ARLD Business Meeting at MLA Annual Conference 2023  
October 4, 2023  
10:35-11:25am  
Hybrid: Meeting Room 3 and on Zoom

29 attendees in person, 3 online

Current Board Members present: Molly Bostrom, Preeti Gupton, Kat Nelson, Alex Wieker, Annie Larson, Kayla Olson, Jenny McBurney

Future Board Members present: Andy Herzog, Debbie Hager

1. Welcome
   a. z.umn.edu/ARLDland

2. Introductions of Current Board

3. Welcome to new Board Members
   a. Andy Herzog - Chair Elect
   b. Terrence Edwards - Secretary
   c. Debbie Hager - Member-at-Large

4. Year in Review
   a. ARLD Day 2023
      i. April 28, 2023
      ii. Virtual conference day
      iii. 84 attendees
      iv. Free attendance offered to Indigenous peoples and students
      v. Radically Re-Envisioning LIS: Keynote by Dr. Nicole Cooke
   b. 2023 Academic Innovator Award
      i. St. Cloud State University Library: Robin Ewing, Missy Northenscold, Melissa Prescott, Jennifer Quinlan, Tom Steman
      ii. By creating an open textbook for LIB courses, openly sharing learning objects and resources in the course management system and institutional repository, managing textbook donations, coordinating events, and going above and beyond with their outreach, these librarians have saved students over $10 million.
   c. ARLD Social Events
      i. ARLD Proposal Incubator - March 3
      ii. ARLD Day Happy Hour - April 28
      iii. ARLD Social - June 22
      iv. ARLD Back to School Social - Sept. 15
   d. Save the Date for ARLD Day 2024 - in person at the Arboretum! May 3, 2024

5. Volunteer form

6. Breakout rooms
   a. Discussion Questions:
i. What are you looking forward to at ARLD Day 2024? What should we bring back or change?
ii. What are some big topics in academic librarianship that you want to see discussed at ARLD Day 2024?
iii. Theme or Keynote suggestions?
iv. How can we support other divisions within MLA?

b. Ideas from discussion:

i. Learning from public library colleagues, budgets, book challenges, etc, perhaps have a panel
   1. They want to learn from us and we want to learn from them
   2. Someone who is from a county library (SELCO) attended and explained we all have a coordinator in our area, the multitypes, we can reach out to them
      a. Think about them for sponsoring, swag, promotion, etc.
      b. Reach out to all multitypes

ii. Maybe a loose conference theme around collaboration or partnering, and/or panel or keynote?

iii. Theme around supporting other library divisions, especially public & school. See Metro State’s partnership between academic and public libraries (have a joint use building) or Scott County’s PSEO partnerships. They are able to combine strengths.
   1. People go to the library they are comfortable with, which might not be academic. How can we share/partner resources/services?

iv. Keynote ideas:
   1. Move beyond typical library topics, not a librarian, but more library adjacent, maybe writing workshop, or psychologist/brain scientist
   2. A keynote who is more practical than inspirational,
   3. Should we even have a keynote anymore? Before Zoom, that was how you heard from experts, less necessary now as webinars are more accessible
   4. Maybe now a panel instead of a traditional keynote? Or a hands-on workshop
   5. Drawing connections, interdisciplinary, bridging areas, collaboration & cooperation, “The Human Touch” as a theme
   6. Maybe have the state demographer talk about the demographic cliff coming, or someone from the center for educational stats (LOEX)

v. Keep the good food!

vi. The setting is important! Make sure to include visits to the Arb library, do tours, etc. Maybe contact the birder who led birding tours at the MLA conference?

vii. Draw ideas from the old LibTech conference from Mac
   1. How do we integrate technology into the library?
   2. Jenny Sippel or Ginny Moran have volunteered to help with this
viii. Support people new to presenting, potentially with mentoring, shorter sessions (lightning rounds), etc.

7. Thank you and Adjourn