Minutes

Members Present: Clem Guthro (Co-chair), Beth Avery, Diane Fulkerson, Angelynn King (incoming member)

Members Absent: Samantha Franklin, Gloria Faith Creed-Dikeogu, Jenna Rinalducci, Jenna Rinalducci (jenny was chairing another CLS committee which met at the same time), Marifran Bustion

1. Introductions: This was the first opportunity for many of us to meet face to face for the first-time. We welcomed Angelynn King who is joining the Committee.

2. We reviewed the activities for the year and the professional development survey that Beth Avery conducted. We concluded that there is not an overall lack of professional development opportunities but there is a lack of support by many institutions for supporting professional development. Action items going forward
   a. Encourage members to develop some low-cost local professional development opportunities. Clem will share his experience of creating the Maine Academic Libraries Day.
   b. Communicate to ACRL Leadership that the e-learning opportunities aren’t priced in ways that smaller libraries can take advantage of them. Should be some group pricing.

3. We decided on a different approach to our work for the next year. We want to look at current job advertisements and look for skills and knowledge needed and see how ACRL/ALA conferences and training is meeting the needs of what library employers are looking for.

   To that end we will collect job ads for the last two years (if possible ) from
   • Chronicle of Higher Ed
   • ALA JobList
   • HigherEd Jobs
After we collect the data we will use software such as Worldle to help us analyze the job ads to find relevant concepts/themes. We will then compare these to what is being offered in conference and training opportunities provide by ACLR/ALA and make recommendations to appropriate program committees.