

Library Professional Forum

Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2011
2-3:30 pm, Library Parlor

I. Attending

Karen Horsfall (Chair), Gerald Saxon, Evelyn Barker, Julie Alexander, Ann Hodges, Brenda McClurkin, Antoinette Nelson, Sylvia George-Williams, Peter Zhang, Derek Reece, Mary Castle, Clint Chamberlain, Ramona Holmes, Ruthie Brock, Heather Scalf, Lynn Johnson, Claire Galloway, Kevin Schuck, Mary Jo Lyons, and Lea Worcester

II. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes for the meeting held Nov. 16, 2010 been posted.

III. Meeting Updates

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2011

IV. New Business

I. **Kevin Shuck. Update on LSA/PF Taskforce.**

The committee is focusing upon their charge:

- Defining Professional. They will take that definition to focus groups.
- Developing survey questions
- Gathering contact information for aspirational libraries to see what they are doing
- looking at bylaws to develop questions before working with focus groups
- Information about the taskforce is available
at <http://libstaffsites.uta.edu/professionalforum/taskforce.html>

No action needed

II. **Ramona Holmes. UT Arlington Research Commons**

Ramona discussed the definition, purpose of Research Commons, what is in RC, Reasons for professors to use RC, levels of service, and copyright issues. (A copy of her presentation is included with the minutes.)

No action needed

III. **Claire Galloway. Special Collections Electronic Records and Research Commons Storage**

Claire discussed the background of electronic records in Special Collections and the long preservation of audio/visual materials, best practices, Special Collections' digital preservation strategies, and the challenges of working with electronic records. (A copy of her presentation is included with the minutes.)

No action needed

IV. A vote was taken to extend the Professional Forum meeting time a ½ hour for the final item on the agenda.

IV. Evelyn Barker and Lea Worcester. Publishing *Images of America: Arlington*

Lea discussed why they chose Arcadia Publishing and the process of developing a proposal and writing the book. Evelyn and Lea gave a preview of some of the images in the book and discussed problems and issues in writing and image selection.

No action needed

V. Meeting was adjourned 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lea Worcester (Vice-Chair)