

CARL Newsletter



President's Message

Greetings all, I hope this newsletter finds everyone well!

Since you last heard from me, I have been to both of our north and south regional meetings. The purpose of these meetings is twofold: first, we are legally obligated to hold a business meeting for our members, and second, since we have to have them my personal goal is to make them informative and hopefully not dry as dirt. I do enjoy the meetings. I get to see many of my CARL friends and colleagues and meet new folks as well who are interested in getting involved with or just finding out more about, CARL.



This year, the southern regional meeting was held on February 6, at Cal State San Marcos, and the meeting followed the SCIL Works program. We had a great turnout, with many new faces and new CARL members! We had great discussion and a fun, interactive activity thanks to our wonderful VP South, Amy Wallace. I would also like to thank everyone at CSUSM for their wonderful hospitality.

The northern regional meeting was held at Sonoma State University on February 27th. We had a great turnout there as well and we had a wonderful presentation in the afternoon of cool things that people are using in their libraries. They ranged from things we all have access to (Worldcat for collection development....who knew?!) to libraries designing web interfaces for iPhones! Ned Fielden, VP North did a wonderful job planning this meeting (his first one!) and, again, I want to thank the folks at Sonoma State for their hospitality.

For the second year in a row, we have tried to schedule a third regional meeting, to reach out to the central area of the state. The plans fell through but we will keep trying!

At both regional meetings, we debuted the new CARL Website. If I do say so myself, it is FABULOUS! Our old website was in desperate need for an overhaul both in its look and the behind-the-scenes, nuts and bolts. What you are all seeing is at least three years worth of work by the Executive Board, and especially the fantabulous Julie Shen, CARL Webmistress, who I am trying to get knighted or sainted. Please check it out and tell us what you think! If I have my way, we will be getting my picture off of there as soon as possible!

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