



ALD/ACRL-WA Chapter Membership Meeting  
Zoom  
Monday, November 13, 2023

**In attendance:**

Lydia Bello, Greg Bem, Adrienne Roush, Leah Cover, Sally Pine, Yen Tran, Leslie Hurst, Daniel Pringle, Elizabeth Brown, Maggie Portis, Traci Taylor, Brooke Van Eyk

Called to Order: 2:05 pm

**Approval of 2022 Fall Membership Meeting Minutes**

- Copy of drafted minutes from 2022 Fall Membership Meeting provided.
- Minor date revision completed.
- No objections obtained by attending members, unanimous approval received.

**Overview of Divisional Activities, Programming, and Events**

- Hosted 2 drop in discussions, including a discussion on Privacy Issues in Libraries
- Hosted 2 webinars from ACRL:
  - Strategies for Teaching Adult Learners
  - From Dall-E to ChatGPT: Navigating AI in Academic Libraries
  - Recordings and materials are all available online.
- Facilitated the WLA Academic Library Division unconference at the WLA Annual Conference
- Published the first issue of our bi-annual newsletter, next issue in December 2023.
- Hosted the in-person 2023 ACRL-WA & OR Joint Conference “The Work of Libraries”

**Financial Overview**

- Currently waiting on final invoices from the ALD/ACRL-WA & OR Joint Conference.
  - The income and expenses for the event were break even.
  - For the 2023 Conference we paid keynote speakers and offered a discount to presenters.
- We are also donating a portion of our profits to the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums.

**Upcoming Election**

- Voting closes on November 17.
  - Read candidate statements at <https://www.wla.org/elections>
- We do not have anyone running for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect or Chair

- o If you or anyone you know is interested, please email [info@wla.org](mailto:info@wla.org)
- o Lydia Bello available to answer questions.

Thank you to Outgoing Members:

- Lydia Bello, Chair
- Brooke Van Eyk, Secretary
- Greg Bem, Member at Large

### **Open Discussion: ALD/ACRL-WA and ACRL-OR in 2024 and Beyond**

- The ability to get a sense of what local and regional colleagues are experiencing and creating connections through an organization within our backyard.
- Subject librarianship networking
- Issues of note in the field:
  - o Changes in reference work
  - o Staffing model changes
  - o Lack of backfilling vacant positions, workload impacts
- The value of college and higher education and where academic libraries fit into that discussion.
  - o What value and contribution are academic libraries offering?
  - o What does the future hold?
- Interest in pop up informal Discord discussions (see Open Education Discord group)
- LOEX Fall Focus conference presentation on writing communities.
  - o a writing group for discussion, feedback, support, and some presentations on topics of interest.
- Current topics and best practices in teaching skills
- Teacher education prep
- Early Learners (under 18)
- Workplace topics – unionizing, faculty status, accessibility, accommodations for library workers.
- Navigating floods of information, media literacy
  - o Issues of bias, intellectual freedom, antisemitism and hate speech on campus.
- Ways to connect locally with other academic librarians.
  - o Virtual happy/social hour

Please share local news and articles for the newsletter.

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Close of Meeting: 2:47 pm