

**CoALA Business Meeting 2009**  
November 21, 2009, 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.  
Denver, Marriott Denver Tech Center, Blanca Room

**In attendance:** Pam Blome, Robin Dean, Barbara Durland, Lyda Ellis, Annie Epperson, Martin Garnar, Jeff Holstein, Kathleen R. Jones, Rebecca Laughlin, Beverly Moore, Krystyna Mrozek, Bette Rathe, Daryle Schneider, Louise Treff-Gangler

**Minutes**

**1. Agenda approved by majority vote**

**2. Introduction of Board Members 2009-2010**

**Paul Betty**, Chair  
Distance Learning Librarian, Regis University

**Lyda Ellis**, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect  
Instruction Librarian, University of Northern Colorado

**Pam Blome**, Past Chair  
Monograph Catalog Librarian, Colorado School of Mines

**Robin Dean**, Secretary  
Records Assistant IV, University of Denver

**Lorrie Evans**, Member-at-Large  
Head of Library Instruction, Auraria Library

**Diane Westerfield**, Member-at-Large  
Electronic Resources and Serials Librarian, Colorado College

**Jeff Holstein**, Community College Representative  
Reference/Circulation, Red Rocks Community College Library

**3. CAL Legislative Committee Representative**

Louise Treff-Gangler (Head, Reference, Instruction and Government Publications, Auraria Library) will again be serving as CoALA's representative to the CAL Legislative Committee.

Louise asked if Legislative Committee meeting minutes are making it out to members on the CoALA listserv. No one has seen them, and she is getting "moderator approval needed" messages. Krystyna and Louise will work on making sure the emails get out. As a reminder, the CoALA listserv does not accept attachments, and you should send Krystyna Mrozek an email if your email doesn't go through to the list within 24 hours.

#### **4. CLEF Scholarship Committee**

Martin Garnar, Regis University, will once again serve as CoALA's representative on the CLEF scholarship committee. CLEF is the Colorado Library Educational Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit. They run the silent auction at the CAL conference to raise money for scholarships.

#### **5. Remarks from Rochelle Logan, 2010 CAL President**

Rochelle stopped by to let us know that she has two goals for her term as CAL president.

1. Hire a management company to run the CAL office. Martin Garnar is CoALA's rep on the committee that wrote the RFQ for the management company and will help evaluate the responses.
2. Redesign the CAL web site. They would like to add some web 2.0 features as well as password-protected areas for members-only content.

#### **6. ACRL representative - position open**

We need someone who is an ACRL member, attends ACRL regularly, and is planning to attend the ALA Midwinter & Annual conferences.

According to the CoALA bylaws, the past chair serves as ACRL representative, but Pam isn't going to ALA Midwinter. In the past, we've sent another CoALA member who was planning on going anyway as our representative. Paul will put out a message on the listserv to see if anyone is going to Midwinter and is willing to attend the business meeting and report back.

#### **7. Status of CAL**

See Rochelle's comments in part 5. The RFQ has been sent out but nothing has been decided. More information about the process and the state of CAL can be found in Appendix A of the 2009 Annual Report (forthcoming on the CAL web site). Please read this document and let Paul Betty ([pbetty@regis.edu](mailto:pbetty@regis.edu)) know if you have any concerns.

#### **8. Status of *Colorado Libraries* magazine**

*Colorado Libraries* will go on hiatus for the rest of the year after the next volume is published. The next volume will contain issues 35.1-4 for 2010, but will mainly consist of the content of issue 35.1. Anyone recruited to be editors or columnists for Issues 35.2 - 35.4 will no longer need to fulfill those duties.

There has been discussion among the Board members and the Publications Committee about restructuring the Publications Committee and turning it into a Communications Committee that would have more involvement in web 2.0 communication efforts. They have also discussed the possibility of publishing *Colorado Libraries* electronically.

Martin adds that CAL started the year with projected deficit of \$35,000, but they cut expenses to avoid such a large deficit. *CL* was one of the cuts made in the short term, though they plan to bring it back in some form in 2011. The hiatus is also due in part to the fact that it will take awhile to transition to publishing electronically, and that the printer for *CL* went out of business.

## **9. Status of Peer Review at CAL Conference**

There were three sessions this year that made it through peer review in the conference programming, though only one of them was the “official” peer-reviewed session.

Since the peer-reviewed sessions started two years ago, we have had the same 3 people serving as our peer reviewers: Ellen Greenblatt, Sue Beverly, and Sylvia Hall-Ellis. We are grateful for their service. Going forward, the CoALA Board proposes that we set up a rotation of peer review committee members to ensure a range of perspectives and to let other qualified academics serve.

To keep continuity, the committee would still consist of 3 people. Each person would serve a three-year term, and one member would be rotated out each year as their term ended. To qualify for the spot on the committee, members would have to be tenured faculty or be similarly well-established in the profession through publications or supervisory experience. There was some discussion about whether people on the peer review committee would be elected or appointed. Adding another elected position would involve changing the bylaws, and it would be better to have the CoALA Board appoint members based on qualifications and interest.

Pam also noted that she didn't see any of the submissions for the peer-reviewed sessions this year until they'd already been through the CAL conference program committee, and the abstracts she received looked truncated and weren't sufficient for a fully informed decision. Stephen Sweeney is the CAL conference chair for next year, and Paul will coordinate with him to find a way to get more complete abstracts to the CoALA program committee. There was discussion about how making sure our division is represented at the CAL conference could contribute to the revitalization of CAL, and that it was good to highlight all the sessions that made it through peer review even if only one was “official.”

The motion to establish an annual rotation of members on the peer-review committee as described above passed with one vote against. The CoALA Board will work out the details and post a summary on the CoALA listserv.

There was an objection to the tenure/experience requirement, because it would make the pool of candidates much smaller and takes a lot of people out of the running to serve. Most members present stated that this may actually be a positive effect of the requirements, since it will be a call to service for experienced librarians to get involved in CoALA and might attract more members who are already tenured. The criteria recognize that in libraries that don't use a tenure system, there are still different statuses for more experienced librarians based on service and scholarship. Those without rank/tenure who have sufficient experience would be eligible to serve on the committee. It was also pointed out that any academic librarian in the state could serve, though

they would have to join CAL/CoALA if they were selected. Robin asked if the written criteria could be shared on the CoALA list to help clarify the requirements for CoALA members.

## **10. CALC Summit: May 20-21, 2010. Collaborate like you mean it!**

The Colorado Academic Library Consortium (CALC) is an organization for academic library deans/directors in Colorado. CALC organizes a conference every other year, with CLiC helping with the infrastructure. The next CALC Summit is Thursday and Friday, May 20-21, 2010. CoALA members are involved in the planning and program committees for the Summit.

The CALC Summit is the best opportunity for CoALA members to present to their local peers and get involved in scholarship at the regional level. We encourage CoALA members to participate in the CALC Summit 2010 in one of the following ways:

### A. Presentation or Poster Session

The formal Call for Papers and submission form is available here:

[http://www.calcweb.org/index.php?option=com\\_artforms&formid=1](http://www.calcweb.org/index.php?option=com_artforms&formid=1)

Due date: February 12, 2010

### B. Pre-conference Workshops

Red Rocks Community College has generously offered to host the CALC Summit preconference workshops on the Wednesday before the Summit begins. We are looking for CoALA members who would be interested in teaching preconference workshops.

To submit a preconference proposal, email Paul Betty ([pbetty@regis.edu](mailto:pbetty@regis.edu)) with presenter contact information and a description of the session including tasks/activities, learning outcomes, how many participants could be accommodated, and the target audience. Pre-conferences don't have to be focused on collaboration, but should offer tools and techniques that librarians at all levels can put into practice. RRCC is providing computer labs for hands-on sessions.

### C. Ideas for Keynote Speakers

We are looking for keynote speakers for the Summit as well. If you have any ideas for keynote speakers on collaboration or other topics of interest to academic librarians, email Paul Betty ([pbetty@regis.edu](mailto:pbetty@regis.edu)). Suggestions for local and free speakers would be especially welcome.

### D. Volunteers

Keep an eye out for opportunities to volunteer at the CALC Summit!

## **11. Additional CoALA events**

What interest is there in having additional CoALA events in 2010 such as workshops, unconferences, brown bags, or webcasts? There is some interest in brief and/or free events, such as “lightning round” style presentations. CAL interest groups are also good places for informal meetings/discussions.

Paul has access to online meeting room software (Adobe Connect) that we can use for webinars. ACRL offers webinars to ACRL members, but they charge a fee and registration is capped. ACRL also offers OnPoint Discussions, a series of free, live, informal monthly chats.

Is there a way for CoALA members to propose a topic for one of the OnPoint Discussions? We need to leverage the fact that we're an ACRL chapter and advertise ourselves nationally. Annie is willing to explore what the process is for proposing OnPoint topics and/or moderating an OnPoint Discussion.

The CoALA listserv would also be a good place to talk about what programming people want. We need to show the benefits of being a CoALA chapter member, not just a national ACRL member.

## **12. Old Business**

Pam Blome would like to thank everyone for serving on the CoALA board this past year, and welcomes the new members. Thanks to Pam for her service as CoALA Chair in 2009!

## **13. New Business**

No new business. If you take one thing away from this meeting, remember to find ways to get involved in the CALC Summit 2010!

## **14. Meeting Adjourned**