

**Brian Quigley, LAUC-B Chair 2017-18**  
**Year in Review**  
**August 23, 2018**

**Major Initiatives & Accomplishments**

*LAUC-B bylaws update* – Completed an extensive review of the bylaws that resulted in 5 sets of amendments being placed on the ballot. Among other things, the changes clarify language, conform to current practice, address the issue of Past Chair vacancies, combine Research & Professional Development into a single committee, and establish the Distinguished Librarian Award Committee as a standing committee. All 5 sets of amendments passed:

- Article IV. Sec.1-4.A (Executive Committee)
- Article IV. Sec.4.D (Committee on Affiliated Libraries Affairs)
- Article IV. Sec.4.F (Committee on Research & Professional Development)
- Article IV. Sec.4.G (Distinguished Librarian Award Committee)
- Article IV-VI
  - Article IV. Sec.4.B (Committee for Appointment, Promotion & Advancement)
  - Article IV. Sec.4.C (Nominating & Elections Committee)
  - Article IV. Sec.4.E (Committee on Diversity)
  - Article V (Elections)
  - Article VI (Meetings)

*LAUC-B Conference* – Hosted the very successful 2017 conference, “Focus on the Visual: Digital Humanities and Libraries.” There were 110 attendees at the conference. Thanks to co-chairs Mary Elings and Holly Hatheway and their remarkable conference committee!

*Social justice, equity & inclusion in academic libraries* – Organized a series of events and activities related to the theme of social justice, equity, and inclusion in academic libraries:

- Hosted our Fall Assembly featuring Safiya Noble (USC Annenberg School of Communication) who spoke about her book *Algorithms of Oppression* and the issue of bias in digital media with a focus on implications for academic libraries.
- Appointed a Task Group on Social Justice in Academic Libraries co-chaired by Corliss Lee and Fernando Echeverria to complete an environmental scan and literature review to identify projects and initiatives that peer libraries have undertaken to raise critical awareness of bias in metadata and algorithms, expand information literacy instruction to consider issues of cultural bias, and advocate for improvements in our systems.
- Hosted a popular workshop by Nicole Cooke (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) on *Considering Cultural Competence: Reframing our LIS Practice & Research*.
- Appointed the LAUC-B 2019 Conference Planning Committee, co-chaired by Kendra Levine and Melissa Stoner, to plan the next conference which will focus on the intersection of social justice, critical librarianship, and digital literacy.

**Other Activities**

*Regular meetings with UL* – Continued good relations and open communications with the University Librarian (UL) via monthly meeting of the UL with the LAUC-B Chair and Vice-Chair.

*Assemblies* – Hosted a joint LAUC-B/Affiliated Libraries Fall Assembly featuring Safiya Noble (USC Annenberg School of Communication) and a Spring Assembly featuring the new Executive Vice-Chancellor & Provost Paul Alivisatos. Polled the membership and initiated a two-year pilot to hold Assemblies at different start times in Spring and Fall to accommodate different schedules.

*Candidate lunches* – Hosted 13 interview-day lunches with candidates for 5 librarian positions.

*Distinguished Librarian Award* – Convened a committee for the 2018 Distinguished Librarian Award. Chaired by Jenny Nelson, the committee's work continues this fall.

*CAPA appointment process* – Appointed an Academic Peer Review Committee Appointment Process Working Group chaired by Jesse Silva to investigate the appointment procedures used by librarian peer review committees across the UC system and how those procedures are publicized to local members.

*Two-year professional development funding* – Completed an evaluation of the two-year professional development funding pilot. Members were overwhelmingly in favor of continuing this approach and ExComm approved continuing the two-year cycle.

*Statewide participation* – recruited Berkeley nominees for statewide offices, task forces, and committees including the appointment of a Berkeley librarian as LAUC News Manager and placements on the following groups: Committee on Diversity; LAUC Connect Program Launch Ad Hoc Committee; Position Paper 5 Revision Task Force; and LAUC Website Usability Task Force.