

CARLDIG-S
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2023

Present: Pagano, Wilson, Durian, Cole, Yonezawa, Young
Absent: Mussuto
Recording: Haren

Meeting called to order 10:05am

- Checkins
 - Congrats to Norma Juarez Durian, who will be going on Sabbatical next year!
- Approval of the minutes
 - Meeting minutes from last business meeting approved with minor edits
- Updates
 - Fall program (Cal Poly Pomona)
 - **The program will be on the first Friday in December (12/1)**
 - The space can be previewed by CARLDIG-S officers during a field trip during CPP's Pumpkinfest
 - Meeting space for CARLDIG-S officers will be needed, CPP will host this meeting in the reference conferenc room
 - Parking at Pumpkinfest
 - Is far from the library
 - One can pay for visitor parking if desired
 - **Tentative date for field trip: Friday 10/13**
 - Afternoon visit: 3:30-4pm
 - Officer meeting after lunch
 - Program structure
 - Half day program 8:30am-1pm
 - Library events space with catering options
 - \$200 deposit to get paperwork filed to rent space out on campus
 - CARLDIG-S gets \$500 from CARL for prepayments for programming, so we will be able to cover this
 - Logistics
 - \$8 for parking
 - We will offer Breakfast & Snacks
 - Lunch will be an optional meetup
 - As the space will have online access, we could do a hybrid
 - Provide a low cost option for the online access \$5-\$10
 - Tech support? Potentially available if renting the room

- Hybrid option could greatly impact in-person attendance, which would make the in-person event not cost effective
 - However, not having a virtual option is an equity issue, as many cannot afford to travel, or pay the price of registration
 - Possibility of value-added activities for in-person attendance
 - Tour of the facilities
 - Exhibit of Fairplex materials from Special Collections
 - Other “crown jewels” of the collection
 - These activities could occur after then end of the formal program, (so not broadcast)
 - Could the proceedings be recorded, for later viewing?
 - Issues:
 - Is there a minimum commitment for attendance for food?
 - (we will need to know 10 days in advance)
- Next Business Meeting:
 - Late August-Early September
 - Friday, September 1 (also CARL membership renewal day)
 - Tentatively planned as a Student Meeting?
 - Perhaps plan as a separate meeting?
 - Fall Program Planning Meeting: Some time over the Summer
 - Friday, June 23rd (2-4pm)
- Open Discussion
 - New program ideas:
 - Dealing with AI & Chat GPT?
 - Impact of these type of technologies on academic reference services
 - Potential for a great panel discussion
 - Burnout
 - Continues to be a massive issue
 - Wellness section?
 - How to reduce burnout in our careers
 - tools/tutorials to lower instruction load
 - Low morale experiences and COVID-19
 - ALA is publishing a book on this, seeking experiences
 - Katrina Davis-Kendrick @renewerslis
 - Perhaps have a suggested reading, that we could then discuss
 - Focus on potential solutions, not just dwelling on the problems
 - Dealing with emotional blackmail
 - Potential Program:

- “Everything’s Awful and we’re all Doomed?” Discussing problems in Academic Librarianship
 - Send out a survey to identify common issues
 - Have discussions, speakers
 - Identify possible solutions, healthy coping mechanisms?
- Leadership & Management in a reference department
- Professional Development
 - In-person vs. online
 - Setting realistic expectations in our profession for this, based on the cost of professional development
 - All of this costs money, how do we meet promotional requirements?
 - Dealing with lack of funding
- RUSA guidelines for reference interactions
 - Are heavily outdated