

ARC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2008
College of the Holy Cross

Present:

Debby Aframe, Worcester Art Museum; Gwen Arthur, Clark University; Irene Bond, MCPHS; Christine Drew, WPI; Jim Douglas, Nichols College; Bob Foley; Fitchburg State; Jacqueline Heath-Foster, Atlantic Union College; Dodie Gaudet, CMRLS; Don Hochstetler, Worcester State College; Suzanne Hoey, Worcester Law Library; Barbara Ingrassia, UMass Medical; Penny Johnson, Worcester Public Library; Tracey Leger-Hornby, WPI; Betsy Like, Tufts; Louise Motta, Salter College; Carolyn Noah, CMRLS; Linda Oldach, Mt. Wachusett; Anne Pound, QCC; Karen Reilly, Holy Cross; Corinne Smith, Anna Maria.

1. Call to Order

Jim Douglas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9 am. Gwen Arthur, Vice-chair, was late so Tracey Leger-Hornby took minutes in her absence.

Review of minutes from September 3, 2008

- Correction – Callie left Assumption
- Minutes approved, moved & seconded by Bob & Penny

2. Advisory Group and Interest Group Reports

Communications – no report

Governance – plan will be discussed under old business

Professional Development

- A survey will be conducted soon
- Meetings are planned to discuss wikis, blogs and to plan some activities

Reference

- Notes on Blog from Michelle Reich about engaging students in BI's
- March 10 at Assumption the next generation res-guides, Heidi McCann

Customer Service

- Meeting in December (no date yet) at WPI
- Looking for guidelines for students & staff – notes on Blog

Archives – nothing to report, no meeting in October

3. Old Business

Strategic Plan –

The print version was distributed. Not all of the changes from the September meeting were included:

Goal 1A2 – to add new options Wiki

Goal 1B3 – Blog

Goal 2B – pilot projects

Bob Foley will send final draft electronically to ARC Directors for approval and then send to MBLC. Margaret Cardello (representing Carolyn) will also have to sign off on it.

4. New Business

None.

5. CMRLS news:

- 100 people attended the annual meeting where Ken Gloss was the featured speaker. Dodie Gaudet reported that there are a few tickets available to interested parties from Kenneth Gloss to the upcoming AAM Fair.
- Applications are available for the Mass Libraries license plate – 3,000 applications are needed before production can begin.
- November 30 is the deadline for incentive drawing. Money raised goes to grant funds for regional members for any regional member library in the state.
- Web project – websites for small libraries. A contract is being signed and these websites will be available soon.
- ARC website statistics were provided by Rick Levine. There were 1,169 hits reported between 7/1/08 – 10/1/08.
- ARC will send a \$50 gift certificate to Carolyn for recovery. Christine will take care of this.
- CMRLS is relieved about the voting results for Question One.

6. Current News for Local ARC Institutions/Libraries:

Worcester Art Museum: Debby Aframe reminded committee members that the next ARC Steering Committee is on Wednesday December 17 at 9:30 AM at the Worcester Art Museum. The business meeting will be followed by lunch and a docent-led tour of the Museum's current "Human Nature" exhibit of contemporary art. RSVP to Debby by December 3rd if you plan to attend.

Worcester Law Library: Suzanne Hoey reported that the Worcester Law Library needs a new librarian.

Worcester State College: Donald Hochstetler comments highlighted the work of Denis Brutus, South African Poet Laureate, whose archives are at WSC.

Clark University: Gwen Arthur reported that Clark has hired a new Science Librarian: Louise Collins a practicing vet who recently completed her MLS at Simmons. Renovation continues apace.

WPI: Christine Drew reported. that WPI's grant-funded digitization of the Dickens collection there continues. As well, they have done work with the diaries of Theo Brown, an engineer for the John Deere Company and a WPI alumnus. Related note from Dodie Gaudet: work related to the Digital Treasures project also discovered some materials of Theo Brown at the Princeton Public Library. Christine reported that selected student papers will be highlighted as poster sessions at the Library. Tracey reported that WPI is moving from EnCompass to Digitool; also implementing ETD for open-source digitizing of student papers.

The business meeting was followed by presentation by Rob Karen (with Joanne Montgomery) of the Westchester Academic Library Directors Organization (WALDO) regarding the variety of joint database purchases and other cost sharing services available from that non-profit group.

Business meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

Gwen Arthur, ARC Vice-Chair/Secretary with Tracey Leger-Hornby, WPI

The next ARC meeting is scheduled for December 17 at the Worcester Art Museum beginning at **10:00 (different start time)**. At 11:00 there will be a tour of the contemporary art collection followed by lunch at noon in the Mayan Court. The gift shop will be open. The cost of the lunch is \$25 and checks should be payable to the Worcester Art Museum. Please RSVP by December 3.