



Illinois Library Association

ILA Forum and Committee Reports

This form is to be completed by committee chairs/forum managers in collaboration with board liaisons. The ILA Executive Board will have meetings on the following dates in 2018-19: September 20, 2018; November 29, 2018; January 31, 2019; April 11, 2019; and June 13, 2019. Reports should be submitted two weeks before each board meeting to the board liaison and the ILA office, 33 W. Grand Ave., Ste. 401, Chicago, IL 60654-6799; fax: 312-644-1899; email: dfoote@ila.org.

Forum or Committee: Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries Forum

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Activities underway or completed since the last report:

The IACRL Executive Board met on April 17 and May 13. The main topic for discussion was preparations for this year's ILA Annual Conference. Thanks to the outreach and recruitment efforts of the IACRL Conference and Continuing Education Committee, including contacting Illinois academic librarians who presented at this year's ACRL Conference, significantly more academic librarians submitted program proposals than did so last year. The IACRL booth in the exhibit hall will feature a tablecloth with the new logo, along with pens and other giveaways including it. The IACRL members staffing the booth might have informational handouts, in addition, and perhaps an interactive activity, such as a game that allows one to learn more about the organization.

The IACRL elections for the 2019-2020 officers took place from April 1 to April 30. Susan Franzen of Illinois State University ran unopposed for Vice-President/President-Elect, and Heather Jagman of DePaul University ran, also unopposed, for

Projected activities during the upcoming months:

Activities that are currently in the planning stages include having IACRL members give webinars on topics of relevance to academic librarians, and recruiting members to serve as "experts" on various areas of librarianship and provide assistance to other members. The Conference and Continuing Education Committee will take responsibility for these initiatives, with assistance from the Membership Committee, as needed. Additionally, the Membership Committee will explore the possibility of having IACRL members serve as mentors. The incoming Executive Board members, Vice-President/President-Elect Susan Franzen and Secretary/Treasurer Heather Jagman, should also be able to help with these initiatives as they prepare to take office.

The Executive Board is working with Cyndi Robinson and Reina Williams to determine how to spend its remaining funds for Fiscal Year 2019. (Some of the allotted money paid for refreshments at last fall's ACRL webinar viewing at the UIC Library of the Health Sciences – Peoria.) A significant portion of the funding will go toward the tablecloth, giveaways, and other

Questions or concerns that need to be addressed by the ILA Board:

The Forum does not have any at this time.