Minutes for the Learning Resources Commission Meeting

January 16, 2018 2:00 PM

In attendance: Claire Miller – Chair, Beryl White-Bing – Vice Chair, Brett Williams – Secretary, Akos Delneky, Joyce Smith, George Strohm, Lena Phelps, Jennifer D, Lindsey S, Melissa Davis

2017-18 Learning Resources Commission officers were introduced.

- Claire Miller Chair
- Beryl White-Bing Vice Chair/Chair Elect
- Brett Williams Secretary/Webmaster

A call for exemplary practices will be going out soon. The deadline to apply for the LRC exemplary practice awards is going to be February 9. There will be two awards presented this year. An award for libraries can include submissions by MLS librarians, faculty, or paraprofessional staff who work in a library. An award for learning centers, tutors, other can include submissions by faculty, administrators, staff, and paraprofessionals who work in learning center, tutoring, or another student learning support context. An email with a link to the Google Forms and instructions on applying will be sent to the LRC members this week. Anyone seeking the award must be an AFC member in good standing.

The date for the 2018 LRC Virtual Conference is Thursday, March 1. The times will be announced once the final schedule is determined. The Virtual Conference is a way for the applicants for the exemplary practice awards to present their project. The LRC will also be sponsoring a service project during the Virtual Conference to collect socks for local homeless shelters or other local organizations in need. Each participant will be able to collect socks at their home location and choose an organization to receive the donation. The participant will then send the LRC officers the name of the organization, the number of socks collected, and a picture of the organization receiving the donations.

The LRC has been asked to co-sponsor the Region IV meeting on April 27, 2018. Once the call for proposals is announced the LRC will send an email to members. LRC members are encouraged to submit proposals if they are able to attend the Region IV meeting.

Claire Miller opened the floor up to discussion on the future of the LRC. The participants were asked how the LRC could be more helpful and what needs they have. Several participants mentioned a desire for more continuing education opportunities. Expanding the exemplary practice award applicant presentations into individual webinars was suggested. Encouraging the applicants to present at Region and Annual meetings was also discussed. The Commission would like to be able to provide travel scholarships to different meetings for members interested in presenting.