ARC/CMRLS Steering Committee Minutes
2009 Annual Meeting
Massachusetts Military Museum and Archives
44 Salisbury Street. Worcester, MA 01609
Wednesday June 3, 2009, 1 PM**

Present:

Debby Aframe, Worcester Art Museum; Gwen Arthur, Clark University; Irene Bond, MCPHS; Margaret Cardello, CMRLS; Jean Collins, Becker; Christine Drew, WPI; Jim Douglas, Nichols College; Bob Foley; Fitchburg State; Tracey Leger-Hornby, WPI; Mott Linn, Clark University; Louise Motta, Salter College; CMRLS; Linda Oldach, Mt. Wachusett; Anne Pound, QCC; Ruth Pyne, Anna Maria; Karen Reilly, Holy Cross; Nancy Singleton, Holy Cross; Dawn Thistle, Assumption; Keith Vezeau, MA Military Museum and Archives.

1. Call to Order

Gwen Arthur, incoming Chair, called the meeting to order.
Minutes of April 1, 2009 meeting were approved.

2. Advisory Group and Interest Group Reports

Advisory Groups

- * Communications AG: Nothing to report (JD).
- * Governance AG: Nothing to report (BF).
- * Professional Development AG: Linda Oldach reported for Deb Bockus. The ARC wiki/blog has been set up.

Interest Groups

- * Collection Management IG: Nancy Singleton reported that this IG met in April Assumption College. Julia Shea from AC will be its new chair.
- * Reference/Information Literacy IG: Christine Drew reports that there was a March meeting of the IG at MWCC in March about research guides.
- * Customer Service IG: Jim Douglas reported that the IG met in April; and notes from that meeting are available on the ARC blog.
- * Archives/Special Collections: Mott Linn reported that the IG's new chair is Ellen Moore of UMM, and that he (ML) will be staying on as board liaison. Rodney Obien of the WPI archives and special collections is retiring.
- * Other: Jim Douglas volunteered update the ARC website information for Interest Groups.

3. Old Business

The group discussed Tracey's database findings and agreed that there is continued interest in investigating how ARC might negotiate better pricing from vendors. Tracey, Bob, Gwen and Jeannette (from Becker) will work on this project together.

4. New Business

Advisory and Interest Groups Charges and Appointments 2010

New chairs:

Deb Bockus, WPI, Professional Development AG.

Jim Douglas, Nichols, Communications AG.

Sarah Marks, Fitchburg, Reference/Instruction IG.

Ellen Moore, UMassMedical, Archives/Special Collections IG.

Julia Shea, Assumption, Collection Management.

Gwen will put a call (and possibly meet) for new leaders for the Advisory Groups.

Thanking speakers – In response to a question to one of the IGs about providing thank you gifts for speakers, it was decided that rather than a gift, a formal letter of thanks from the ARC chair(s) would go to presenters in the future.

5. CMRLS News

Margaret Cardello reported for Carolyn (who was not able to attend the meeting): CMRLS has received a budget increase of 14.5% (an anomaly related to monies moving this year from the Boston Public Library line out to the regional networks).

We were reminded that Ebsco has discontinued remote access to its databases for Boston Public Library due to concerns regarding unauthorized e-card users. This decision may impact on our users and our institutions.

6. Other Announcements

The business meeting adjourned at 1:40 and was followed by a tour of the Massachusetts Military Museum and Archives led by Curator Keith Vezeau.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Arthur, ARC Incoming Chair