



Illinois Library Association

ILA Forum and Committee Reports

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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 February 21 and March 13. Most of the discussion covered planning for upcoming events in the spring (see below), along with preparations for the IACRL Unconference, in addition to the Luncheon and Business Meeting, at this year's ILA Annual Conference. Sue Franzen of Illinois State University will facilitate this year's Unconference. IACRL explored options for inviting a speaker to the Luncheon and Business Meeting, including contacting ACRL, but none of the current ACRL leaders will be able to attend. Therefore, IACRL will probably not have a speaker this year, and activities will focus on networking, instead. Also, the Conference and Continuing Education Committee contacted a number of Illinois academic librarians, including those who are presenting at this year's ACRL Conference, to encourage as many submissions as possible for the "IACRL@ILA" program track.

The Nominating Committee found two candidates to run in the elections for 2019-2020 officers. Heather Jagman, DePaul

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.

IACRL remains in discussions with the University of Illinois Springfield regarding the possibility of holding an ACRL webinar viewing there. If it is not possible to have one in the spring, IACRL will look into the possibility of holding a webinar viewing in the summer or the fall, including checking with other sites, if necessary. ACRL allows its statewide chapters to show two different ACRL webinars (multiple showings of the same webinar are permitted) each year.

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

The Forum does not have any at this time.