

Librarians' Assembly Annual Meeting June 3, 2010

18 members were in attendance.

The minutes from the 2009 annual meeting were approved.

In light of the existence of a permanent Professionals and Professional Faculty Assembly (PPFA), an open discussion about the future of the Librarians' Assembly (LA) took place. The following questions, comments, and suggestions were raised:

1. Should the LA keep going?
2. Should it retain its current structure?

Advantages to keeping it as-is:

- The LA could take issues to the PPFA.
- The LA represents a focused interest. It is well-organized and has been able to influence the administration in the past.
- The organization allows librarians to stay connected at W&M.
- The LA Salary Study is a useful tool when recruiting or talking with administrators.
- The PPFA is a new organization; we're not sure what it will come to represent over time (it's still focusing on generating policies). It's also a much broader organization in terms of the interests it represents.

Possible new roles:

- With travel money being scarce, the LA should look into bringing speakers to campus (possible topics: copyright/IP; Blackboard/Digital reserves).
- The LA should encourage increased participation of non-librarian professionals in the libraries.
- LA should focus on the educational aspect of librarianship: learning, outreach, programs (Deb Weiss volunteered to help with this)
 - Programs for area high schools
 - Look into coordinating/collaborating with Williamsburg Regional Library or Thomas Nelson Community College for programming for librarians
 - If the LA becomes more of a continuing education body, perhaps the board/president could be replaced with a coordinator.
 - However, a more formal structure needs to be retained if the LA continues to produce reports such as the Salary Study.

A suggestion was made that the incoming president create a task force to get a sense of the membership's wishes for the future of the LA.

Elections: Following the presentation of the slate and an opportunity for nominations from the floor, these people were elected into (or assumed) office:

President: Jennifer Sekula
Vice-president/Pres.-elect: Martha Higgins
Secretary: Susan Riggs
Member at Large: Marilyn Lewis

Having no further business, the Assembly adjourned.