

ACRL/NEC

Member-at-Large Annual Report 2007-2008

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I accomplished the following during my first year as member-at-large.

Scholarships

Six library school students received scholarships to attend the annual meeting at the University of Connecticut in April 2008. The scholarship included registration, meals, and travel reimbursement. One student was unable to attend at the last moment. The five students who did attend were Nancy Friedrichs O'Sullivan, Yuan Li, Jason McGill, Carrie Grimshaw, and Brenda Carr, all from the University of Rhode Island School of Library and Information Studies.

Massachusetts Library Association Conference

ACRL/NEC sponsored a one-day track on library advocacy at the MLA conference this past May. The academic track came together with the help of many volunteers within the MLA conference committee and ACRL/NEC, notably Debbie Herman who secured a grant from ACRL National. The keynote address, *Positioning the Academic Library for the 21st Century: A New Model of Library Centrality*, featured Dr. Susan Parker, Deputy University Librarian at UCLA and Dr. Susan Scrimshaw, President of Simmons College. The grant, which stipulated that the funds be used to sponsor a non-librarian speaker, was used to pay for Dr. Scrimshaw's travel expenses since she is not librarian. The second session was *Academic Libraries have Friends (and Donors!)* led by Emily S. Silverman, Director of Library Development and Communication, and Jay Schafer, Director of Libraries, W.E.B. Du Bois Library, University of Massachusetts Amherst. The third session was *If you build it, will they come?: Marketing from an Academic Library Point-of-View* led by Lisa Wiecki, Assistant Director for Public Services and Outreach, Library and Technology Services, Brandeis University, and Joshua Wilson, Associate Director, Library and Technology Services, Brandeis University. The last session was *Community, Curriculum, and Communication* led by reference librarians Heather Tompkins and Ann Zawistoski of Carleton College, Northfield, MN. The advocacy track was well attended with approximately 45-55 people at each session.

New England Library Association Conference

I attended the NELA conference in Sturbridge, October 2007, and assisted at two sessions per the request of representatives of the NELA Academic Section.

I assisted Karen Carlson Young in planning two academic-related sessions for the NELA conference in October 2008. They are *Your High School Senior is My College Freshman* which will be led by Heidi McCann of Mt. Wachusett Community College, and Google Analytics led by Laurie Welling and me from Assumption College.

Guest Speaker

I represented ACRL/NEC at a Massachusetts Regions Library Leadership Institute on July 16, 2007 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. I spoke for about 5-7 minutes about the organization and passed out brochures.

Respectfully submitted,
Carole Myles