

Chat transcript from NJLA Reference Section Meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2016

Jill Stafford: Good morning everyone! We'll get started in a minute or two.

Nancy Polhamus: Good Morning

Jill Stafford: I think we can get started. I wrote lots on the agenda so we won't have to type as much.

Doug Baldwin: morning everyone - will be in and out - home with my very active 5 yr old :)

Jill Stafford: I hope everyone will be able to go to the conference in May. It looks like a great line up of programs!

Rich Wiest: Good morning.

Jill Stafford: We are sponsoring some terrific programs. Does anyone need me to bring a laptop and projector this year?

Karen V.: Weeding Watchdog will need both.

Karen V.: I can check with Lynn, our co-presenter as well. she may have one or both.

Emily Witkoski: I don't think we should need one for training, I can provide both

Jill Stafford: Okay - I'll bring mine too. I can always leave it in the car.

Karen V.: Great, thanks.

Dennis Kuhn: Good morning!! I'm on the desk today, so please forgive my gaps if I don't respond right away

Jill Stafford: Emily and Karen - are you planning to create a flyer or something similar to advertise your program? We can distribute them to all the relevant sections.

Karen V.: I can do that. How soon would you like it?

Emily Witkoski: I didn't plan on it but I certainly can! Good idea

Louisa Bann: Karen, will the Weeding talk be available after the conference? I was hoping to see it and needed switch to Tuesday. I can make your flyer if you'd like...

Karen V.: We will have a resource list and I'd be happy to share the powerpoint. That would be great if you could make the flyer.

Jill Stafford: If we have flyers by April 11, that should give us lots of time to advertise. We are working on one for the Brown Bag lunch.

Jill Stafford: Thanks, Louisa!

Jill Stafford: Let me know if anyone needs help with conference programs.

Dennis Kuhn: We could also advertise on FB through our own personal accounts, and also instagram and twitter if there's hashtags available for the Conference

Theresa: I am meeting with my speakers today for the program on internal communication.

Theresa: I will make sure we have a flier put together and I will check about tech needs.

Emily Witkoski: the hashtag for the conference is #njla16

Dennis Kuhn: Thanks Emily!

Jill Stafford: Good idea Dennis!

Theresa: I can forward our flier to you and put on listservs.

Jill Stafford: We should remember to send to Rutgers too. It would be great to see some students at the conference.

Theresa: Yes, good idea, Jill.

Theresa: Jill, would you prefer that we send you publicity for you to send out, or that we advertise on our own, or both?

Jill Stafford: The Brown Bag Lunch we are cosponsoring with RA will need people to talk about a book they've read this year. I hope people can attend. It should be lots of fun!

Jill Stafford: How about both. I would definitely like a copy but I'm okay if you advertise on your own.

Jill Stafford: We are facing competition with other brown bag lunches. Please let me know if anyone has ideas to help make ours successful.

Theresa: Thanks, Jill.

Dennis Kuhn: Is there a way to advertise our programs on the Conference blog? Maybe we could put together a flier for them to post?

Karen V.: free prepubs, candy?

Emily Witkoski:I'm on the conference committee and I run the blog so if you make an advertisement I'd gladly post it!

Cassidy Charles:What are the other brown bag sessions?

Jill Stafford:Emily - do you know what kinds of food options will be close by?

Cassidy Charles:That's what I was thinking, Karen. :)

Theresa:Dennis, I think that Matt Latham had put together a flier like that.

Emily Witkoski:I do not know what food options are close by, though I was told they were much closer than in previous locations we've been in

Jill Stafford:I think there is a technology lightning lunch and a small library brown bag.

Dennis Kuhn:Hi Emily, I'll work on a flier and if it's ok, can I send it you?

Emily Witkoski:absolutely, send it along!

Jill Stafford:We can bring candy. We were thinking of bringing cookies too. We should probably advertise this on the flyer :-). Does anyone know where we can get prepubs to give away?

Dennis Kuhn:Jill for the flier, I'll just use the information and descriptions from the NJLA Conference schedule? Or is there another place I should check instead?

Nancy Polhamus:I'll ask if we have any prepubs here -

Jill Stafford:Thanks, Nancy! I'll check with my director, too.

Theresa:We should definitely include food options on any brown bag publicity.

Karen V.:I may be able to bring some prepubs as well

Jill Stafford:We are going to have a table at the conference but we won't staff it as much as last year. The times we are considering are on the agenda. Should we include any other time slots?

Jill Stafford:Thanks for the offers to bring prepubs! Let know once this is confirmed then we can advertise this too.

Louisa Bann:We have a button maker...I can ask our teen volunteers to make some goofy buttons?

Louisa Bann:Lame I know...

Jill Stafford:I'll ask RA to reach out to their group for prepubs.

Theresa:Louisa, I think that would be popular.

Jill Stafford:Louisa - thanks - the goofier the better :-)

Karen V.:I love the button idea.

Nancy Polhamus:Not lame, love that idea. I have a button that says "Reference is Cool", don't even remember where it came from, but I wear it at the desk all the time.

Louisa Bann:Just email me suggestions and I will look into it :)

Emily Witkoski:In terms of times at the desk, Jill, I think that's more than enough. I sat at the desk a few times last year and no one really comes by so it should really only be staffed at high-traffic times

Jill Stafford:Emily - I agree. No one comes by during the program sessions.

Theresa:I agree, I don't think you need additional time slots.

Dennis Kuhn:I agree with Emily. I tried to pick times where they weren't any programs going on, and people would be wandering around. Hopefully they will wander towards the tables and we're in a better spot than last year.

Jill Stafford:I saw that D&O and Urban Libraries might be sharing a table. Should we consider sharing with another group? Maybe RA? Does anyone see any advantage to this?

Jill Stafford:I think we can move on to the next topic - leadership for next year.

Louisa Bann:I think sharing a table with RA is a great idea!

Jill Stafford:Thank you Cassidy and Louisa for agreeing to be co-presidents!!!

Louisa Bann:(sorry for spelling!! answering emails...)

Theresa:Yeah!

Jill Stafford:I haven't heard from anyone else so I don't think we will need a vote. Does anyone know who I give this information to?

Jill Stafford:Any thank you to Nancy P. for volunteering to be VP/president elect!

Louisa Bann:Thank you Nancy! Cassidy and I look forward to meeting you.

Nancy Polhamus:Same here.

Jill Stafford:I think we will have a strong section next year :-) We will still need a secretary and possibly one member at large and a student rep. But overall we are in good shape.

Louisa Bann:Doug-I cant see the bottom of the agenda?

Doug Baldwin:still willing to serve as member at large if needed

Doug Baldwin:jill you should be able to scroll agenda (i made you a presenter)

Nancy Polhamus:Thanks, that made it visible.

Jill Stafford:Thanks Doug. I wasn't sure if you would be available to be a Member at large.

Louisa Bann:Yay Doug, we need you as member at large!!

Cassidy Charles:Thank you, Doug!

Cassidy Charles:Any takers on secretary out there? :)

Jill Stafford:I've called the NJ Family History Center and they can give us a tour on Thursday morning either 6/9 or 6/16. Let me know if anyone has a preference and I'll set up the meeting.

Jill Stafford:Is there anything anyone would like to discuss today?

Theresa:Has there been info from NJLA on potential section mergers?

Doug Baldwin:nothing yet

Jill Stafford:I haven't heard anything about that or making everything regional. I think it may be at least another year. I know RA isn't interested in merging with us at this time.

Theresa:OK, thanks.

Jill Stafford:Our next meeeting will be at the Pequannock Public Library on 4/15 at 10am. I can't wait to see their library!

Diane Alimena:I am looking forward to hosting the meeting.

Nancy Polhamus:I hope to get to Pequannock so I can meet some of you in person!

Rich Wiest:Me too!

Dennis Kuhn:Either Thurs. works for me

Jill Stafford:Thanks, Diane! I look forward to meeting you!

Jill Stafford:I think that's it for today. Thanks for the great ideas for promoting the conference sessions and brown bag lunch!

Theresa:Thanks, Jill.

Emily Witkoski:Thank you, Jill!

Karen V.:I'm hoping I can make that meeting.

Louisa Bann:Ditto - going to try!!!

Rich Wiest:Thank you, Jill.

Cassidy Charles:Thank you!

Louisa Bann:Thanks Jill !

Karen V.:Thank you

Jill Stafford:Bye, everyone!

Jill Stafford:Doug, would you be able to send the chat transcript to me? It can wait a few days.

Karen V.:Thanks!