



LAUC President's Report—Spring 2014

I am pleased to report on LAUC's activities thus far in 2013-14, along with information about ongoing initiatives.

With the establishment of the new University of California Libraries Advisory Structure (UCLAS) in 2013, LAUC has taken steps to strengthen the role of our representatives and improve communications procedures. UCLAS reports are now routinely distributed to the LAUC President for distribution to all members. In addition, the LAUC representatives to the three Strategic Action Groups report monthly to the Executive Board. Quarterly meetings between LAUC leadership and the UCLAS Coordinating Committee have included discussion of the role of the LAUC representatives in soliciting volunteers for project teams. These discussions will be ongoing as we seek to refine the roles and responsibilities of the LAUC representatives and provide mechanisms for timely input

In September 2013, LAUC President-Elect Matt Conner and I met with the Council of University Librarians (CoUL) for a productive discussion that included issues of professional development, training, diversity, recruitment, and retention of librarians. The LAUC website was identified as a potential venue to showcase the diversity and accomplishments of UC librarians.

To explore this idea, I charged a subcommittee of the Executive Board to propose content guidelines and workflow for a "Meet Our Members" section of the LAUC website. The subcommittee delivered a [report](#) that details how this new area of the website could display profiles of individual LAUC members to show our diversity and to illustrate the work our members do, both within their libraries and beyond. Thanks to David Cappoli who chaired this subcommittee, to Matt Conner, and to Carla Arbagey who served as liaison to the Committee on Diversity.

Implementation of the "Meet Our Members" content will be most effective if tied to a general refresh of the LAUC website. Towards this end, I charged the LAUC [Web Review Ad Hoc Committee](#) to review the website and recommend changes that will improve usability and make the site easier to administer. This Ad Hoc Committee delivered a report that details the deficiencies of the current architecture, platform, and hosting environment. The report concludes by recommending the creation of a Website Redesign Ad Hoc Committee to plan and implement a thorough redesign in Drupal. Thanks to Julie Lefevre, our new LAUC Web Administrator, and Chuck Huber for this persuasive report. Following their recommendation, I plan to charge a Website Redesign Ad Hoc Committee in the near future.

As President I am the LAUC consultant to the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC). This year UCOLASC has continued to provide input on the implementation of the UC Open Access Policy, including the possible addition of a Presidential policy that would apply to UC

staff researchers and non-Senate faculty. Members of UCOLASC have also expressed concern about the capacity of the Regional Library Facilities.

An [Ad Hoc Committee on the LAUC Research Grant Program](#), charged by Past President Keri Botello in December 2012 to propose improvements to the program, completed its work this year. Provost Aimee Dorr approved the Committee's proposal to alter the program procedures beginning in FY 2014-15, and the Executive Committee approved the adoption of new R&PD guidelines for the submission of proposals. The new procedures will give LAUC the sole authority to approve proposals, and allow LAUC to solicit, review, and fund proposals within the same fiscal year. The R&PD calendar will be revised such that two calls will be issued, in September and January. These changes will allow LAUC members to more fully utilize the funds available for Research Grants, Mini Grants, and Presentation Grants. As Chair of the Ad Hoc, I thank committee members Lucia Diamond, Julia Gelfand, and Keri Botello.

LAUC's Nominating Committee chaired by Past President Keri Botello submitted nominations for Vice-President/President Elect and Secretary. The candidate for Vice-President/President-Elect is Diane Mizrahi from UCLA, and the candidate for Secretary is Christina Woo from Irvine. Members of the Nominating Committee are Bob Heyer-Gray from Davis and Pauline Manaka from Irvine. Election day is Monday, June 2.

LAUC is fortunate to have many knowledgeable and dedicated members who serve on groups in the UC Libraries Systemwide Planning & Consultative Structure. This year's LAUC representatives are:

Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Committee (SLASIAC) representative is Cynthia Johnson, whose appointment ends in 2014.

Strategic Action Group 1: Scholarly Research & Communication (SAG1) representative is Lisa Rowlison de Ortiz, whose appointment ends in June 2016.

Strategic Action Group 2: Access, Discovery & Infrastructure (SAG2) representative is Sue Perry, whose appointment ends in June 2016.

Strategic Action Group 3: Collection Building & Management (SAG3) representative is Angela Riggio, whose appointment ends in June 2016.

LAUC also receives support from Dean Rowan who serves as the LAUC Parliamentarian.

As I mentioned earlier, Julie Lefevre is our new LAUC Web Administrator. I want to thank Phoebe Ayers for the outstanding service she has provided in this role since accepting a two-year appointment as Webmaster in 2008.

I funded five travel grants for newer LAUC members to attend the Spring Assembly: Jessica Greene and Anthony R. Sanchez (Riverside), Emilee Mathews (Irvine), Daniel Schooli (Los Angeles), Reid Otsuji (San Diego).

Thanks to LAUC-Davis for hosting the LAUC Spring Assembly, especially to Karleen Darr and Matt Conner. Thanks to the LAUC Executive Board for their engagement with the planning process that resulted in the balance of today's program. I look forward to it.

A further, more comprehensive report on LAUC activities this year will be forthcoming in late summer. I am very appreciative of all the assistance and support I have received this year from members of the Executive Board and LAUC members.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Robinson
LAUC President, 2013-14