

DIAL-South
Meeting Minutes
Mt. Saint Mary's College
August 26, 2005

Attendees: Melanie Chu, CSU San Marcos; Barbara Miller, CSU Fullerton; Collette Childers, CSU Fullerton; Claudia Holguín, SJSU, Fullerton Campus; Sophie Lesinska, USC; Shahla Bahavar, USC; Jie Tian, CSU Fullerton; Susan Shapiro, Mount Saint Mary's College; Stephanie Ballard, CSU Northridge

I. Introductions and resource sharing

1. A. Stephanie reported on Contribute an easy version of Dreamweaver that she used to learn to make web pages over the summer. The complete revamped version of the Northridge library web site was unveiled 08/01/05:<http://library.csun.edu>. Shahla and Sophie added that they use the same thing at UCS and all librarians are responsible for updating the contents of subject pages.
2. B. Susan S. noted that Mount St Mary's has purchased Serials Solutions and joined LINK+ this summer.
3. C. Shahla got her promotion.
4. D. Sophie passed on a well-kept secret that the free coffee at Henry Miller Library is the best she has ever had! She is responsible for instruction for arts and humanities at all levels. She was also promoted to assistant arts and humanities librarian and is now located over in Doheny Library.
5. E. Claudia took a beginning web design class this summer, learning to do xhtml coding by hand. Fall will be her last semester, so she will be getting ready to starting looking for a professional position.
6. F. Collette got married this summer and she is now Collette Childers. Her husband is a physicist at Cal State Fullerton. They honeymooned in Paris and later in the summer attended a conference in Argentina. Professionally, as curriculum materials librarian, she arranged for the library to become a textbook depository so that CSUF will now get free textbooks from the State of California.
7. G. Barbara was awarded tenure as non-teaching faculty in June. She was elected to the Executive Committee of National REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking, as a chapter representative. She will represent nine regional chapters including the Orange County Chapter.
8. H. Melanie spent a month in southern Chile as a visiting librarian. She conducted a cross-cultural case study which she will share with us when she has written it all up. She is currently preparing a new exhibition for the CSU San Marcos library series that she curates. The exhibit by artist, ? Montoya, from Chicano Studies on the theme of Death?, will open September 12, 2005.
9. I. Other hot summer vacation spots included Big Sur, Yosemite and Santa Barbara.
10. J. Judith Samuel and Susan Luévano both sent their regrets.

II. Approval of the agenda – Approved as amended. Approval of February 4, 2005 meeting minutes added. Approval of minutes was deferred to the end of the meeting.

1. III. Election of Officers for 2005-06
2. A. Before the election, Stephanie and Jie thanked outgoing officers and all active members for their service and provided them with letters for their dossiers or portfolios and welcomed the new officers for 2005-06. For Melanie and others who were not present, letters will be mailed.
3. B. Only the position of co-chair had more than one candidate: both Collette Childers and Sophie Lesinska graciously volunteered to run. Other officers were confirmed in their offices by acclamation. Members present voted for co-chair, with additional of Susan L. and Melanie, who both had emailed their votes earlier.
4. C. Election Results: Joining Stephanie Ballard, who is continuing as co-chair, are:

Sophie Lesinska – Co-chair

Susan Shapiro – Secretary

Claudia Holguín – Registrar

Judith Samuel – Historian

IV. Program Committee

A. Jie and Melanie are the program committee co-chairs for DIAL-South. Sophie and Susan also volunteered to serve on the committee.

B. Jie has tried to contact the program co-chairs from DIAL-North to get buy in from the North on a joint CARL Conference session proposal, but they have not responded. She will call Marty, DIAL-North Chair, to see what their intentions are.

C. 2006 CARL Conference session proposal is due by 9/30/05.

D. Several ideas for sessions were discussed. Susan S. noted that what ever we do has to take into account the low-tech limitations of the venue at Asilomar (no internet access, etc.).

E. Jie followed up on the idea of the treatment of immigrant communities in a historical crisis period.

1. One suggestion is a panel of writers, who live in the area, would do readings and take questions from the audience. A number of authors were mentioned.

a. Jie noted that at the last meeting, one writer who was suggested was **Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston**, the author of *Farewell to Manzanar*. She lives in the Santa Cruz area.

b. Jie also found a graduate of UCLA who is the executive editor of Colorlines Magazine, Tram Nguyen. On the staff of the Applied Research Center, (ARC), of Oakland, she has just published a book entitled: *We are All Suspects Now*, about the post-9/11 environment in which America's immigrant communities now find themselves. ARC is an activist group for a number of social justice causes.

c. On the web, Susan found an informal writers group operating in the Monterey Bay area and one of the writers was Iranian.

2. Alternatively, the session could cover both literature and archival collections and include a scholar/researcher and/or Librarian who collects in the area.

3. Collette suggested that we concentrate on the post-9/11 aspect of this topic, as it would be a greater audience draw.

4. Melanie noted that the proposal must be framed in a way to attract librarians: Building resources or collection development. Jie pointed out that librarians enjoy hearing from the information building community.

5. Barbara pointed out it is necessary to narrow the topic so all participants get their fair share of speaking time. A breakout session is much shorter than a Pre-conference. That means no more than three speakers and a moderator.

6. Barbara also asked about the budget parameters. Speakers cannot be paid. Can we get money for transportation costs? Stephanie suggested that we ask Marty about this as she is on the planning committee. Shahla reminded us that we had no budget for speakers for our pre-conference last year. We were able to wave the conference registration for non-librarians only. Many writers are used to be paid an honorarium. Jie pointed out that not all writers will be expecting to be paid.

F. Alternative suggestion for program session: Susan S. suggested a practical program such as library programming for diversity.

1. How do libraries plan exhibits, lecture or film series on diversity and social justice and how do they go about developing this type of programming and get funding? She would be very interested in going to a program that showed how to set up such programming on her own campus.

2. Melanie's Library exhibit series (Context) at CSU San Marcos is an example that is funded entirely by grants.

3. It was noted that CARL conferences seem to favor this type of practical session. Not just what was done, but how it was accomplished.

4. Melanie agreed with Susan that it would be useful to have representation from different types, sizes of academic libraries: Universities, colleges, and community colleges in a session of this type. Also participants could represent different aspects of the process such as developing themes or grant writing and budget development or public relations.

G. Jie and Melanie and the rest of the committee will meet electronically to:

1. Before September 15, 2005:

a. Explore the two alternatives:

i. Sophie will follow up on the programming idea.

ii. Jie will work on the writers by contacting Ms. Nguyen.

iii. Everyone is invited to send the committee leads uncovered for both proposal suggestions.

b. Share our ideas with DIAL-North.

i. Jie will contact Marty. Melanie will assist her.

ii. They may have more suggestions with regard to possible speakers. Barbara remembered that Marty was a fund raiser at the San Diego Museum of Art before she became a librarian. She might have more ideas of people who could be approached.

2. By September 30, 2005:

a. Write up draft proposal and share it with DIAL-L and DIAL- North for comment and suggestions.

b. Submit completed proposal.

H. The alternative session topic that is not chosen can be saved for the next CARL conference.

I. Stephanie asked for members who were heavily involved in the planning of the Preserving Memories to share any final thoughts on that program.

1. Stephanie noted that a total of 31 people attended the program. The vast majority were members of DIAL.

2. Claudia reported that the program income was \$238.00; program costs were \$92.24; with a total final balance of \$145.00 which was sent to CARL in June.

3. She also commented that, though she thought the presentation was interesting, it might have been a little too political science oriented as opposed to more closely related to librarianship. She wondered how we could have kept it on track. If it had been more closely tailored to librarians, it might not have been so hard to bring in an audience.

4. Stephanie distributed a summary of evaluations. She also wrote up a report on the program that is now posted on our web site and submitted for the September issue of the *CARL Newsletter*.

V. Bylaws Committee

A. Jie, Susan L, Barbara and Collette (chair) will continue on the Bylaws Committee.

B. Collette reported that after finishing the mission statement, the committee had gotten about 1/3 of the way through the bylaws.

C. Susan S. wondered if the office of web master could not be included in the bylaws as an officer.

1. Barbara pointed out that it was not the type of office that could be elected and there is no spot in the current bylaws for appointed officers.

2. Stephanie also wanted to have electronic voting included.

3. The committee will look into these issues.

B. Collette will be calling a meeting of the committee before the next DIAL meeting to finish up the revision.

VI. Diversity Recruitment Summit: DRMC Conference 9/22/06

A. Stephanie discussed this project being planned by UCLA's DRMC committee. It is a major conference scheduled for September, 2006, that will explore how to more racial and ethnic, culturally diverse groups into the library profession.

1. She distributed an outline of the conference plan and the agenda for their meeting which is today.

2. She asked if we should appoint a representative to the planning committee of the summit. She is personally very interested and we should be involved in some way. Silvia Calzada has not really been able to serve as our representative.

3. She suggested that we might want to wait to get involved, there is still time.

B. The problem is that they keep scheduling their meetings at the same time as our meetings. They are meeting right now.

C. DRMC are having a Potluck Diversity Mixer at 1 PM on Sunday, September 25, 2005, at Yolanda Retter Vargas's house in Van Nuys. She will send info to DIAL-L.

Other business -- no other business was presented.

VIII. Approval of the minutes

A. February 4, 2005 -- Approved

B. April 15, 2005 -- Approved as corrected

IX. Meeting feedback/reflection & summary of action items -- We ran out of time for this.

X. Next Meeting -- The next meeting has been scheduled for November 4, 2005. Stephanie will contact Susan Luévano to see if she would be able to host at Cal State Long Beach.