Present: Tracey Olanyk, Rickey Best, Danielle Whren Johnson, Tim Dodge, Caroline Fuchs, Sherli Stoeckel, Stephanie Davis, Danielle Rowland, Cynthia Dudenhoffer, David Dahl, Leslie Horner Buttm, Brian Hickam, Katie Blaocksidge, Susan Scott, Regina M. Beard, Sarah Steiner, Les Kong, Rhonda Huisman, Grace Mary Smulew, Tasha Cooper

We went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Rickey talked about what Chapters Council is about and announced that our new ACRL Board Director at Large is Marilyn Ochoa.

Tim Dodge gave a legislative update with handouts.

The Agendas for 2012 have been written and approved they are available at http:www.ala.org/acrl/issues/washingtonwatch

There are five areas of legislation that affect libraries that ACRL is going to support: public access to federally funded research, “safe harbor” provisions of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, government information, freedom of information act, and section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act.

Tim also talked about the Legislative Advocates Program- it’s a way to get more involved with advocacy. If you sign up you would be contacted when there is an issue that you might be interested in. You would be told what the issue is, why it’s significant, and who you can contact to voice an opinion.

You need to be an ACRL member to join the program, it’s a 2 year term and you need to apply at- http://www.ala.org/acrl/issues/washingtonwatch/acrladvocates (you can also get more info about the program there).

Minutes from Midwinter were approved after a discussion about the addendum.

Rickey mentioned an operational matter that Ryan the system administrator e-mailed him about- it will be posted in ALA connect.

Danielle Whren Johnson talked about elections. There are 2 open positions, Secretary and Vice Chair/Chair elect. There is one candidate running for each. Les Kong was elected as Vice Chair/ Chair Elect and Caroline Fuchs was elected as Secretary.

We then discussed the results of the Chapters council survey, which is posted on ALA Connect. Rickey thanked Amy Eklund for getting the survey posted and sorting the results. Danielle went through the survey results. A lively discussion ensued. One of the main things to come out of it was the need to create a welcome letter and some sort of orientation for newly elected members of local ACRL Chapters.
so they are aware of the resources they have access to in order to support their chapters and to help foster a better relationship with ACRL National.

We then got updates from the ACRL officers.

Joyce Ogburn, ACRL President 2011-2012, was the first to update us with the places she had attended as part of the speakers program. There were 75 webinars this past year with 1000 participants. She also talked about the IMLS grant for the Value Initiative. It is a combined effort of Higher Education professionals and ACRL to talk about the value of libraries. The announcement of the summit is on ALA Connect.

Steven Bell, ACRL Vice President 2011-2012, talked about the chapters he visited as part of the Speakers Program. The appointments process was completed and was successful. He talked about the strategic planning program focusing on ACRL’s brand. 2013 Leadership as a theme, they will have a joint program with LAMA.

Mary Ellen Davis, ACRL Executive Director, talked about the ACRL conference in Illinois, April 10-13, 2013. They’ve had a great response to the request for proposals (597 so far). Registration is open. They’ve had a good response to the New Standards of Libraries in Education. They are working on developing a curriculum around the standards in response to training and development requests.

She is working with Megan Griffin to split out some of her responsibilities so she can get an assistant to take on programming.

We then discussed ACRL National support for a Chapters orientation; Mary Ellen was supportive of helping with on online orientation for newly elected chapters members. Working group will follow up with what we would need and who would be doing the orientation.

There was also a discussion of chapters getting free access to webcasts to help with programing. Mary Ellen was very agreeable to do a pilot that she said could start today.

There was no Washington update.

Cynthia Dudenhoffer announced that we would need a new co-administrator of the blog- she is responsible for the editorial part and her term is ending in December.

Danielle put in a plug for the Chapters Council working group session later in the afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned.