

SCOPA Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2007
SML 410

Present: Kelly Barrick; Tom Bolze (recorder); Suzanne Estelle-Holmer; Jennifer Krivickas; Matthew Mason; Este Pope (chair/convener); and Camilla Tubbs

Call to Order: 2:05 p.m.

1. Approved meeting minutes from January 31 meeting. (February 14 meeting canceled due to inclement weather)

2. Announcements:

Matthew announced that the Photography Interest Group will meet on March 9 from 2:30-3:30 in Beinecke Library, Rm. 39. This meeting is open to all interested persons.

3. Updates on forums and events

The Jessica McWade forum, "From Light to Heat" on Feb. 1, had 29 attendees. (organized by Jen)

The Nancy Kuhl forum on the James Weldon Johnson collection at Beinecke drew 27 attendees on Feb. 26. (organized by Kelly) There were some technology problems that Kelly will report to Andrew Gray.

The fall Promotion Planning for Librarians forum has been scheduled for Nov. 5. (organized by Jen)

Library M&P Promotion Review forums are scheduled for March 1 and 7. (organized by Tom)

Matthew is working on the Librarian's Report to Staff forums in the fall and will report back as soon as dates are finalized.

4. New Librarian's Orientation

The orientation, being organized by Suzanne, is scheduled for March 14 from 11:30-1:00 in the Lecture Hall. All SCOPA members should attend if their schedules permit; anyone who cannot attend should advise Suzanne and/or Este. Members who are available are requested to arrive at 11:15 for any last-minute set-up that may be needed.

Este distributed the list of anticipated attendees, 14 new librarians. Each SCOPA member was assigned 1-3 attendees to contact tomorrow or Friday about whether the person would actually be able to attend the forum. (For possible attendees who have not yet begun work, please contact the person's anticipated supervisor.) SCOPA members

should also ask the attendees if they have any special food requests (eg. vegetarian, etc.). SCOPA members should report their RSVP information to Este and Suzanne no later than March 9.

Suzanne is putting together a packet for attendees and would welcome any additional, general-interest items for the packet, such as brochures about various libraries or exhibitions. SCOPA members should bring 14 copies of such material to Este by March 13.

Este will do the general introduction for the orientation, after which the following SCOPA members will speak briefly about their SCOPA areas of responsibility:

Jen – Grants

Hongbin – Communications

Tom – Publications

Matthew – Committees

Suzanne will do introductions of Alice and Diane and provide concluding remarks.

Consensus was that no computer set-up would be needed.

5. Forums in planning

Library School series:

Matthew is continuing to work on this. Late March/early April may be the best date for the session on experiences of staff who attended library school while working at Yale; this could also be repeated in the fall. Matthew has contacted several people about this topic. A reception for staff who are currently attending library school is envisioned for the fall.

Next Generation Library Catalogs series:

Tom reported that Laurie Allen, head of the Penn Tags social tagging project, has agreed to come speak, with dates narrowed to either March 12 or 19. Once a date is confirmed, he will coordinate with Este re. potential meetings for Ms. Allen with other groups in the library system.

Este reported that efforts to bring in a speaker from the University of Rochester have been suspended for reasons outside Yale's control.

Developments at YUL:

We hope to host a forum in the fall looking at next generation catalog developments at Yale. Camilla agreed to help organize something around the new Law Library OPAC and website.

Instruction Group:

Suzanne reported that the Instruction Group is trying to bring Richard Sweeney from NJIT (New Jersey Institute of Technology) to Yale to speak about his research on the Millennial Group (ie. current undergraduate and young graduate students). Suzanne said

they hope to bring him in April or September, the latter date to coincide with the opening of the renovated CCL. She asked if SCOPA would be willing to cosponsor his visit, and the committee unanimously indicated that it would.

Digital Libraries at Yale:

Tom reported that he spoke with Rebekah Irwin (Beinecke) about a possible DL forum. She is willing to do something and thought that a panel presentation involving Yale's 2 other major digital repositories, the VRC (represented by Katherine Haskins) and Manuscripts and Archives (represented by either Bill Landis or Stephen Yearl), might be the best approach. Rebekah, however, will be going on maternity leave as of May 1, so if this forum is to occur before the fall, it will have to be in April. Tom asked to be excused from planning another forum so close to the 2 he's currently working on; Este volunteered to contact Rebekah and possibly pursue this forum further.

Adjourn: 3:10 p.m.