

SUNYLA Council Meeting
Friday Feb. 20, 2009
Syracuse, Buffalo, Albany (Videoconference)
11:00am-4:00pm

Attending: Dave Ritchie (Cortland), Kim Hoffman (Geneseo), April Davies (Cobleskill), Susan Perry (Brockport), Logan Rath (Brockport), Angela Weiler (Onondaga), Debbie Mohr (Monroe), Kate Pitcher (Geneseo), Marianne Hebert (Potsdam), Greg Bobish (Albany), Dan Harms (Cortland), Karen Ferington (Niagara), Kathleen Quinlivan (Buffalo), Cindy Francis (Genesee), Colleen Lougen (New Paltz), Ann Gunning (Nylink); **Recording Secretary:** April Davies.

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1. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 7, 2008

Minutes from Nov. 7, 2008 were approved with no corrections.

2. Announcements, correspondence, appointments

Cobleskill: Director will be semi-retired this semester. She'll be in one day a week, mostly to sign things and go to meetings. The rest of her duties have been spread out among the rest of us and day-to-day management is being done by committee. Just got approval to re-open the search to replace her. Lower level of the building will be off-line for another year for rebuilding of the ventilation system and renovations.

Cortland: All positions that have been approved to fill are full. Travel is being discouraged. Jennifer Hoover is taking over Acquisitions.

Geneseo: Will probably delay hiring for Reference/Instruction position, otherwise status quo.

Onondaga: Campus narrowly avoided a mid-year cut of \$1.5 million; student body up 11% over last year, was 8,000 five years ago, 12,000 now.

Brockport: Have several openings that aren't able to fill; acquisitions budget not hit yet.

Albany: Not filling open lines; got a message from the Provost yesterday that the Dean is stepping down to become a regular faculty librarian and the Assistant Director for Collections will be the Interim Dean.

New Paltz: Same budget issues as everyone, will probably have hiring freezes and big budget cuts next year.

Nylink: New LAND contact person is Jon Penn.

Buffalo: Can't fill Government Documents librarian position due to hiring freeze; have two new self-check stations which are a hit.

Monroe: College president search still underway, only filling "mission critical" jobs.

Niagara: Not hiring at all and some non-tenured faculty will probably be cut, including maybe a librarian.

Genesee: Currently have a full staff and no hiring freeze; the budget for next year is flat but no cuts yet; enrollment is up, especially in nursing.

Potsdam: Hired new evening building supervisor, he will also be trained as Aleph back-up person; two other searches ongoing; monograph budget frozen at 50%, roll the other 50% into next year; campus-wide travel and equipment freeze for next year; implemented new digital sign which are pretty cool, 2 in the library.

3. Officers' reports

3.1 President – Dan Harms

Question from Karen Ferington: What is the "A-48 team"? Dan: UUP committee looking at librarian equity issues per Appendix 48 of the current contract; had a meeting a few weeks ago but can't give many details of what was said as this is a labor-management thing. Motions to put the proposed mission, vision, and values statements on the spring ballot for approval by the membership were approved unanimously. There was one friendly amendment to the vision statement, to strike the word 'will' from the last sentence.

SUNYLA President's Report
February 16, 2009

Dan Harms

I'm looking out across our quad at Cortland right now. The warm spell over the weekend has left gaping holes in the snow cover on the ground, while flurries dance in the air. Will the net effect be more snow, or less? Will cold weather return later this week? It's always a huge guessing game when it comes to central New York weather.

Figuring what's going on within SUNY at these times is often like predicting the weather, but without the pleasurable views. Still, I do see some signs of hope overall – perhaps a cautious hope, but hope nonetheless.

The first is the change in the administration of this country. I don't want to turn this into a political debate, but I think the following are self-evident:

- that secrecy for good reasons can become secrecy for poor reasons or even for its own sake if unchecked, and

- that these sorts of secrecy are anathema, not only to our duty as librarians to inform the public to the best of our ability, but to the well-being of democracy itself.

We will see in the years to come how both old and new presidents have handled their public trust in that regard.

The second is the coming of Nancy Zimpher, the president of the University of Cincinnati, to become the new chancellor of SUNY in June. From what I've seen, I think we can be cautiously optimistic. Zimpher has experience with lobbying state governments for higher education funding, is familiar with the tough choices that must be made during economic downturns, and is not afraid to buck popularity contests to make what she feels to be the best decisions for her institution. I've heard that she intends to visit each campus upon her arrival, and I'd encourage all of you to attend those meetings and speak up with your concerns.

The third is the passage of the new stimulus bill, promising \$25 billion in aid to New York State. None of the money is earmarked toward higher education, and the governor still wants to close the gap in the budget remains, but perhaps this will grant a temporary reprieve to some of the pressures on us at the moment.

Finally, the A-48 team has met for the first time to address library equity issues, an event that we've been working on for some time. Non-UUP members might ask how this benefits them, but I think having a network of knowledgeable colleagues in which the best and brightest are given incentives to join and stay in this region is good for all of us.

Following will be the report of the SUNYLA Mission and Values Statement committee, which has done an admirable job of coming up with statements that define who we are, both to attract people to the group and to help us consider who we are and where we are going as an organization.

Thanks,

Dan Harms
President, SUNYLA

Report of the SUNYLA Mission and Values Statement Working Group

The working group was convened to develop mission and values statements for SUNYLA to serve as a guide for the group's marketing and self-reflection. Thanks to all of our members - Wendy Ackerman, Carleen Huxley, Margaret Deveraux, Bill Drew, Pam Flinton, Emily Hart, J.C. Gottfried, Logan Rath, Mary Timmons, and Pam O'Sullivan - for their contributions. Special thanks go to Bill Drew for creating and maintaining the listserv for this working group.

The proposed statements are as follows:

Proposed SUNYLA Mission Statement

The SUNY Librarians' Association promotes the professional development and collaboration of library personnel across SUNY in order to advance library service(s) to our campuses and the people of New York State.

Proposed SUNYLA Values Statement

Service

Responding to the needs of the SUNY community and people of New York State, adding qualitative and quantitative value to library services.

Leadership

Strengthening our roles as information leaders in SUNY and in New York State, including shaping information policy and higher education policy.

Innovation and Continuous Learning

Embracing innovative solutions for the enhancement of services and intellectual advancement within the profession.

Ethics

The Association and its members will seek to operate at the highest level of professional ethics and honesty.

Collaboration and Partnering

Providing opportunities to meet, communicate, collaborate, and partner within the SUNY library community and the broader New York State library community.

In addition, the group would like to propose the following vision statement:

Proposed SUNYLA Vision Statement

SUNY Librarians Association is a highly dynamic organization of library professionals from across New York State, responding to the needs of our institutions and colleagues by embracing and acting upon the opportunities and challenges they face. We lead the way by providing an outlet for the exploration and promotion of new ideas, technologies, and information resources affecting our profession, along with opportunities for extensive knowledge sharing, advocacy, and professional development. As a premier resource for library professionals, we will continue to look ahead and empower libraries to succeed.

This concludes the task of the SUNYLA Mission and Values Statement group, which is hereby disbanded.

Sincerely,

Dan Harms
SUNYLA President

3.2 First Vice President – Logan Rath

Delegate Memo #3 (First VP Report)

Hello Delegates,

As you know, I recently sent an email to the listserv to discuss the duties and responsibilities of delegates as related to the Manual. Since there was not an overwhelming response, I have asked that this item be added to tomorrow's agenda.

Discussion will ensue tomorrow. If you'd like me to know anything off- list please feel free to email me at lrath@brockport.edu or call me at (585)395-2568 or (585)474-1560 (cell).

Thanks,
--Logan

3.3 Second Vice President – Angela Weiler

[Angela noted that she will be sharing the results of the recent conference topics survey with the keynote speaker so as to inform his remarks.](#)

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Plans for the SUNYLA Conference 2009 at Onondaga Community College are well underway. Vendors have been contacted, call for presentations and poster sessions has gone out, a logo, is almost ready, and web site information is starting to go up.

Conference fees are the same as last year:

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| ▪ Members | \$40. |
| ▪ Non-members | \$70. |
| ▪ Students | \$25. |

OCC Residence hall rooms will be available for \$50. per night. Although there are no hotels/motels close by (less than five miles away), it is estimated that lodging in area hotels/motels will be roughly \$100/night.

Scott Nicholson, Director of the MLS program at Syracuse University (and also Director of the Library Game Lab of Syracuse) has agreed to conduct a preconference session in gaming in libraries on Wednesday, June 17, and hopefully will provide actual gaming for our membership social Wednesday evening. We are also anticipating a number of displays/exhibits for Wednesday evening to go along with our theme: “Keeping the Fire, Lighting the Way”.

Our keynote speaker will be R. David Lankes, Director of the Information Institute of Syracuse, and an associate professor in Syracuse University's School of Information Studies. “Lankes has always been interested in combining theory and practice to create active research projects that make a difference. Past projects include the ERIC Clearinghouse on Information and Technology, the Gateway to Education Materials, AskERIC and the Virtual Reference Desk. Lankes' more recent work involves how participatory concepts can reshape libraries and credibility.” (from <http://quartz.syr.edu/rdlankes/about.php>).

Thursday evening's dinner will be held at the Museum of Science and Technology in the historic Armory Square district in downtown Syracuse; transportation to and from the OCC campus will be provided. The dinner will be catered by the Dinosaur Barbeque, and will include a movie in the museum's IMAX theatre afterwards. After the movie, conference goers will be able to either return to campus immediately, or remain downtown to sightsee and experience Armory Square nightlife before returning later on. The fee for Thursday's dinner and entertainment will be \$35.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Weiler, 2nd Vice President – Conference Chair

3.4 Secretary – April Davies

SUNYLA Secretary's Report – February 20, 2009

Four funding requests have been approved since the November meeting. Reporting here for the record:

- \$500 to Publications Committee for costs related to the newsletter
- \$1800 to Professional Developments Grants Subcommittee to fund more applicants
- \$225 to SUNY CPD for facilities charges related to Feb. 20 video meeting
- \$70 for new version of Quicken for Treasurer

April Davies,
Secretary

3.5 Treasurer – Jenica Rogers-Urbaneck

no report, Jenica is recuperating from shoulder surgery

4. Committee Reports

4.1 Information Technology Committee – Bill Drew

no report

4.2 Library Instruction – Kim Hoffman

Question from April Davies re: workshop proposal: Will they be working with CDLC they way they did with RRLC on the first one? Kim: May work with CDLC and/or NYLA, plans are still developing in that area. Question from Logan Rath: Will preference be given to SUNYLA members as we are the sole sponsors? Kim: Yes. Funding request was approved unanimously.

Library Instruction Committee (LIC)/ Working Group for Information Literacy (WGIL)

An update to WGIL's mission

Through discussions over a conference call (1/13) and later via e-mail, members of WGIL have modified the language of our mission statement, offering a clearer definition of our goals and reason for being. While more concrete, we feel that the current verbiage is also general enough to allow for future directions that the working group might take.

WGIL shall:

- promote library user instruction and information literacy at SUNY libraries and the exchange of information about library instruction;
- support the development, coordination, and assessment of information literacy programs;
- recommend, offer and/or sponsor programs and educational opportunities for professional development and growth in library instruction, information literacy and 21st century information fluency.

We propose an official name change from LIC to WGIL and an update to our mission in SUNYLA's bylaws.

Following are the subcommittee reports:

Communications – Under Irina Holden's supervision, this subcommittee has submitted two articles to the upcoming SUNYLA Newsletter. The first provides a good summary of the transitional discussion and activities that occurred over the summer and throughout the fall and winter months, transforming a somewhat passive LIC to the currently energetic and ambitious WGIL. The second article reports on the *Teaching Tips from the Trenches* workshop that took place on January 12, 2009.

Online conversations between WGIL members have focused on assessment techniques employed in one-shot instruction sessions, the value of attendance at ACRL's Immersion Institute and the inclusion and delivery method of Google products in library lessons.

Members: Irina Holden (Chair), Mark McBride, Heather Whalen-Smith

Emerging Technologies – No report

Members: Heather Whalen-Smith (Chair), Justina Elmore, Alice Harrington-Wilson, Amanda Hollister, Dana Longley, Mark McBride, Logan Rath, Amanda Hollister

Library School Outreach – Much discussion has taken place via e-mail about possible initiatives for reaching out to library school students and new librarians. Based on feedback from *Teaching Tips from the Trenches*, this subcommittee plans to look into promoting and offering instructional visits, matching “young” librarians up with more seasoned instructors. Another possibility includes videotaping library instruction sessions and creating a digital library.

Members: Nicki Lerczak (Chair), Logan Rath, Nicole Menarchem

Professional Development – Our first run of *Teaching Tips from the Trenches* has come and gone and it was an overall success. So much so, that the librarians at Albany University are hoping to sponsor a similar event this spring (late April/early May). The location of the newly offered conference will help to serve librarians from the eastern, northern, and downstate areas of New York. NYLA has also expressed interest in replicating the workshop and could prove to be the perfect candidate to partner with Albany University Libraries.

Jim Nichols has submitted a conference proposal to the 2009 CIT conference on behalf of WGIL, under the *Birds of a Feather* format. The idea is to gather librarians and faculty to share collaborative strategies in teaching students information literacy and research skills, reaching an end goal of more professional, complete and substantiated final projects.

Michelle Costello and Kim Davies-Hoffman plan to submit a pre-conference workshop proposal for SUNYLA’s 2009 conference that calls upon a few attendees from *Teaching Tips from the Trenches* to reiterate, demonstrate and exemplify pedagogical strategies introduced and/or reinforced at the January workshop. Our hope is to expand the learning that occurred among 55 participants in January to a greater audience of SUNYLA members. What will be most interesting and engaging is to see how the attendees have begun to experiment with some of the teaching strategies in the classroom.

Further possibilities exist in the Conversations in the Disciplines Award Program and at future conferences.

Members: Kim Davies-Hoffman (Chair), Michelle Costello, Alice Harrington-Wilson, Carrie Laier, Jennifer Little, Jim Nichols, John Thomas

KD Hoffman, Chair, 2/18/09

WGIL one-day teaching workshop
University Libraries, University at Albany, SUNY
May 2009 (date to be determined)

Rationale:

Following the successful workshop that took place on January 12, 2009 at the Milne Library, SUNY Geneseo and numerous suggestions from SUNYLA members about the possibility of a similar event in a different part of the New York State, LIC/WGIL would like to offer such a workshop in Albany, New York, in collaboration with the University at Albany. The feedback from the attendees of the January workshop at SUNY Geneseo was overwhelmingly positive hence we consider this expenditure well worth the effort.

Proposed budget:

40 conference attendees
8 presenters
12 mentors/WGIL members

60 conference participants

Food:

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| 1. Breakfast (coffee, bagels, cream cheese, fruit) for 60 | \$300 |
| 2. Lunch (boxed) for 60 | \$600 |

3. Afternoon snack for 40	\$100
Supplies/misc	\$500
Total:	\$1500

4.3 Library Software Users Group – Andy Perry

Brockport is interested in hosting this fall. Any other campuses interested should contact Barb Grimes (grimesb@sunyt.edu).

To: SUNYLA Council
 From: Andy Perry, LiSUG Chair
 Date: February 18, 2009

LiSUG Report

The current balance in the LiSUG conference bank account from the October 10, 2008 stands at \$666.84. All outstanding checks have cleared. There is one check for deposit remaining with a small amount. Once this is complete, we can close out the account and return the remaining balance to the SUNYLA Treasurer.

The Steering Group has not started planning the next conference yet. After the last two years (three if we include the final year of SUNYAUG) all the conferences have been in the same general area of the state. We'd like to hold the next LiSUG in either a southeastern or western venue. We're also interested to know if the conference site for 2010 SUNYLA is close to being decided. It would be desirable that SUNYLA and LiSUG are not held the same year in the same general region of NYS.

This is my final year as LiSUG Chair and someone new will need to take over as Chair as of the 2009 SUNYLA Annual Conference. I would be very interested to hear from any member who might like to volunteer to be the next LiSUG Committee Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Perry, LiSUG Chair

4.4 Membership Development – Emily Hart

General discussion re: number of delegates that are /are not paid members. Logan Rath will remind those delegates that are not yet paid. Side discussion re: elections: Decided to ask IT Committee to investigate ways to conduct annual elections online starting with 2010 election. Question from Dave Ritchie: Have any of the MEOW recommendations been implemented? Several respondents: Yes, examples include things such as the LIC/WGIL workshops, snapshot meeting reports, moving meetings around, video meeting. Kim Hoffman will ask committee chairs and officers about this.

Membership Development Committee Report February 19, 2009

Membership Statistics:

As of February 19, 2009, there are 277 members in SUNYLA, including 33 new members. In SUNYLA there are 66 delegates; 45 delegates are currently members.

Subcommittees and Members:

The committee is currently being restructured. We will be recruiting new members along with a new committee chair within the coming month.

Membership Proceedings:

1. All membership applications have been processed (anything received by the SUNYLA Treasurer prior to February 10, 2009. E-mail confirmation receipts for the most recent membership applications are still being sent.
2. New member E-mails will be sent with details about events and opportunities at the upcoming annual conference.
3. The committee will work with the SUNYLA Annual conference and local arrangement committee chairs to see if it is possible to link membership renewals to the annual conference; and to assist with organizing membership events at the conference.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Emily Hart, Membership Development Committee Chair

4.5 Personnel Policies – Dan Harms

This committee still needs a chair. Dan will put out a query again. If this position is not filled by the conference we will need to discuss possible changes.

4.6 Professional Development – Darryl Coleman

General discussion re: grants program. Would like more details about how the money has been spent thus far, maybe some statistics as to types of activities funded. Possible changes were discussed such as deadlines, a more structured form, tiered awards, marketing, repeat requestors, and others. Susan Perry and April Davies (both on the grants committee) shared that these ideas have been under discussion within the group. Dan Harms will ask the grants committee to examine the guidelines and submit any revisions by the conference.

Daniel Kissane: No change: Contingent on forthcoming conference criteria: Chair remains Wendy Ackerman. Report forthcoming for next meeting.

Sylvia Chu: No change: Contingent on forthcoming conference criteria: Chair remains Carol Anne Germain. Report forthcoming for next meeting.

Friend of SUNYLA award: No change: Contingent on forthcoming conference criteria: Chair remains Greg Bobish. Report forthcoming for next meeting.

SUNYLA Professional Development Grants Subcommittee: The Professional Development Grants Subcommittee was awarded another \$1800.00 for the fiscal year for a total of \$4300.00. Currently, funds are being requested at an extraordinary rate (due to the state budget) and the balance is now exhausted to only \$400.00. Joanne Spadaro has approached me again with the possibility of requesting additional funds.

Submitted by:

Darryl Coleman
Chair SUNYLA Professional Development
February 19, 2009

4.7 Publications & Communications – Ellen McCabe

Logan Rath shared that, per discussions at the last meeting, a SUNYLA stamp has been procured and will be used on the newsletter envelopes to assist with distribution at the campuses.

SUNYLA Publications Committee

Ellen McCabe, Chair

February 20, 2009

Members of the Publications Committee: Lori Annesi (Monroe), Jim Coan (Oneonta), Linda Gorman (Nassau), Gerry Leibowitz (Nassau), Jennifer Little (Brockport), Ellen McCabe (Cortland) (chair), Shannon Pritting (Oswego), Jennifer Smathers (Brockport).

From the financial end of things, we now have \$658 for the publications account. A check for \$500 from SUNYLA was received to cover publication expenses. The February newsletter has not been printed as yet, so no figures are available for that cost.

Issues of the SUNYLA newsletter have been posted to the new SUNYLA website; all copies from October 2007 to the present are available. The current issue is at:

http://www.sunyla.org/joomlaprod/index.php?option=com_docman&Itemid=126

Many thanks to Amanda Hollister for her help with this.

Hard copies will continue to be distributed to individual campuses. Please let us know about changes in membership and need for multiple copies.

Thank you for all the items submitted to the Newsletter. The Committee would appreciate any news or reports. The next issue due date is April 15, 2008. Please send items to Shannon Pritting pritting@oswego.edu or Jennifer Smathers jsmather@brockport.edu

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McCabe (Chair)

Ellen McCabe, SUNY College at Cortland, ellen.mccabe@cortland.edu (607) 753-4051

4.8 Web Development – Wendi Ackerman

Dan Harms shared that the prod/dev sides to the website will be going away and various enhancements are in the works. All the urls will be changing again though. Dan is appointing Amanda Hollister as co-chair for the rest of the year to facilitate the changeover when Wendi hands off some of her duties to Amanda before the conference.

no written report

4.9 Archives Task Force – Joe Petrick

Dan Harms will have Joe send him what he's got and then go from there. Comment from Marianne Hebert: Thinks a group should be reconvened/reconstituted as there is a lot to do. Dan will ask for people to serve on a new task force. Comment from Kim Hoffman: Should get some archivists to be on it. Echoed by Marianne. Comment from Dave Ritchie: Consulting some archivists for advice would help us recruit them to be on a task force. Comment from Marianne: This would also be a good project for a student intern.

Report on SUNYLA Archival Materials

February 20, 2009

Joseph Petrick

There has been some interest in archival materials in the Association, but what materials exist has been open to question.

The State University of New York Librarians Association had an archivist until around 2003, when the person who had been archivist up till that time took a job outside of the SUNY System. Despite repeated requests by SUNYLA presidents for volunteers to fill the position no one volunteered to become SUNYLA archivist, and the position was abolished in the 2008 revision of the Bylaws.

In order to begin to understand the problem of the SUNYLA Archives, during the 2007-2008 academic year I not only visited Special Collections at the Libraries of the University at Buffalo where the SUNYLA Archives reside, but I also asked for archival materials from members. I got little response at first, but eventually I received a number of items from officers, and former officers. Upon receiving this material (four tubs and other boxes) which extended back in time to the early 1970s, I realized that there had been a general misunderstanding about the meaning of the term “Archives” within the Association. Collections of files have and had been passed down from one officer to the next, without removing older materials for the Archives. Thus, officers either did not understand the function of the Archives, or willfully disregarded the Archives in order to pass along materials to their successors.

There is something to be said for continuity from one officer to the next, insofar as what is needed for the efficient operation of the office should be transmitted from one officer to the next. There seems however little reason for officers to hold on to four decade’s worth of materials.

Mention of an Archives policy was incorporated into the SUNYLA Bylaws With the removal of the archivist position. Creating an Archives policy is somewhat problematic, insofar as there is past evidence that SUNYLA officers were either not aware or not interested in following de facto archives policy, i.e., they did not provide archival materials to the archivist. Secondly, the location of the Association Archives at Special Collections at the University at Buffalo Libraries is also problematic, in that while Special Collections is interested in collecting as many SUNYLA archival materials as possible, including duplicate materials, it is doubtful that they are ever going to make SUNYLA material available electronically. While SUNYLA archival material can be made available electronically by the Association, what should be made available and how it should be made available can be debated. Current and recent newsletters, Council minutes, salary surveys, and other print materials can be made available at the Association website. It has been suggested that materials of historical interest can be scanned and made available. To this end, a number of SUNYLA Newsletters have been scanned and posted at: <http://web.alfredstate.edu/hist/sunyla.html>

There are gaps and other problems in this collection, but the gaps can be filled by photocopies from the SUNYLA Archives from Special Collections at the University at Buffalo. This or similar collections, when finalized, can reside at the SUNYLA home page, on SUNY DSpace, or in a number of locations that would provide redundancy. Holographic materials can be sent to the SUNYLA Archives at the University at Buffalo.

After the scanning of the materials made available at the link above, members of the Archives Task Force were invited to make comments. Since no comments have been forthcoming and no subsequent communication has taken place concerning Archives, the Task Force has in effect ceased.

The SUNYLA Executive Board and Council can permit scanning to continue. As above, missing materials can be located at the University at Buffalo for inclusion in the scanning project. As collections become available, they can be posted to appropriate locations.

If this situation is not satisfactory, the SUNYLA Executive Board and Council can also choose to convene another Archives Task Force, and materials now held at Alfred State College will be delivered to any Task Force that is convened.

5. Liaison Reports

5.1 FACT – Mark Smith

no report

5.2 SAC – Dave Ritchie

There was much discussion on the lists re: the “Diversifying SUNY Collections” item prior to the meeting. There were no further questions/comments.

Report to SUNYLA Council and Librarians from the SUNYConnect Advisory Council Liaison, as of February 2009

January Conversation – The January 2009 SAC meeting was a “conversation” among three invited faculty, SAC, and the SCLD Executive Board to brainstorm an action plan proposal that could move SUNY Libraries toward building a richer SUNY-wide library collection. The session started with Cyril Oberlander, Assistant Director of Libraries at SUNY Geneseo, making a presentation on ways to rethink resources (much as he did as keynoter at the October LiSUG conference). While there was much agreement and some disagreement, out of that session came the following proposal, which is still in draft form.

“Diversifying SUNY Collections” draft pilot proposal – Discussed in the February SAC conference call, this voluntary program would be open to all SUNY libraries, and in this pilot proposal, participant libraries would each contribute a like sum (e.g., \$500) to be pooled and used to purchase monographs not already available in SUNY. Selection and usage criteria for each title might include:

- must be requested by a SUNY faculty member or student;
- must support an independent (ie., not assigned) research (ie., not recreational) need of the requestor;
- selecting library will be responsible for receiving, cataloging, processing, and housing the title;
- selecting library must be willing to loan the title to other SUNY libraries' patrons;
- selecting library may not weed the title, although it may be moved to another SUNY library;
- bib record will identify the title so that it may be tracked and assessed;
- participating libraries are not limited to the amount of their own contribution.

Library of the Future – Steve Frisbee reported in February that the framework of the LF plan has been developed, and a marketing brochure is being developed and will be shared with the various stakeholders. Broad topics include: search & discovery, user education, universal borrowing, system life / e-resources, and physical resources. More in-depth discussion at the SCLD annual meeting, which begins April 20 in Saratoga Springs. “Non-SCLD stakeholders will be invited. Representatives in addition to Harms from SUNYLA will be invited.” [quoted from draft SAC minutes from the February meeting]

SUNYConnect Financial Plan follow-up – Also in February, Maureen Zajkowski presented the latest iteration of the SUNYConnect Financial Plan to allocate costs for SUNYConnect “core” services and E-Resources over libraries at the 61 participating SUNYConnect campuses. This Plan varies from the one presented to the SUNY Council of Library Directors in September in two ways: (1) it uses the most recent 2007-08 FTE numbers, and (2) it includes a 3% inflation increase each year beyond this upcoming base year, 2009-2010. You may also recall that SAC agreed to phase in over 3 years the “re-distribution of costs” model that this Plan is based on, to make it easier for libraries to plan for. SAC accepted the Plan.

I can say that the Plan does what SAC decided that the model should do – provide appropriate revenue levels (\$2.13 million in FY 2009-2010) to cover costs based on a 3% inflation increase AND re-distribute the load as agreed by SCLD in Fall 2008, with the phase-in of the cost re-distributions in the agreed-upon increments of 20% in 2009-10, an additional 30% in 2010-11, and the final 50% in 2011-12. Note that this SUNYConnect Financial Plan does not include payments for campus costs for Elsevier ScienceDirect, Opposing Viewpoints, and Annual Reviews.

Aleph Update (from Maureen Zajkowski)- as of February 12

- **Shared Systems developments:** v18 service pack 1871 PROD updates completed for 40 campuses, with PROD updates for 16 remaining campuses being completed this current week.
- **Support for campuses in Managed Services:** these campuses have resumed responsibility for managing library hours, calendar changes, end of semester due dates.
- **Support for campuses not in Managed Services:** service parameters re-defined in email in Dec 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Ritchie
SUNYLA Liaison to SAC
2/17/09

5.3 NYLA – Wendy West

Dan Harms will contact Wendy.

5.4 Nylink – Anne Gunning

Anne noted that renewal season for electronic resources is coming. Many vendors are saying that they're keeping current financial situation in mind. Should start getting firm prices next month sometime. Question from Dave Ritchie: What has been the impact and response at Nylink re: change in OCLC policy re: regional service providers? Anne: They are still negotiating with OCLC. OCLC is putting forth 3 possible roles for networks (marketing partner, training partner, billing partner) all of which Nylink already does. The mix of roles and duties will need to be decided in the next couple of months as OCLC wants the new model in place July 1. OCLC wants more centralized control of things like tech and user support. Question from Dave: Will Nylink still get and pass on discounts with OCLC so that there is still an advantage to going through Nylink rather than OCLC? Anne: Difficult to answer that as pricing structures are changing as well and they don't yet know all the details. They will hopefully know by May 1.

Nylink Liaison Report

SUNYLA EXECUTIVE BOARD / COUNCIL MEETING

February 20, 2009 / Submitted by Ann Gunning

LAND Delivery Service:

- Jon Penn is now your LAND contact at Nylink (800-342-3353; pennj@nylink.org). Your former contact, Cindy Hajcek, left Nylink in late December for another position within SUNY System Administration.
- LAND statistics for 2008: over 300,000 items transported via LAND among 112 libraries for an estimated savings of \$700,000 in alternative shipping methods.
- Visit the Nylink web site at <http://nylink.org/delivery/> for practical tools and information that support your use of LAND.

WorldCat Record Use Policy: SUNY libraries as well as other Nylink member libraries have expended much effort over the past 30+ years in the creation, maintenance and local use of WorldCat. Therefore, it was no surprise that when OCLC announced a new WorldCat record use policy in November 2008, librarians everywhere took notice and responded vociferously about areas of concern within the policy. Because of this response, OCLC has postponed implementation of the policy until the third quarter of 2009 and has appointed a review board to further assess it.

Nylink has endeavored to keep our member libraries informed and to lead a discussion about this new policy. Read Lauren Pinsley's analysis in Nylink's *Status Line* blog at <http://nylink.org/SL/index.php/archives/tag/worldcat-record-use-policy> which also includes links to related OCLC documents.

On January 16, 2009, Nylink facilitated a forum at New York Public Library for interested library professionals to discuss the new record use policy. Representing OCLC at this event was Karen Calhoun, Vice President, OCLC WorldCat and Metadata Services. The slides from her presentation can be viewed on SlideShare at <http://www.slideshare.net/amarintha/oclc-worldcat-record-use-policy-presentation>. A video of the forum is also viewable in the Members Only section of My Nylink (<http://nylink.org/mynylink/>).

Spring Events:

Nylink's Annual Meeting moves from the Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Springs to the Wallace Center at the FDR Library in Hyde Park and will be a one-day (instead of two-day) conference on Friday, **May 8, 2009**. With the theme "**Disruptive Change at Libraries: Thriving and Reviving**," the conference offers a lineup of speakers with ideas to inspire and invigorate. Keynote speaker Joe Lucia, University Librarian and Director of the Falvey Memorial Library at Villanova University, is recently known for his leadership in his library's development of the VuFind open source next-generation library catalog.

Upcoming Nylink training that fills some basic and essential needs:

- **Basic Collection Development and Management**, co-sponsored with the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) – April 2-3, WNYLRC, Buffalo. More information at http://nylink.org/events/alcts_apr09.cfm.
- **CONSER's Basic Serials Cataloging Workshop** -- March 12-13, Nylink, Albany. This workshop provides the basic principles of serials cataloging for original and copy cataloging for print and electronic serials. More information at http://nylink.org/events/conser_mar09.cfm.
- **CONSER's Advanced Serials Cataloging Workshop** -- May 12-13, Nylink, Albany. An in-depth course on the rules and practices applied to original cataloging of serials. While the course focuses on printed serials, the instructions are applicable to serials in any format. More information at http://nylink.org/events/conser_may09.cfm.
- **OCLC and ILLiad: Maximize the Connection** –March 3-5, three-day online workshop, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. each day. Instructors: Jon Penn from Nylink and Stephanie Spires from Atlas Systems. Learn more at <http://nylink.org/events/atlas09.cfm>.

All upcoming face-to-face training and webinar opportunities are listed at <http://nylink.org/education/>.

Free Professional Development and Networking:

Nylink's Brown Bag Lunches, Spring-Summer 2009

Complete details at http://nylink.org/events/bbl_ss09.cfm for the following Brown Bag events:

- **The Frugal Librarian, or Economizing in the Library**, Wednesday, March 18, noon-1:00, Rochester Regional Library Council
- **Reflecting on Genreflecting: Improving Your Library's Readers Advisory Service**, Thursday, April 23, noon-1:00, Farmingdale Public Library, Long Island
- **Gaming the Library**, Thursday May 21, noon-1:00, East Greenbush Community Library (Albany area)
- **Brevity Is the Soul of Wit: Microblogging 101**, Wednesday, June 24, noon-1:30, Liverpool Public Library (Syracuse area)
- **Museums and Libraries: Community Partnerships**, Thursday July 23, noon-1:00, Mid-Manhattan Library, New York City

5.5 NY3Rs – Nancy Howe

no report

5.6 OLIS – John Schumacher

SUNY Office of Library and Information Services
 Report to SUNYLA Executive Board/Council
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 February 20, 2009

SUNYConnect LMS

- Service pack 1871 upgrade for shared servers:
 - DEV regions – completed January 2009
 - PROD regions – Seneca (18 campuses) and Saranac (22 campuses) completed February 2009
 - PROD region – Delaware (16 campuses) completed February 2009
 - Process has been streamlined to minimize both DEV and PROD downtime
 - Additional information available in the OLIS Documents area - <http://tinyurl.com/4zuou1>

360Search

- SUNY has reached agreement with Serials Solutions for their 360Search federated search software and service. More than half of the SUNY libraries are participating via attractive pricing from the vendor.
<http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/sunyergergy/40federatedsearch.htm> includes campus listing and additional information. Pricing information -
http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/olisdocs/public/360_Search/360_Search_campus_pricing.doc

Electronic Resources

- The survey results related to the SUNYConnect resources provided by EBSCO are available via <http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/sunyergergy/40ebsco.htm>
- Gale/Cengage Learning has made their LitFinder resource (<http://www.galegroup.com/servlet/ItemDetailServlet?region=9&imprint=000&titleCode=ROTH&cf=n&type=4&id=220537>) freely available to SUNYConnect libraries for all of 2009. In addition, the vendor has offered SUNYConnect 2009 renewals (for Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center and Gale Virtual Reference Library hosting fees) at no price increase.
- The New York State Library has announced changes to the list of NOVEL databases (as of April 1, 2009) <http://novelnewyork.org/09dbfaq.php>
- *The Chronicle of Higher Education* has offered volume discounts if additional SUNY campuses sign up for site licenses. Details can be found in OLIS Documents – <http://tinyurl.com/byznxv>

SUNY/Elsevier Contract Working Group & ScienceDirect

- The second meeting with Elsevier is scheduled for February 23, 2009. SUNY has submitted counter proposals to the publisher.

OLIS

- The SUNY Office of Library and Information Services extends congratulations and best wishes for many years of success to incoming (June 2009) SUNY chancellor Dr. Nancy Zimpher (<http://www.suny.edu/communications/releases/ZimpherNamedChancellor.cfm>)

SUNYConnect Information / Resources

- For additional information about SUNYConnect
<http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/>
<http://sefer.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/olis/sunyergergy/default.htm>
- OLIS' Footprints Service Request System <http://service.sunyconnect.suny.edu/footprints/help.html>
- SUNYConnect union catalog
<http://union.sunyconnect.suny.edu:8080/F>
- OLIS Documents Area
<http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/olisdocs/>
- The OLIS web log - <http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/blog/>

5.7 UUP – John Schumacher

Dave Ritchie shared that the A-48 committee is looking for information from each of the state-operated campuses re: appointment/promotion/tenure. They want copies of policies and procedures from each campus, also the names of the appropriate committee chairs (library specific and/or campus-wide). One issue of interest is whether librarians are being held to the same criteria as other faculty on their campuses.

UUP Liaison Report

John Schumacher (Central@uupmail.org)
SUNYLA Executive Board/Council
February 20, 2009

United University Professions (UUP) is the union representing more than 34,000 academic and professional faculty on 29 State University of New York campuses, plus System Administration, Empire State College, and the New York State

Theatre Institute. UUP is affiliated with the New York State United Teachers and the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO.

SUNY Budget / SUNY is the \$olution

- Budget battles continue. Please do your part in support of public higher education and SUNY. Go to <http://www.uupinfo.org/stop.html> to take action (please share this link with colleagues, friends and family).
- Governor has proposed a \$25 million cut to SUNY hospitals. Support SUNY's public hospitals - http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/o/1373/t/2795/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=2515
- Tuesday is SUNY advocacy day. Please consider joining UUP colleagues in advocating for SUNY in Albany. More information available at your campus' UUP chapter office or here.

New Chancellor

- UUP statement in response to announcement of new SUNY chancellor - <http://www.uupinfo.org/communications/release09/090210.html>
- <http://www.suny.edu/communications/releases/ZimpherNamedChancellor.cfm>

Appendix 48 Committee

- The Appendix 48 Committee is the executive level group focused on librarian equity issues. Members -- Patty Bentley (Plattsburgh), Dan Harms (SUNYLA/Cortland), Dave Ritchie (Cortland) and John Schumacher (System Administration).
- Initial meeting re-scheduled to January 29, 2009. Committee met with UUP statewide officers and staff to review the group's charge and to begin process of strategy development.
- The A48 Committee will be seeking information on appointment, tenure and promotion policies, procedures and war stories for those with librarian titles at UUP represented SUNYs.
- Colleagues are urged to use the <http://sunylauup.ning.com> site for discussion and communication.

Pay Raises, etc.

- UUP has filed class action grievances against the governor's proposal to eliminate the negotiated 2009 pay increase, to lag pay and other related proposals. Here's UUP's statement on those particular proposals - <http://www.uupinfo.org/communications/release09/090204.html>

NYSTI

- UUP opposes the proposed merger of the New York State Theater Institute with The Egg. You can join in this via http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/o/1373/t/2795/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=2516

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6. Old Business

6.1 LIC Name Change

Kim Hoffman: This would be a change of name and stated mission. Question from Dan Harms: How is their professional development stuff different from the Professional Development Committee? Kim: Focused on information literacy, no grants or scholarships. Language for mission and change of name endorsed with formatting changes for ballot purposes. As this is a bylaws change, it will need to be on the spring ballot for approval by the membership.

We propose an official name change from LIC to WGIL and an update to our mission in SUNYLA's bylaws.

WGIL shall:

- promote library user instruction and information literacy at SUNY libraries and the exchange of information about library instruction;
- support the development, coordination, and assessment of information literacy programs;
- recommend, offer and/or sponsor programs and educational opportunities for professional development and growth in library instruction, information literacy and 21st century information fluency.

6.2 Possible Delegate Funding for Travel

Marianne Hebert: Potsdam supports offering funding to at least officers, also doing regular teleconferences. Angela Weiler: We need to know the financial impact before we make any decisions. Assume were talking mileage here? April Davies: Noted that we discussed this at last meeting. Do not have exact numbers at hand but if we reimbursed mileage at state rate for everyone who comes we'd be broke in 2 years, especially if we're upping the funding for grants. Angela: Maybe do partial for everybody or maybe fund officers and chairs over x-miles. Logan Rath: The bylaws currently allow funding for officers when 'doing the work of the organization,' correct? Several respondents: It's in the policies for expenditures and would just need to have money encumbered for that purpose. Does not include chairs. Dave Ritchie: There are several possibilities. Echoed importance of knowing financial impact. General discussion of video format: one meeting a year like this is probably enough, change meeting format when we do video, limit number of sites so screen isn't split too much, make sure officers & chairs are spread amongst sites. Logan: Maybe we could do one of the fall meetings the day before LiSUG at the same location, or a condensed meeting during. General discussion of having meetings in conjunction with other activities. Maybe the Professional Development Committee could organize workshops in conjunction with Council meetings. Marianne: Maybe workshops on leadership and other broad topics in the morning and meeting in the afternoon. General discussion re: number of meetings, moving meetings, academic calendar, weather considerations, etc. Kim Hoffman: Is there anything in the bylaws re: number of meetings? Dan Harms: Must meet at least twice a year at different geographical locations. April: Pointed out that we've gotten off the topic of delegate funding once again. Asked Buffalo site if a stipend for delegate travel would make regular attendance more likely. Several responses: Maybe, it depends on location. Logan: What if we had a regular meeting but allowed people far away to video in, or by conference call? Several responses: Yes to video, because of reduced travel time and expense. Audio-only would need to be shorter. April: Let's get back to delegate funding topic. Marianne: Suggested surveying the delegates, liaisons, etc. regarding options. What keeps people coming/away? Dan: He, Logan, and April will come up with list of possible questions, and how to administer, for next meeting. Dave: Suggested getting input from broader base before hand. Dan: We'll put a draft to the Council list and ask for input by March 6. We can discuss and decide at the next meeting.

7. New Business

7.1 SUNYLA Advocacy Task Force

Dan Harms will put a call to the list for participation. Dave Ritchie: What's the purpose? Dan: SUNYLA hasn't done a lot of advocacy in a formal way. We work around the edges and don't have a group specifically tasked with this. It would be nice to have a group that would look at opportunities in this area and to inform people of advocacy opportunities. Thinks

this is something that is going to become more important given the budget situation. Dave: It's important to identify issues that would be important to SUNYLA members and SUNYLA as an organization before you even talk about "putting people on the ground." Dan: Part of the task force's duties will be to identify issues.

7.2 SUNYLA Professional Development Task Force

Dan Harms said that, rather than a task force, the PDC set aside a fund for putting together conferences, workshops, etc.

7.3 Delegate Responsibilities

Logan Rath: What should the responsibilities be with regard to Council meetings? We need to come to some sort of a decision. Angela Weiler: There are some people who are just not going to come no matter what we do. Marianne Hebert: Suggested changing language to "expected to attend." Susan Perry: Don't change anything now but keep discussions open. Should work on marketing and openness in general. Dan Harms: Thinks we should change the language because it can be a dis-incentive as is. Dave Ritchie: Likes Marianne's wording, does not think we should do a 2 of 4 sort of thing. Susan: Maybe take out the word all so it just says "attend Council meetings." Kim Hoffman: Directors should probably be educated re: responsibilities of delegates. Logan: Maybe bring it up at SCLD. Marianne: Wonder if those campuses that are never here is part of the culture of those campuses. Angela: Which campuses do we not have delegates for? Brief general discussion. Angela will contact Community Colleges and Logan will contact others. Dan will bring up support for delegate/chair/etc. responsibilities at next SCLD meeting.

7.4 Library of the Future

Dan Harms: Not much to report. Will be a session at the April SCLD meeting which will include Dan as SUNYLA representative. There was a report due this past fall but has not seen anything. Dave Ritchie: Suggests sending an email to SCLD re: status of the report. Dan: He'll do so and will make sure to let SCLD know that SUNYLA wants and expects to be involved in this.

7.5 Academic Year Option in SUNY Board of Trustees Policies

Dave Ritchie: Is it clear to folks that this is an option in the Policies? Several negative responses, a few affirmatives. Kim Hoffman: One person at Geneseo has a 10-month position. Dave: As far as he knows, a handful of people do 10-months, none do 9, and the rest do 12. Suggested talking about these options, regardless of whether it would work for each of us, or for our campuses. If people knew about the option more, would this be seen as more feasible across SUNY? It does work at a variety college libraries all over the country. Marianne Hebert: This is something that usually only comes up at point of hire. Given the financial climate, administrators might like this because it would decrease salary expenses. Angela Weiler: That is what happened at Morrisville years ago, they created a 10-month position out of what used to be a 12-month and pro-rated the pay accordingly. Which points up the inequity issue. General discussion re: this topic as well as issues such as essential/non-essential staff, work from home, professional obligation, protected/unscheduled time, etc.