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 Pumpkin fest
      - Meeting space for CARLDIG-S officers will be needed, CPP will host this meeting in the reference conferenc room
  - Parking at Pumpkin fest
    - 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